

Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport United Kingdom

There are no driving restrictions at weekends or on public holidays in the United Kingdom.

Local restrictions

Vehicles concerned	trucks exceeding 18t total permissible weight
Prohibition	during the week, from 21h00 to 07h00; at weekends, from 13h00 on Saturday to 07h00 on Monday
Area	Greater London - all roads, except motorways and certain major roads, in those areas administered by the London Boroughs' Transport Scheme (applies to all 33 London boroughs)
Exceptions	. vehicles operating under special authorisation because they are carrying an abnormal indivisible load; . vehicles "whose load is required for the purposes of dealing with any emergency affecting the safety of persons or property".

Transport operators must apply for exemption permits which are supplied free of charge by the [London Lorry Control Team](#).

In certain circumstances short-term permits are available at short notice for single journeys. Operators should note, however, that permit conditions impose special routing requirements on drivers. For more detailed information, operators should contact the above office.

Local restrictions – outside of London

Outside of London there are numerous other restrictions for heavy goods vehicles both in town centres and rural areas of outstanding natural beauty. Drivers should follow the special signs guiding them through or around areas where restrictions are in place.

For information on the **London Low Emission Zone** and **Congestion Charging** area go to <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/low-emission-zone> and www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging

Public holidays 2016

1 January	New Year's Day
4 January	New Year Holiday (only Scotland)
17 March	St Patrick's Day (only N.Ireland)
25 March	Good Friday (Easter)
28 March	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
2 May	May Bank Holiday
30 May	Spring Bank Holiday
12 July	Bank Holiday (only N.Ireland)
1 August	Bank Holiday (only Scotland)
29 August	Bank Holiday
30 November	St Andrew's Day (only Scotland)
25 December	Christmas
26 December	Boxing Day (St Stephen's Day)
27 December	Christmas Day substitute

Sources: RHA, January 2016