

# Driving restrictions

## United Kingdom- Goods transport

Here we have gathered information on HGV restrictions and restrictions related to public holidays.

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# Driving restrictions

Are there any driving restrictions on international HGV traffic at weekends or on public holidays?

**No**

Local restrictions:

Vehicle(s) concerned	Period	Location	Exception
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Trucks exceeding 18t permissible weight

**01/01**

to

**31/12**

**Every day**

**From 21h00 to 07h00 during the week**

**From 13h00 on Saturday to 07h00 on Monday at weekends**

Greater London- all roads, except motorways and certain major roads, in those areas administered by the London Boroughs' Transport Scheme (applies to all 33 London boroughs)

- Vehicles operating under special authorisation because they are carrying an abnormal indivisible load.-  
Vehicles "whose load is required for the purposes of dealing with any emergency affecting the safety of persons or property".Transport operators must apply for exemption permits which are supplied free of charge by the London Lorry Control Team London Councils 59 ½ Southwark Street LONDON SE1 0AL  
Tel: (+44 20) 7934 9915 Fax: (+44 20) 7934 9591 URL: [www.londoncouncils.gov.uk...](http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk...)

## **Additional information**

THE CHARGING OF THE UK ROAD USER LEVY RETURNED ON 1 AUGUST 2023 for vehicle 12tns and above.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hgv-road-user-levy>

Outside of London there are numerous other restrictions for heavy goods vehicles both in town centres and rural areas of outstanding natural beauty. Drivers should follow the special signs guiding them through or around areas where restrictions are in place.

Go to the following links for more information on:

- the London Low Emission Zone, Ultra Low Emission Zone and Congestion Charging area:

[www.tfl.gov.uk/low\\_emission\\_zone](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/low_emission_zone)- [www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging)-

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone>

- More and more cities in the UK are introducing Clean Air Zones. Information on those and other LEZs or city access regulations can be found at [www.urbanaccessregulations.eu](http://www.urbanaccessregulations.eu) or

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-a-clean-air-zone>

- London also implemented Direct Vision Safety (DVS) Permit, a permit required for all vehicles over 12 tons entering the Greater London area: <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/deliveries-in-london/delivering-safely/direct-vision-in-heavy-goods-vehicles>

Direct Vision Standard requirements in London have changed. Since 28 October 2024, and to improve the safety of all road users, heavy goods vehicles over 12 tonnes will need to have a three-star DVS rating or be fitted with a Progressive Safe System (PSS) to be allowed to operate in Greater London.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/deliveries-in-london/delivering-safely/direct-vision-in-heavy-goods-vehicles#progressive>

View a Map here <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/dvs-where-and-when>

- Scottish LEZs in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow all became enforceable by Spring 2024.

Vehicles must be Euro 6 to enter the zones. There is no pre-registration process therefore ALL owners of foreign vehicles who enter the zones will receive a penalty notice letter, which will need responding to with the evidence proving the Euro rating of the vehicle to enable a retraction of the penalty to be given. More information at <https://lowemissionzones.scot/>

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# Annual public holidays

18 Mar 2025	<b>St Patrick's Day</b>	N. Ireland
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18 Apr 2025	<b>Good Friday</b>	All country
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21 Apr 2025	<b>Easter Monday</b>	not in Scotland
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5 May 2025	<b>May Day holiday</b>	All country
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26 May 2025	<b>Spring bank holiday</b>	All country
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14 Jul 2025	<b>Bank holiday (substitute)</b>	N. Ireland
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4 Aug 2025	<b>Bank holiday</b>	Scotland
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25 Aug 2025	<b>Summer bank holiday</b>	All country
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1 Dec 2025	<b>St Andrew's Day (substitute)</b>	Scotland
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25 Dec  
2025

**Christmas Day**

All country

26 Dec  
2025

**Boxing Day**

All country

1 Jan  
2026

**New Year's Day**

All country

2 Jan  
2026

**New Year's Day  
(substitute)**

Scotland

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