

Low Emission Zone Support Fund

Eligibility criteria for businesses

To qualify for funding, you must meet all of the below criteria:



1. You must have an operating site within a 20km radius of a planned low emission zone, as highlighted on the map found on page four of this document.

If you are unsure, please [complete our online business enquiry form](#) and one of our sustainable transport coordinators can let you know if you are eligible.



2. You must own a vehicle which is non-compliant with the low emission zones:
 - Euro 3 or older petrol vehicles - this generally applies to those registered before 2006
 - Euro 5 or older diesel vehicles – this generally applies to those registered before September 2015

You can use the [Vehicle Checker](#) to find out if your vehicle is likely to be allowed entry to a low emission zone.

The vehicle must be fully operational and roadworthy at time of application, this includes holding a current MOT, being fully taxed and insured. Vehicles without a valid MOT or road tax or those have been SORN are not eligible for funding.



3. You must have owned and been the registered keeper of the vehicle since 17 September 2020 to apply to this support fund. The vehicle must be registered in the name of the business or the sole trader and operated for business purposes. Energy Saving Trust is not liable for any outstanding finance.

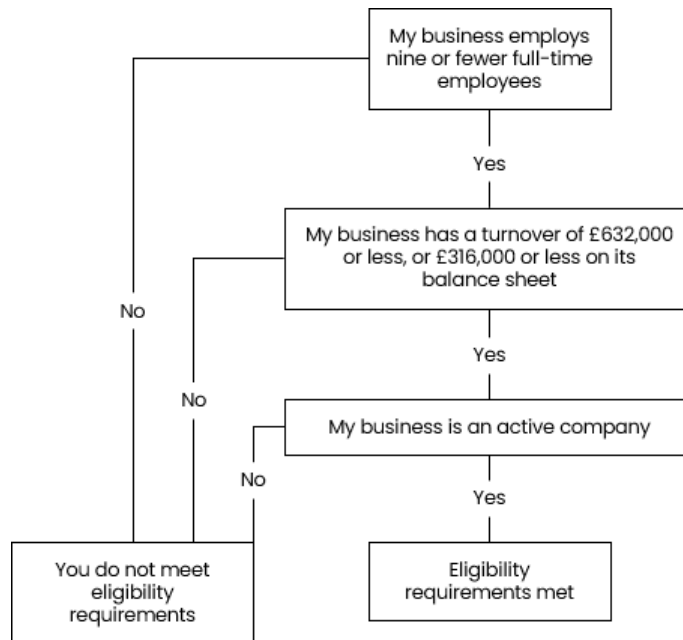


4. Our support fund has been set up to support businesses that meet the definition of a microbusiness or sole trader.

A micro business:

- Employs nine or fewer full-time equivalent employees.
- Reports a turnover of £632,000 or less, or a balance sheet of up to £316,000 in the preceding and current financial year.

Please refer to the following flowchart to check your eligibility:



5. The Low Emission Zone Support Fund is only available to businesses intending to continue operating within the Low Emission Zones through their introduction and enforcement. This grant cannot be used for the purpose of selling assets when concluding business, liquidating the business or retirement.

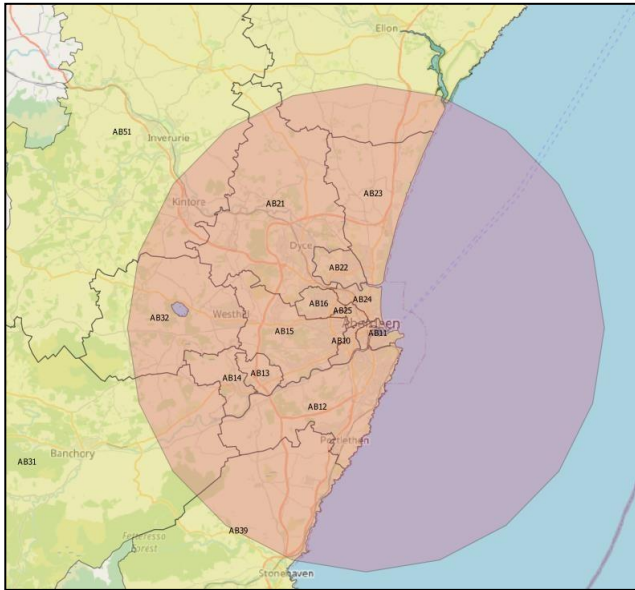
6. Any replacement vehicle purchased following receipt of this grant by the business, must be compliant with the LEZ emission standards for penalty free entry. Energy Saving Trust reserves the right to request evidence of this.

