

Lower emissions start here

Low Emission Zone
Support Fund






What is a low emission zone?

A low emission zone aims to improve air quality by restricting highly polluting road vehicles from entering a set area.

In 2022, the Scottish Government introduced low emission zones in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Dundee.

Low emission zones set criteria based on vehicle Euro emission standards. After a grace period, vehicles that do not meet the minimum standard will face a penalty if they enter low emission zones.

Vehicles that will be free to enter the zones without incurring a penalty are:

	Fuel and category	Minimum standard
	Petrol – All types	Euro 4/IV
	Diesel – All types	Euro 6/VI
	Electric vehicles	Most plug-in vehicles*



How does it impact my business?

Any Euro 3 or earlier petrol vehicle or Euro 5 or earlier diesel vehicle entering the zones will receive penalties.

Once penalties are enforced, businesses will need to consider the impact of daily charges if vehicles do not comply with the standards.

By moving away from older and more polluting vehicles, your business can save money whilst directly contributing to improving local air quality and reducing emissions.

*Plug-in vehicles include plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs), extended-range electric vehicles (E-REVs) and battery electric vehicles (BEVs). Non plug-in or mild hybrids are considered under the petrol or diesel category.

Euro standard	 Date introduced for cars	 Date introduced for vans
1	07/1992	10/1994
2	01/1996	01/1998
3	01/2000	01/2001
4	01/2005	01/2006
5a/b	09/2011	09/2010
6	09/2014	09/2015

What support is available?

Energy Saving Trust is offering micro businesses and sole traders, with an operating site within 20km of the low emission zones, a £2,000 grant towards the safe disposal of vehicles that do not meet the zone standards.

**£2,000
available**

The vehicle must be disposed at an authorised treatment facility.

Following disposal of the vehicle, eligible businesses will have the opportunity to apply for a further **£1,000** to invest in a cargo or e-cargo bike. Cargo bikes are sustainable and active alternatives to petrol or diesel vehicles. You can find more information about cargo bikes at energysavingtrust.org.uk/service/e-cargo-bikes

Is my business eligible?

To be eligible, you must meet the eligibility criteria:

01

Have an operating site within 20km of the planned zones in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh or Glasgow.

02

Own a Euro 3 or earlier petrol vehicle or a Euro 5 or earlier diesel vehicle.

03

Meet the definition of a micro business by having:

- Nine or fewer full-time equivalent employees.
- A turnover of £632,000 or less or £316,000 or less on its balance sheet.

Note that applicants must meet the full eligibility criteria available on our website.

Why take action?

- The NHS considers air pollution to be the biggest environmental threat to health in the UK.
- 43% of deaths from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and 29% of lung cancer cases are a result of air pollution.
- Improving air quality will not only enhance our health as a nation, it will also help combat climate change.

How do I apply or find out more information?

Find further information at
energysavingtrust.org.uk/LEZ-business-support

Alternatively, you can contact one of our sustainable transport coordinators via our online business form at **transportform.est.org.uk**

Get in touch



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