



## Tolls, goods transport United Kingdom

The British Government has introduced a road user levy for heavy goods vehicles (HGV) of 12 tonnes or more. The aim of the levy is to ensure these vehicles make a contribution to the wear and tear of the road network. The levy was introduced on 1 April 2014. An update is available on levy receipts and levels of compliance during its first year of operation.

### Cost and payment

Levy amounts vary according to the vehicle's weight, axle configuration and levy duration.

### UK registered vehicles

Since 1 April 2014, UK registered vehicles pay levy costs at the same time and in the same transaction as vehicle excise duty (VED). Payments are collected by the DVLA.

### Non-UK registered vehicles

Vehicles registered abroad must make levy payments before entering the UK (including Northern Ireland) and [details about levy amounts are available](#). The levy can be paid by day, week, month or year and discounts are available for longer levy periods.

[Online payment of the HGV road user levy](#) for operators completing journeys on UK roads is available. The service also offers a 'registered account' and a 'pay and go' purchasing option.

'Pay and go' purchasing can also be completed by telephone or at [a limited number of point of sale terminals on ferries and truck stops](#)

The foreign operator payment system is operated by Northgate Public Services on behalf of the Department for Transport. Visiting HGV drivers and operators of HGVs registered outside of the UK can sign up for updates about how and where to pay levy. The latest update and previous bulletins are available along with a [payment guide](#) and frequently asked questions relating to the [levy](#).

HGV drivers and operators should also take note that:

- there is no physical sign of payment through the display of a paper disc, sticker or similar item
- payment of the levy is recorded in a database using the vehicle registration as the unique identifier
- a public web based database is available to allow anyone to check the levy status of an HGV by entering its registration number
- the payment database enables authorities to identify and take necessary action where the levy has not been paid, or underpayment is suspected
- failure to pay the levy is a criminal offence, attracting a £300 fixed penalty notice – or in the case of foreign HGVs, a deposit taken at the roadside
- there are no caps to the value of daily, weekly and monthly levies that can be purchased for a specific vehicle

## HGV road user levy contact

Email: [hgvcharging@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hgvcharging@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

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In addition to the above, a number of bridges and tunnels are subject to a toll and a congestion charge must be paid for entry to central London. Tolls payable on the trunk roads network as at March 2012 are as follows:

### **M6 Toll**

The M6 toll road is a 27 mile, three lane motorway which runs from junction 3a of the M6 around the north-east of the Birmingham - Sutton Coldfield - West Bromwich - Walsall conurbation, rejoining the M6 at junction 11a.

| <i>Toll rates (for vehicles with a height of 1.30m or more at the first axle)</i>  |                  |                   |        |             |                   |
|--|------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|
| Main Toll Plaze – Weeford Park (Between T4 & T3) or Great Wyrley (Between T6 & T7) |                  |                   |        |             |                   |
|  |                  |                   |        | 06h00-23h00 | 23h00-06h00       |
|  |                  |                   |        | Mon-Fri     | Sat- Sun<br>Night |
| Class 4  | 4 or more wheels | 2 axles           | £11.00 | £9.60       | £8.60             |
| Class 5  | 4 or more wheels | Between 3-6 axles | £11.00 | £9.60       | £8.60             |
| Class 6  | 4 or more wheels | More than 6 axles | £11.00 | £9.60       | £8.60             |

| <i>Toll rates (for vehicles with a height of 1.30m or more at the first axle)</i>             |                  |                   |        |             |                   |
|---|------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|
| Local Toll Plaze – Langley Mill (T3), Weeford Junction (T4), Shenstone (T5) or Burntwood (T6) |                  |                   |        |             |                   |
|   |                  |                   |        | 06h00-23h00 | 23h00-06h00       |
|   |                  |                   |        | Mon-Fri     | Sat- Sun<br>Night |
| Class 4   | 4 or more wheels | 2 axles           | £10.00 | £8.60       | £7.60             |
| Class 5   | 4 or more wheels | Between 3-6 axles | £10.00 | £8.60       | £7.60             |
| Class 6   | 4 or more wheels | More than 6 axles | £10.00 | £8.60       | £7.60             |

NB: All prices include VAT. All prices subject to 5% discount for Tag account holders.

