



Congestion Charge

The London congestion charge is a fee charged on most cars and motor vehicles being driven within the Congestion Charge Zone (CCZ) in Central London. Read our guide to avoid receiving any fines for non payment.

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You need to pay a daily charge if you drive within the [Congestion Charge Zone](#) during charging times

When does the Congestion Charge apply?

The Congestion Charge applies between 07:00-18:00 Monday-Friday and 12:00-18:00 Sat-Sun and bank holidays. There's no charge between Christmas Day and New Year's Day Bank Holiday (inclusive).

How much is the Congestion Charge?

The Congestion Charge is £15 per vehicle per day if you pay in advance or before midnight on the day you enter the zone.

If you forget, you can still pay the fee up to three days later but the price increases to £17.50 per vehicle per day.

You can drive in and out of the Congestion Charge Zone as many times as you like on the day — you only pay one fee.

How do I pay the Congestion Charge?

1. Online Payment

You can pay online up to 90 days in advance, on the day of travel or by midnight of the third day after travel by using the official Transport for London (TfL) website:

tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/congestion-charge

Do not use other websites to pay. They charge more than the official rate – in some cases up to £5 extra. The maximum amount you should pay is £15 on the day, or £17.50 up to three days following the date of travel.

2. Pay via the TfL Pay to Drive in London app

TfL has a Pay to Drive in London app to pay the charge. It's available from the [Apple app store](#) or [Google Play](#). The app is free to download.

3. Pay by phone

Call 0343 222 2222 between 8am–8pm Monday–Friday to pay by phone.

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Fines for non-payment

Cameras record when you enter and exit the zone. If payment is not received by midnight on the third day after entering the Congestion Charge Zone, a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) for £160 is sent to your home address. If you pay within 14 days, the fine is reduced to £80.

Exemptions

Zero emission vehicles that meet the criteria are eligible for a 100% discount on the Congestion Charge until 24 December 2025.

More information about exemptions and discounts can be found [here](#).

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