

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 1999 TRANSPORT ACT 2000

Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging (Exceptional Variation) Order 2020

Made

9 June 2020

Coming into force

In accordance with articles 1(2) and 2

Whereas—

- (1) the Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging Order 2004 (“the Principal Order”) imposes charges for the using and keeping of motor vehicles on specified roads in Greater London during specified hours and on specified days;
- (2) Transport for London has made a number of orders varying the provisions of the Principal Order;
- (3) on 14 May 2020, the Department for Transport agreed a funding arrangement under which Transport for London is urgently to bring forward proposals to widen the scope and levels of road user charging schemes in accordance with its legal powers and decision-making processes; and
- (4) it appears to Transport for London expedient for the purposes of facilitating the achievement of policies and proposals in the Mayor of London’s Transport Strategy published pursuant to section 142 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999(a) that it should make a further Order for the purpose of temporarily varying the Principal Order having regard to the transport challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic:

Now, therefore, Transport for London, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 295 and 420(1) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, by Schedule 23 to that Act, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging (Exceptional Variation) Order 2020.

(2) This Order shall come into force on the day following the day on which the Mayor confirms it.

(3) In this Order “the Principal Scheme” means the Scheme contained in the Schedule to the Principal Order as varied and in force immediately before this Order comes into force.


Variation of the Principal Scheme

2. The Scheme set out in the Schedule to this Order, which varies the Principal Scheme, shall come into force on 22 June 2020.

Signed by authority of Transport for London

Dated 9 June 2020

Commissioner



(a) 1999 c.29; Schedule 23 was amended by the Transport Act 2000 (c. 38), Schedule 13

THE SCHEDULE

Article 2

SCHEME VARYING THE PRINCIPAL SCHEME

Preliminary

1.—(1) Article 1 of the Principal Scheme shall apply, so far as material, for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of the Principal Scheme.

(2) The Principal Order and the Principal Scheme shall be further varied in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule.

Arrangement of Instrument of the Principal Order

2. Under the heading “10. Vehicles used by firefighters for operational reasons” insert the following new heading—

“11. Vehicles used by certain care home employees”.

Interpretation

3.—(1) Article 1(2) of the Principal Scheme is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (d) for “6.00 pm” substitute “10.00 pm”.

(3) In sub-paragraph (e) for “Windsor House, 42-50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL” substitute “Palestra, 197 Blackfriars Rd, London SE1 8NJ”.

(4) In sub-paragraph (za) after “as amended;” omit “and”.

(5) In sub-paragraph (zb)(ii) after “25 October 2021” omit “.” and insert “; and”.

(6) After sub-paragraph (zb) insert the following new sub-paragraph—

“(zc) “working day” means a day other than—

- (i) a Saturday or Sunday;
- (ii) New Year’s Day;
- (iii) Good Friday;
- (iv) Christmas Day;
- (v) any other day which is a bank holiday,

and in this paragraph “bank holiday” means a day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.”.

Free days

4. For article 4(4) substitute—

“(4) Each of the following is a free day—

- (a) Christmas Day.”.

Payment of charges and period licences

5.—(1) In article 6 paragraphs (3)(b) to (d), (5)(c), (6)(b) and (ba), (6)(h)(ii) and (iii) and in article 10 paragraphs (1), (2)(a) and (b), (3)(c), (4)(a) and (b) and in Annex 3 paragraphs 3(2)(b)(i) and 3(3)(b)(i) and (ii)—

- (a) for “5”, wherever it appears (save as part of another number), substitute “7”;
- (b) for “20”, wherever it appears, substitute “31”; and

(c) for 252, wherever it appears, substitute “365”.

(2) In article 6 paragraphs (5)(b)(ii) and (c)(ii), article 9 paragraphs (2)(c) and (6)(a) and article 10 paragraphs (2)(a)(iv), (2)(b) and (6)(b), for “consecutive charging days” substitute “working days”.

(3) In article 6 paragraphs (5)(b)(iii) and (6)(a)(iii) for “next” substitute “third”.

(4) In article 6 paragraph (6)(a)(iii) after “consecutive charging day” insert “after the charging day concerned”.

(5) For article 6(12)(a) substitute—

“(a) the amount of the charge per charging day for each licence shall be, in respect of a standard rate vehicle, £15;”.

(6) In article 9 paragraphs (3)(d) and (3)(d)(ii), article 10 paragraphs (2)(a)(iii) for “charging day” substitute “working day”.

(7) In article 10(6)(c) for “consecutive charging day” substitute “working day”.

(8) In article 11 paragraphs (4)(b) and (5)(a)(i), (5)(b) and (6)(a) for “charging days” substitute “working days”.

(9) In article 11 paragraphs (5)(b) and (6)(a) omit “or, if that date does not fall on a charging day, the first charging day falling after that date”.