Operator : Midland Expressway Ltd  
URL: [www.m6toll.co.uk](http://www.m6toll.co.uk)

### **Congestion charge, London**

A congestion charge of £11.50 per day is levied on vehicles entering central London from 07h00 to 18h00, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. Roadside cameras will capture the registration details of vehicles moving within the zone when the charge is in force. The charge should be paid by 24h00 on the day of travel. If payment is made by midnight on the following charging day the fee is £14.00 but can only be made by phone or online. If the charge is not paid by midnight on the following day of travel, a fine of £130 will be imposed (this will be reduced to £65 for payment within 14 days). Payment can be made online at [www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging) or



Special rates apply to abnormal loads; further information available from the operator

All postal ticket orders are sent out by First Class post at a cost of £2.00 or by Special Delivery at a cost of £3.00 (this service will require someone to sign for the delivery).

A small charge is made for credit card transactions.

Credit or debit cards are not accepted at booths.

**Operator:** Humber Bridge Board  
Hessle  
North Humberside HU13 0JG  
Tel: (+44 1482) 647 161  
Fax: (+44 1482) 640 838  
URL: [www.humberbridge.co.uk/toll.php](http://www.humberbridge.co.uk/toll.php)

### **Mersey Tunnels**

Cross the River Mersey between Liverpool and Birkenhead

*Toll rate (single journey):*

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| goods vehicles (>3.5t) with 2 axles         | £ 3.00 |
| goods vehicles (>3.5t) with 3 axles         | £ 5.10 |
| goods vehicles (>3.5t) with 4 or more axles | £ 6.80 |

Additional charges will be made for vehicles of exceptional height or width which require a Police escort

**Operator:** Mersey Tunnels  
George's Dock Building  
Liverpool L3 1DD  
URL: [www.merseytunnels.co.uk](http://www.merseytunnels.co.uk)

### **Severn Bridge**

On M4 motorway between England and Wales

*Toll rates apply westbound, England to Wales (eastbound, Wales to England - no charge):*

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| goods vehicles (#3.5t) | £13.20 |
| goods vehicles (>3.5t) | £19.80 |

**Operator:** Severn River Crossing plc  
Aust, Bristol BS12 3BE  
URL: [www.severnbridge.co.uk](http://www.severnbridge.co.uk)

### **Tamar Bridge**

Crosses the River Tamar on the A38 between Plymouth, Devon and Saltash, Cornwall

*Toll rates apply eastbound, Cornwall to Devon (westbound, Devon to Cornwall - no charge):*

Single rate vouchers

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| light goods vehicle (<3.5t)                 | £ 1.50 |
| goods vehicles (>3.5t) with 2 axles         | £ 3.70 |
| goods vehicles (>3.5t) with 3 axles         | £ 6.00 |
| goods vehicles (>3.5t) with 4 axles or more | £ 8.20 |

*Operator :* Tamar Bridge Office  
Plymouth PL5 1LP  
URL: [www.tamarcrossings.org.uk](http://www.tamarcrossings.org.uk)

### ***Tyne Tunnels***

Cross the River Tyne on the A1 at Wallsend, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

*Toll rates (single journey):*

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| light goods vehicles (<3.5t) | £ 1.60 |
| goods vehicles (>3.5t)       | £ 3.20 |

Special rates apply to abnormal loads; further information available from the operator.

*Operator :* Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Authority  
Tyne Tunnels  
Wallsend, Tyne and Wear NE28 0PD  
URL: [www.tt2.co.uk](http://www.tt2.co.uk)

**Sources:** RHA and gov.uk, April 2016  
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