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**Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport 2024  
United Kingdom**

There are no driving restrictions at weekends or on public holidays in the United Kingdom.

**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>

### Local restrictions

<b>Vehicles concerned</b>	trucks exceeding 18t total permissible weight
<b>Prohibition</b>	during the week, from 21h00 to 07h00; at weekends, from 13h00 on Saturday to 07h00 on Monday
<b>Area</b>	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)
<b>Exceptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•vehicles operating under special authorisation because they are carrying an abnormal indivisible load;</li><li>•vehicles "whose load is required for the purposes of dealing with any emergency affecting the safety of persons or property".</li></ul>

Transport operators must apply for exemption permits which are supplied free of charge by the

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In certain circumstances short-term permits are available at short notice for single journeys. Operators should note, however, that permit conditions impose special routing requirements on drivers. For more detailed information, operators should contact the above office.

### Local restrictions – outside of London

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.

For information on the London Low Emission Zone, Ultra Low Emission Zone and Congestion Charging area go to [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>

Direct Vision Safety (DVS) Permit & Safety Permit– Required for all vehicles over 12tns 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 are changing. To improve the safety of all road users, heavy goods vehicles over 12 tonnes will need to have a three-star rating or fit a Progressive Safe System to operate in Greater London, from 28 October 2024.** <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>

<b>Public holidays 2024</b>	1 January	New Year's Day
	2 January	New Year holiday substitute (Scotland- Tuesday)
	18 March	St Patrick's Day (N. Ireland)
	29 March	Good Friday
	1 April	Easter Monday
	6 May	May Day holiday
	27 May	Spring bank holiday
	12 July	Bank holiday (N. Ireland)
	5 August	Bank holiday (Scotland)

26 August  
2 December  
25 December  
26 December

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Summer bank holiday  
St Andrew's Day (substitute)(Scotland)  
Christmas Day (Monday)  
Boxing Day (Tuesday)

**Sources:** RHA, November 2023