



Clean Air Zone Traffic Symbol Guidelines

With the growth of Clean Air Zones across the UK, it is important for drivers to recognise the traffic signs which show they are entering/leaving a Clean Air Zone. Read our guide which clearly explains the symbols which will be used for both charging and non-charging Clean Air Zones across the UK.

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In April this year, the world's first Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) was launched in central London and as part of its plan to improve air quality, the Government has also required 5 further UK cities to implement a clean air zone by 2020 in order to reduce levels of nitrogen dioxide.

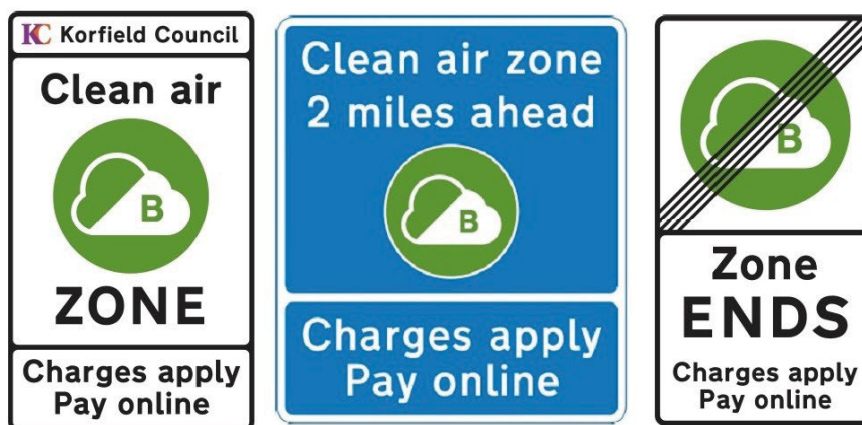
With the rapid spread of these zones, it is important for drivers to recognise and understand the meaning of the traffic symbols in order to avoid being penalised when driving in these controlled zones.



Master symbol

This symbol is used on all Clean Air Zone traffic signs:

Examples of Clean Air Zone traffic signs:



There are four classes of charging Clean Air Zones - A, B, C, D.



CAZ class	Vehicle types included
A	Buses, coaches, taxi's, PHVs
B	Buses, coaches, taxi's, PHVs, HGVs
C	Buses, coaches, taxi's, PHVs, HGVs, vans, minibuses
D	Buses, coaches, taxi's, PHVs, HGVs, vans, minibuses, cars (+ optional: motorcycles)

For each vehicle type, minimum emission standards for operation inside CAZs are defined as:

Vehicle type	CAZ minimum standard
Buses, coaches, HGVs	Euro VI
Vans, minibuses, Taxis, PHVs, cars	Euro 6 (diesel) Euro 4 (petrol)
Motorcycles	Euro 3

Charging or non-charging?

Zones may be charging, where compliant vehicles may use the zone free of charge and non-compliant vehicles may also do so on payment of a fee, or non-charging, where there will be no charge for any vehicle (compliant or non-compliant) to use the zone but a range of other measures will be deployed to improve air quality. These include re-routing and improving traffic flow and incentives to encourage retrofitting of emission control devices and the early take up of low emission vehicles, though the majority of the latter are directed at buses and not goods vehicles.

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