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London Low Emission Zone

Abatement Device Fitment Declaration Route Information Sheet for owners of vehicles wishing to meet the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) emissions standards of Euro III for particulate matter.

A number of abatement equipment fitters have been given Authorised Examiner (AE) status by the Vehicle & Operator Services Agency (VOSA). This means that these AE's will be able to carry out the fitment declaration and the free acceleration smoke test prior to the issuance of a Low Emissions Certificate (LEC) or Reduced Pollution Certificate (RPC) by VOSA. So operators using equipment fitters with Authorised Examiner (AE) status will not need to visit VOSA for a free acceleration smoke test to be carried after the fitting of certified abatement equipment.

How will this work for operators wishing to utilise this Declaration route?

Following the fitment of the certified abatement device onto the vehicle, a free acceleration smoke test will be conducted on the vehicle. A Declaration of Conformity (DoC) will then be filled in by the Authorised Examiner (AE), confirming that the correct certified abatement device has been fitted onto the engine and that the vehicle has passed the free acceleration smoke test.

The Declaration application form with the applicant's details will then be completed, along with payment of £28 for the issuance of the Low Emissions Certificate (LEC) or Reduced Pollution Certificate (RPC).

The applicant can use their VOSA account number, pay by cheque or credit card, or pay the AE who will then utilise their own VOSA account details to pay for the issuance of the LEC/RPC.

The AE must then fax, email or post the Declaration of Conformity, Declaration application and payment to VOSA's Swansea administration office on the same day. Alternatively, if the applicant prefers, they may choose to directly send the Declaration of Conformity and the Declaration application form with the relevant payment to VOSA themselves.

Subject to the information supplied meeting the criteria of the LEC or RPC scheme, VOSA will then issue the certificate directly to the applicant. This will be issued up to 10 days after the completion of the free acceleration smoke test.

How long will it take before TfL knows that my vehicle meets the LEZ emissions standards and complies with the London Low Emission Zone?

TfL will automatically be advised by VOSA if the vehicle has passed the test, so there is no need for operators to register with TfL. Please note that it can take up to 10 days before TfL's database is updated to show that the vehicle has passed the test and therefore meets the required LEZ emissions standards. Please allow enough time for this before travelling within the zone. The LEZ compliance of your vehicle can be checked online at www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon.

Important contacts

- VOSA Swansea Administration Office: 01792 454 363
- TfL LEZ Contact Centre: 0845 607 0009
- TfL LEZ website and Compliance Checker: tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon