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London ULEZ Information

As the London ULEZ has just come into force, it is a good time to remind everyone that all UK vehicles in the ‘historic’ taxation class (including Northern Ireland) are automatically exempt from charges under the ULEZ and do not have to register with TfL to obtain the exemption.

We have placed guidance notes on our website at https://fbhvc.co.uk/news which we hope will assist drivers and keepers of vehicles over 30 years old.

The Checker function on the TfL website does not currently easily identify all exempted vehicles and we therefore do not recommend the use of this facility. In several places on the TfL London ULEZ site there is a link to a ‘Discounts and Exemptions’ page which accurately sets out the position, including the following:

- All vehicles that have a historic vehicle tax class [status] will be exempt from the ULEZ
- If your vehicle meets the above criteria and is registered in the UK, it is automatically exempt and you don’t need to register with us

This is a clear confirmation of the position by TfL.

We should add that the introduction of the ULEZ does not affect either:

- The existing London LEZ (for larger vehicles), in respect of which the cut-off for affected vehicles remains 1973, or
- The Congestion Charge, from which historic vehicles are not and never have been exempt (except buses and minibuses, which do need to register)

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Editor’s notes

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs exists to maintain the freedom of its members to use historic vehicles on the UK’s roads, hence its campaign message: ‘Yesterday’s Vehicles on Tomorrow’s Roads’. The FBHVC has over 550 member clubs representing over 251,000 individual owners.