GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 1999
TRANSPORT ACT 2000

Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging (Variation) Order 2021

Made	*23 July 2021*
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 including two exceptional orders in 2020 ("the Exceptional Variation Orders") made for the purpose of temporarily varying the Principal Order having regard to the transport challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic;

(3)   it now 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—

> (a)   subject to certain modifications, the variations to the Principal Order introduced by the Exceptional Variation Orders should remain in force indefinitely; and

> (b)   it should make an order varying the Principal Order (i) in order to give effect to those modifications and (ii) to introduce further variations to the Principal Order:

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 (Variation) Order 2021.

(2) This Order shall come into force in accordance with article 2.

(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 articles 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Scheme set out in the Schedule to this Order ("the Variation Scheme") come into force.

Variation of the Principal Scheme

2.—(1) This Variation Order, other than article 3 of the Variation Scheme, shall come into force on the day following the day on which the Mayor confirms it.

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(2) Article 3 of the Variation Scheme shall come into force on 28 February 2022.

Signed by authority of Transport for London

Dated   23 July 2021   Managing Director, Surface Transport

SCHEME VARYING THE PRINCIPAL SCHEME

Preliminary

1. The Principal Scheme shall be further varied in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule.

Working days

2.—(1) Article 1(2) is amended as follows.

(2) Renumber paragraph (aa) as paragraph (ab).

(3) After paragraph (a) insert the following new paragraph—

"(aa) "bank holiday" means Christmas Day, Good Friday, New Year's Day and any day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales specified by or appointed in accordance with section 1 of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971;".

(4) In paragraph (zc) omit sub-paragraph (vi) and at the end of sub-paragraph (v) for ";" substitute ".".

Charging hours

3. For paragraph (d) of article 1(2) substitute—

"(d) "charging day" shall be construed in accordance with article 4(3), "consecutive charging days" shall be construed in accordance with article 6(4) and "charging hours" means—

(i) the hours between 12.00 noon and 6.00 pm on a charging day that is a Saturday, Sunday or bank holiday; and

(ii) the hours between 7.00 am and 6.00 pm on any other charging day;".

Imposition of charges

4.—(1) Article 4(4) is amended as follows.

(2) At the end of paragraph (a) for "." substitute ";".

(3) After paragraph (a) insert the following new paragraphs—

"(b) the New Year's Day bank holiday;

(c) each of the days falling between Christmas Day and the New Year's Day bank holiday of the subsequent year.".

Payment of charges

5.—(1) Paragraph (h) of article 6(6) is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraphs (ii) and (iii) for "by post, call centre, App or, on-line;" substitute "by post or call centre;".

(3) In sub-paragraph (iv) for ", call centre, or on-line" substitute "or call centre".

Vehicles used for transporting certain NHS patients

6. For paragraph 9(3)(b) of Annex 2 substitute—

"(b) a patient who, during an epidemic or pandemic prevalent in Greater London at that time, is clinically assessed as too vulnerable to infection to travel to an appointment on public transport.".

Vehicles used by certain care home employees

7.—(1) Paragraph 11 of Annex 2 is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1) omit "on or after 18 May 2020".

(3) In sub-paragraph (3) for "during the COVID-19 pandemic" substitute" "during an epidemic or pandemic prevalent at that time in Greater London.".

Vehicles used by certain local authority and charity employees

8.—(1) Paragraph 12 of Annex 2 is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1) omit "on or after 22 June 2020".

(3) In sub-paragraph (4)(a) omit ", in each case for purposes directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic".

(4) At the end of sub-paragraph 4(d) for "." substitute ",".

(5) After sub-paragraph (4)(d) insert—

> "in each case when the services are provided during an epidemic or pandemic prevalent at that time in Greater London.".

Residents' vehicles

9.—(1) For paragraph 1(1) of Annex 3 substitute—

> "(1) In this Scheme "qualified resident" means an individual as respects whom Transport for London is for the time being satisfied, by the production of such evidence as it may reasonably require, that the requirements specified in sub-paragraph (2) are met.".

(2) In paragraph 6(2) of Annex 3 for "were, on the basis 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" substitute "are".