



Clean Air Zones (CAZ) Guidance

Introduction to Clean Air Zones

A Clean Air Zone (CAZ) is defined as an area where targeted action is being taken to improve air quality. It can be confined to a single road or a part of a town or city. This update provides the current status with regards to the implementation of CAZs across the UK.

Each CAZ is devolved from Central Government and is managed by the relevant Local Authority. This means that there are inconsistencies with regards to affected vehicles from one Local Authority to another. In most cases, HGVs and vans are affected by CAZs but cars and other types of vehicles can also be affected.

What time of the day will CAZ charges apply?

Charges for driving in a CAZ usually apply daily from midnight to midnight, 7 days a week, all year round. Usually, once a charge has been paid, you may enter, leave and re-enter that CAZ during the 24-hour charging period without having to pay again.

In some cases, you might need to pay twice if you enter and leave across two 24-hour periods as defined by the CAZ. For example, entering a CAZ at 18.00hrs and leaving at 02.00hrs the following day, may incur two charges.

How do I know if my vehicle is compliant?

Owing to the inconsistencies from one CAZ to another, you are advised to check if your vehicle is compliant prior to travelling into an active CAZ. You can do this by clicking on the links provided.

Some of my staff travel to and from site by car or pickup truck – are they affected?

Bath is the only active CAZ which specifically mentions charges for pickup trucks, but many are already or intend to make charges for cars.

As above, you are advised to check all vehicles, including cars and pickup trucks before you travel.

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How do I know which area is affected by each CAZ?

The links provided below direct you to each CAZ where more information is provided about areas affected, vehicles affected and how to pay charges if required.

Active schemes

Aberdeen

Non-compliant cars: No enforcement for years
 Non-compliant LGVs: No enforcement 2 years
 Non-compliant HGVs: No enforcement 2 years
 Start date: 30th May 2022
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/368pAvd>

Bath

Non-compliant cars: N/A
 Non-compliant LGVs: £9
 Non-compliant HGVs: £100 (reduced to £9 if registered with council)
 Start date: 15th March 2021
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/368pKmj>

Birmingham

Non-compliant cars: £8
 Non-compliant LGVs: £8
 Non-compliant HGVs: £50
 Start date: 14th June 2021
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3jyQDrz>

Bradford

Non-compliant cars: N/A
 Non-compliant LGVs: £9
 Non-compliant HGVs: £50
 Start date: 26th September 2022
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3AjQe26>

Bristol

Non-compliant cars: £9
 Non-compliant LGVs: £9
 Non-compliant HGVs: £100
 Start date: 28th November 2022
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3yk4TZw>

Active schemes

Dundee

Non-compliant cars: No enforcement 2 years
 Non-compliant LGVs: No enforcement 2 years
 Non-compliant HGVs: No enforcement 2 years
 Start date: 30th May 2022
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3dCVh49>

Edinburgh

Non-compliant cars: No enforcement 2 years
 Non-compliant LGVs: No enforcement 2 years
 Non-compliant HGVs: No enforcement 2 years
 Start date: 1st June 2023
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2s8h63>

Gateshead

Non-compliant cars: N/A
 Non-compliant LGVs: £12.50 from July 2023
 Non-compliant HGVs: £50
 Start date: 30th January 2022
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3XihTv6>

Glasgow

Non-compliant cars: No enforcement 1 year
 Non-compliant LGVs: No enforcement 1 year
 Non-compliant HGVs: No enforcement 1 year
 Start date: 1st June 2023
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3wdqoJU>

London (ULEZ)

Non-compliant cars: £12.50
 Non-compliant LGVs: £12.50
 Non-compliant HGVs: N/A
 Start date: 08/04/2019 area expanded 25/10/21 and further expanded 29/08/2023
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3jEarJV>

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Active schemes

London (LEZ)

Non-compliant cars: N/A
 Non-compliant LGVs: £100
 Non-compliant HGVs: £100-300
 Start date: 4th February 2008
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3Amv2Zb>

Newcastle

Non-compliant cars: N/A
 Non-compliant LGVs: £12.50 from July 2023
 Non-compliant HGVs: £50
 Start date: 30th January 2023
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3XihTv6>

North Tyneside

Non-compliant cars: N/A
 Non-compliant LGVs: £12.50 from July 2023
 Non-compliant HGVs: £50
 Start date: 30th January
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://shorturl.at/vAILM>

Oxford (ZEZ)

Non-compliant cars: £2-£20
 Non-compliant LGVs: £2-£20
 Non-compliant HGVs: £2-£20
 Start date: February 2022
 Operational hours: 7/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3692Tad>

Portsmouth

Non-compliant cars: N/A
 Non-compliant LGVs: N/A
 Non-compliant HGVs: £50
 Start date: 29th November 2021
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3Anfq84>

Sheffield

Non-compliant cars: N/A
 Non-compliant LGVs: £10
 Non-compliant HGVs: £50
 Start date: 27th February 2023
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3BbQwdR>

Advanced stages of planning or implementation

Manchester

Scheme feasibility being reviewed.
 Non-compliant cars: N/A
 Non-compliant LGVs: N/A
 Non-compliant HGVs: N/A
 Start date: N/A
 Operational hours: N/A
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/2SGYQPg>

Stoke-on-Trent

Non-compliant cars: TBA
 Non-compliant LGVs: £9-£35
 Non-compliant HGVs: £9-£35
 Start date: TBA
 Operational hours: TBA
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3qHG472>

Schemes abolished

Leeds

Leicester

Southampton

York

Only certain buses that enter the inner ring road more than 4 times per day are affected.

