

Clean Air Plan Proposed Exemptions – V4.00

The Clean Air Plan Proposed Exemptions**1.1 What are exemptions?**

Some drivers and owners of specific types of noncompliant vehicles will not need to pay a daily charge to drive in the Sheffield Clean Air Zone. There are some national exemptions from the daily charge.

The government's Clean Air Zone Framework sets permanent national exemptions for historic vehicles, military vehicles, disabled passenger vehicles, and specialist emergency service vehicles. They will apply equally to ALL Clean Air Zones operating within England and Wales and will be managed centrally by Government. Please refer to the Government's clean air zone framework for further details (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-a-clean-air-zone>).

You can check whether your vehicle is nationally exempt on the GOV.UK website (https://vehiclecheck.drive-clean-air-zone.service.gov.uk/vehicle_checkers/enter_details).

If your vehicle is eligible for a national exemption, you do not need to apply for the exemption and you can drive in any clean air zone in England without paying a daily charge.

Sheffield City Council is also proposing local temporary and permanent exemptions for the Sheffield Clean Air Zone. Owners or registered keepers of eligible non-compliant vehicles will be able to apply for a temporary exemption. The dates when applications for exemptions will open is still to be determined.

1.2 Categories of local exemptions

Local exemptions can be placed into the following categories: -

Category	Description
Exemptions for hard to replace vehicles	These are vehicles which are engaged in a unique or novel purpose and can't be, or are hard to be, replaced with a like for like alternative or the vehicle cannot be retrofitted to achieve compliant vehicle emission standards
Exemptions to support vehicle upgrades	These are vehicles that can be replaced or retrofitted, but either a replacement or retrofitted compliant vehicle is on order; or the current non-compliant commercial vehicle is subject to a finance agreement
Exemptions to support vulnerable groups in the community	Additional support for not for profit and community interest groups
Exemptions to support health and emergency services	Additional support for specialist police, fire and ambulance vehicles
Exemptions to support unavoidable diversions into the Clean Air Zone	Exemptions for non-compliant vehicles that have been diverted into the Clean Air Zone

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1.3 Exemptions for hard replace vehicles

Each exemption will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must be renewed each calendar year. They will remain in place for all years the Clean Air Zone is in operation.

Exemption	Description	Period	Important Detail
Agricultural and similar vehicles	<p>This exemption applies to higher emission non-road-going vehicles, such as: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tractors gritters snow ploughs mowing machines, and steam powered vehicles 	All Years	<p>Local exemption.</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year</p>
Specialist vehicles	<p>This exemption applies to vehicles that are either authorised to be on a road via a Vehicle Special Order granted by the Vehicle Certification Agency, or a vehicle which is at least 3,500kg and one of the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a digging machine road roller mobile crane mobile pumping vehicle, or works truck designed for use in private premises. 	All Years	<p>Local exemption.</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year</p>
Specialist HGVs	<p>This exemption applies to vehicles that: -</p> <p>transport goods;</p> <p>weigh more 12 tonnes; carry a load that cannot be divided into two or more loads for the purpose of being carried on a road; and:</p> <p>cannot themselves be carried on another vehicle</p>	All Years	<p>Local exemption.</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year</p>
Recovery vehicles	<p>This exemption applies to vehicles that are used solely for the purpose of vehicle recovery</p>	All Years	<p>Local exemption.</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year</p>
Showman's Vehicles	<p>Exemptions for vehicles that are: -</p> <p>registered to a person following the business of a travelling showman;</p>	All Years	<p>Reviewed on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year</p>

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	<p>have been modified or specially constructed.</p> <p>For a vehicle to be eligible for the exemption, modifications or special constructions for the purpose of the show must be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be used during the performance; or • Be used for the purpose of providing the performance; or • Be used for carrying performance equipment; and • Be below the chassis level, such that it isn't possible to fit emission abatement equipment. 		Trailers and semi-trailers which have been modified or specially constructed are not eligible for the discount.
Non-commercial vintage buses	Non-commercial coaches and buses between 20 and 39 years of age on the eligible non-charging day concerned.	10 set days per calendar year	<p>Vintage bus means a Class M2 or M3 vehicle that at any time during a given financial year was constructed more than 20 years and less than 40 years before 1 January in that financial year and is not used on a designated road for hire or reward or for on connection with a trade or business.</p> <p>Eligible non-charging day means each of the first 10 charging days in any financial year.</p>
Disabled adapted coaches	This exemption applies to coaches which have specialist adaptations to carry disabled passengers, i.e., entry lifts for wheelchair and wheelchair anchor points	All years	<p>Local exemption.</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year</p>
Larger motorhomes	These vehicles would not be fully exempt from any charges but instead can apply to register to pay the £10 daily charge in advance of a journey into the Clean Air Zone (instead of the £50 daily charge).	All years	<p>Local exemption.</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Must be purchased in advance of each journey into the Clean Air Zone via the Council's local exemptions permits process</p>

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<p>School coaches</p>	<p>This exemption applies to coaches that are contracted with schools for educational trips (curriculum related not for commuting purposes) which would only apply to the day(s) and trip(s) take place</p>	<p>All Years</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Local Exemption</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis</p> <p>Must be purchased in advance of each journey into the Clean Air Zone via the Council’s local exemptions permits process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches being used for educational trips to be exempt - there is a concern that the impact of the zone will mean that the charges are passed on to schools and educational establishments when on educational trips. Increased charges may mean that fewer trips are affordable and the impact on some schools/educational establishments may be felt harder than others. This would only apply on the specific days the trips are to take place.
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1.4 Exemptions to support vehicle upgrades

Exemption	Description	Period	Important Detail
Compliant vehicle on order (Delivery Exemption)	An exemption for a non-compliant vehicle whilst a replacement or retrofit is on order to replace that non-compliant vehicle.	Until taking delivery of new compliant vehicle, or for up to one year from the launch of the zone (whichever is sooner)	Reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Temporary exemption. Exemption for replacing or retrofitting current non-compliant vehicle until the expected delivery date of a compliant vehicle.
Non-compliant commercial vehicles with existing finance agreement	An exemption for non-compliant commercial vehicles subject to an existing finance agreement beyond commencement of the Clean Air Zone.	Until the expiration date of the finance agreement, or for up to one year from the launch of the zone (whichever is sooner)	Commercial vehicles only. Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
Compliant Vehicle Search	An exemption for a non-compliant vehicle whilst searching for a compliant vehicle following receipt of an offer of funding support	Valid from the date notification to the sooner of the issuing of a Delivery Exemption or 3 months from the date of notification.	An approval of a detailed eligibility check <u>and</u> credit assessment Only one Availability Exemption will be made per non-compliant vehicle Any extension of a Vehicle Search Exemption will be wholly at the discretion of the SCC
Failed Credit Assessment Exemption	An exemption for a non-compliant vehicle where an application for funding support is rejected as result of a failed credit assessment	Valid from the date on notification to the later of 6* months after CAZ 'live' date' or 6* months from the date of notification *Coaches will benefit from a 12 month Failed Credit Assessment Exemption	Rejection relates to a failed credit assessment. Persons/Businesses that fail a Credit Assessment can reapply at any time but only one Failed Credit Assessment Exemption will be made per non-compliant vehicle. Any further Failed Credit Assessment Exemption will thereafter be wholly at the discretion of the SCC

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1.5 Exemptions to support vulnerable groups in the community

Exemption	Description	Period	Important Detail
Community Transport Vehicle	An exemption for passenger vehicles with >8 passenger seats; maximum weight of 5000kg; and who hold a 'community minibus permit' (s19 or s22 transport act permit)	1 year	The exempted vehicle must be being used pursuant to a community transport permit, which means a permit granted under section 19(3), 19(4), 19(5) or 22(2) of the Transport Act 1985; and -must be registered as Section 19 or 22 for operation in Sheffield and not registered as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle.

1.6 Exemptions to support health and emergency services

Exemption	Description	Period	Important Detail
Specialist Emergency Service Vehicles	An exemption for specialist police, fire, ambulance, mine rescue and lifeboat vehicles that are exempt from road tax.	All Years	It is an exempt vehicle by virtue of it falling within any of the following definitions of exempt vehicles within Schedule 2, Vehicle Excise & Registration Act 1994: -Police vehicles -Fire engines -ambulances and health service vehicles

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1.7 Exemptions to support unavoidable diversions into the Clean Air Zone

Exemption	Description	Period	Important Detail
Diverted Vehicles	Exemption for vehicles used on one or more designated roads solely because of a traffic diversion	All Years	<p>Local exemption managed on a case-by-case basis by Sheffield City Council.</p> <p>No action is required from the driver.</p> <p>The traffic diversion route must be approved or designated by the Council (including diversions caused by or related to road works and emergencies).</p>

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