

Breathe new life into your old vehicle

Low Emission Zone
Retrofit Fund









What is a low emission zone?

A low emission zone aims to improve air quality and public health 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.

The vehicles authorised to enter low emission zones are 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 including light commercial and heavy good vehicles	Euro 4/IV
	Diesel – all types including light commercial and heavy good vehicles	Euro 6/VI
	Motorcycles	Euro 3
	Electric vehicles	Most plug-in vehicles*

You can use the [Vehicle Checker](#) to see whether your vehicle would be allowed to enter a zone.

*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.



How does it impact my business?

If your business vehicles do not meet the minimum standards, you will receive a penalty when you enter the low emission zone.

By improving your vehicle Euro standard through retrofit options, your business can reduce fuel consumption whilst directly contributing to improving local air quality and reducing emissions.

What support is available?

Energy Saving Trust is offering eligible micro businesses and sole traders funding to prolong the life of eligible vehicles through retrofit solutions.

Funding up to 70% of the retrofit cost

Choosing a retrofit solution can reduce harmful emissions released from your vehicle and allow it to continue running within a low emission zone. Not only will the emission levels decrease, but retrofit solutions can also prolong the life of your vehicle.

Solutions are available for a variety of vehicles, from wheelchair accessible taxis and light commercial vehicles to refuse collection and heavy goods vehicles. Each vehicle must meet the eligibility criteria and have a Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme (CVRAS) retrofit solution currently available.

Energy Saving Trust offers 70% of the cost to retrofit, subject to a maximum value allocated to each vehicle category.

Download the [full list of approved manufacturers and devices](#).

Is my business eligible?

To be eligible, you must meet the eligibility criteria:

01

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.

02

Not be VAT registered.

03

Own a vehicle eligible to retrofit that will not be able to enter a low emission zone once operational.

04

Regularly operate a vehicle or vehicles within the planned low emission zones.

Note that applicants must meet the [full eligibility criteria](#) available on our website.



How do I apply or find out more information?

Find further information and apply on our website
**[energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/
low-emission-zone-retrofit-fund/](https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/low-emission-zone-retrofit-fund/)**

A full list of vehicles with retrofit solutions is available at
**[energysavingtrust.org.uk/service/
clean-vehicle-retrofit-accreditation-scheme/](https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/service/clean-vehicle-retrofit-accreditation-scheme/)**

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