Amount of charge payable by the purchase of a licence

6.—(1) Article 7 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1)(a) for “£10.50;” substitute “£15.00.” and for “;” substitute “.”.

(3) Omit paragraphs (1)(b) and (c).

(4) In paragraph (2)(a) for “£11.50” substitute “£15.00” and for “;” substitute “.”.

(5) Omit paragraphs (2)(b) and (c).

(6) In paragraph (3) for “next charging day” substitute “third consecutive charging day following the charging day concerned”.

(7) In paragraph (3)(a) for “£14” substitute “£17.50” and after “charging day;” insert “and”.

(8) In paragraph (3)(b)—

(a) omit “other than an emissions surcharge large passenger vehicle”; and

(b) for “£24 per charging day; and” substitute “£27.50 per charging day.”.

(9) Omit paragraph (3)(c).

Vehicles used by certain NHS employees

7.—(1) Paragraph 8 of Annex 2 is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1)(b) omit “in addition to other travel expenses falling to be so reimbursed in relation to that occasion”.

(3) In sub-paragraph (3)(b) omit “who was on call,”.

Vehicles used for transporting certain NHS patients

8.—(1) Paragraph 9 of Annex 2 is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (3) omit “a patient as respects whom both of the following conditions are satisfied”.

(3) For sub-paragraph (3)(a) substitute—

“(a) a patient who—

(i) has a compromised immune system or requires regular therapy, assessment or recurrent surgical intervention; and

- (ii) is clinically assessed as too ill, weak or disabled to travel to an appointment on public transport; or”.
- (4) For sub-paragraph (3)(b) substitute—
“(b) a patient who is clinically assessed, in accordance with the advice of the National Health Service for the time being applicable, as being at high or moderate risk from COVID-19.”.

Vehicles used by certain care home employees

- 9. After paragraph 10 in Annex 2 insert—

“Vehicles used by certain care home employees

11.—(1) A relevant vehicle not falling within any of the preceding paragraphs of this Annex which was on any occasion on or after 18 May 2020 used by a relevant care home employee on designated roads during charging hours shall be treated as having been a non-chargeable vehicle on that occasion if—

- (a) the charge imposed by article 4 of the Scheme in respect of the use of the vehicle on that occasion was duly paid;
- (b) the charge was reimbursed to the relevant care home employee by their relevant care home employer in relation to that occasion;
- (c) the condition referred to in sub-paragraph (3) was met; and
- (d) the relevant care home employer subsequently issued a certificate to Transport for London that conditions (a), (b) and (c) were met.

(2) Where Transport for London, on receiving such a certificate, is satisfied that a vehicle falls to be treated as having been a non-chargeable vehicle in accordance with this paragraph, it shall refund the charge incurred to the relevant care home employer.

(3) The condition referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(c) is met on an occasion if the vehicle was used on that occasion on designated roads by a relevant care home employee for the purpose of providing services on behalf of a relevant care home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(4) In this paragraph—

- (a) “relevant care home employee” means an individual employed by or providing services on behalf of or seconded to a relevant care home employer;
- (b) “relevant care home employer” means a registered service provider in respect of a relevant care home by which a relevant care home employee is employed or on behalf of which that employee is providing services or to which that employee has been seconded;
- (c) “registered service provider” means a person or organisation registered with the Care Quality Commission in accordance with section 10 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 to provide accommodation together with nursing or personal care at a relevant care home; and
- (d) “relevant care home” means a care home within the meaning of section 3 of the Care Standards Act 2000 that is located within the central zone.”.

Meaning of qualified resident

10.—(1) Paragraph 1 of Annex 3 is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1) omit “for the time being” and for “are met.” substitute “—”.

(3) After sub-paragraph (1) insert the following new sub-paragraphs—

“(a) were, on the basis of an application received by Transport for London on or before 31 July 2020, met on or before that date; and

- (b) are for the time being met.”.

Purchase of licences for residents’ vehicles

11.—(1) Paragraph 3(3) of Annex 3 is amended as follows.

- (2) In sub-paragraph (a)(i) for “£1.05” substitute “£1.50”.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (a)(ii) for “£2.05” substitute “£2.50”.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (b)(i) for “£5.75” substitute “£10.50” and for “£10.75” substitute “£17.50”.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (b)(ii) for “£23” substitute “£46.50” and for “£43” substitute “£77.50”.
- (6) In sub-paragraph (b)(iii) for “£1.15” substitute “£1.50” and for “£2.15” substitute “£2.50”.

Certificates of residence

12. In paragraph 6(2)(a) of Annex 3 for “are” substitute “were, on the basis of an application received by Transport for London on or before 31 July 2020, met on or before that date, and are for the time being”.