Non-compliant cars: N/A
 Non-compliant LGVs: N/A
 Non-compliant HGVs: N/A
 Start date: February 2021
 Operational hours: 24/7
 Further information: <https://bit.ly/3jEv5tA>

Schemes under consideration

CAZs are being considered in several other towns and cities across the UK – including those listed below.

Cambridge

Cardiff

Liverpool

St Albans

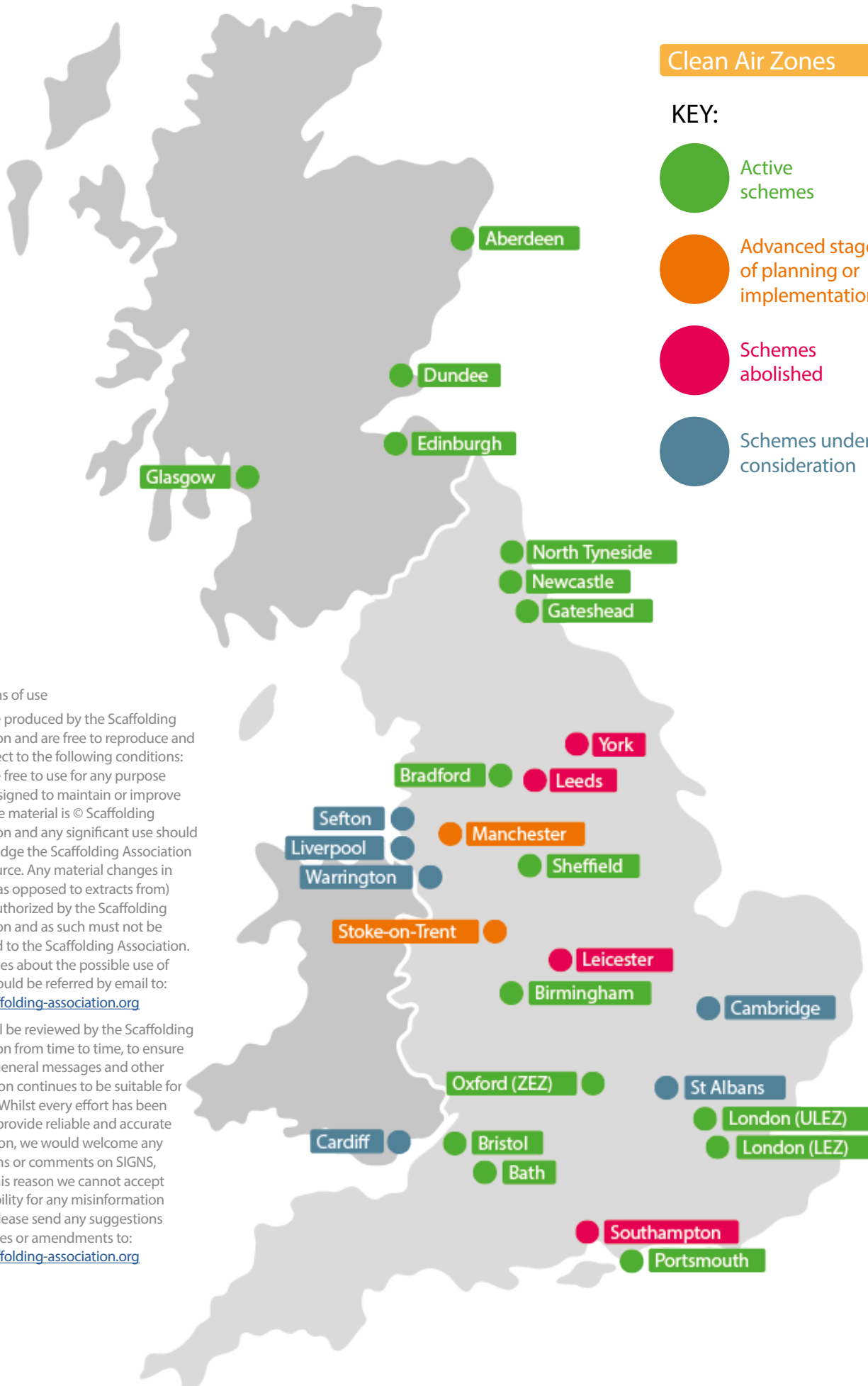
Warrington

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