7. You must ensure that receipt of the grant monies will not be incompatible with any laws, regulations, rules and guidance applying in the UK and/or the UK's international obligations in relation to public subsidies (which place restrictions on the circumstances in which public funds may be granted to businesses or other organisations carrying out economic activities).
8. The Low Emission Zone Support Fund cannot be used in conjunction with Transport Scotland's Switched on Taxi Loan or Low Carbon Transport Loan to purchase new vehicles. This is a standalone fund and the applicant must not apply for the aforementioned funding until six months following grant payment from the Low Emission Zone Support Fund. In addition, the applicant must not have received funding from these programmes six months prior to applying.
9. Energy Saving Trust offers funding for a **maximum three vehicles** through the Low Emission Zone Support Fund. The applicant can apply for a further three vehicles through the Low Emission Zone Retrofit Fund within 12 months of receipt of the disposal fund claim. The value of your Support Fund grant will be deducted from any Low Emission Zone Retrofit Fund grant.
 - a) If you have previously claimed funding for a maximum of three vehicle through the Low Emission Zone Retrofit Fund, you are not eligible for the Low Emission Zone Support Fund.
10. Applicant organisations, their directors or other persons with powers of representation, decision or control of the organisation must be of good standing. Applicant organisations must declare prior to submitting an application if they, their directors or other persons with powers of representation, decision or control of the organisation have any prior convictions for any common law or statutory offence referred to in Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
11. Applicant organisations must also declare prior to submitting an application if: they are subject to any kind of bankruptcy, administration, insolvency, winding up or debt relief order or proceedings; they are in an arrangement with creditors; their business activities are suspended; or they are in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure under the laws and regulations of any jurisdiction. They must also declare prior to submitting an application if they have committed an act of grave professional misconduct or failed to fulfil obligations relating to the payment of social security or tax contributions.
12. Declaration of any of the offences, matters or circumstances referred to above may result in the application being rejected, but Energy Saving Trust reserves the right to consider on a case by case basis. Failure by an applicant organisation to disclose true and accurate information on any of the above offences, matters or circumstances will result in an application being rejected.

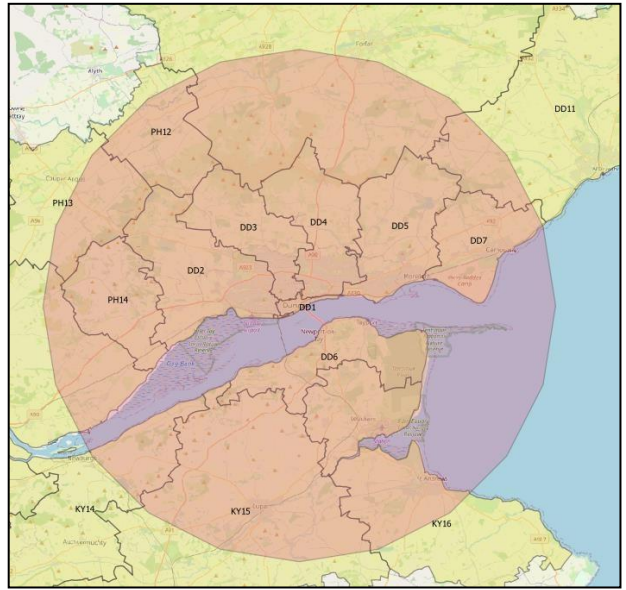
If you require further information regarding this grant fund, please check our [webpage](#) or [complete our online business enquiry form](#).

Eligible locations

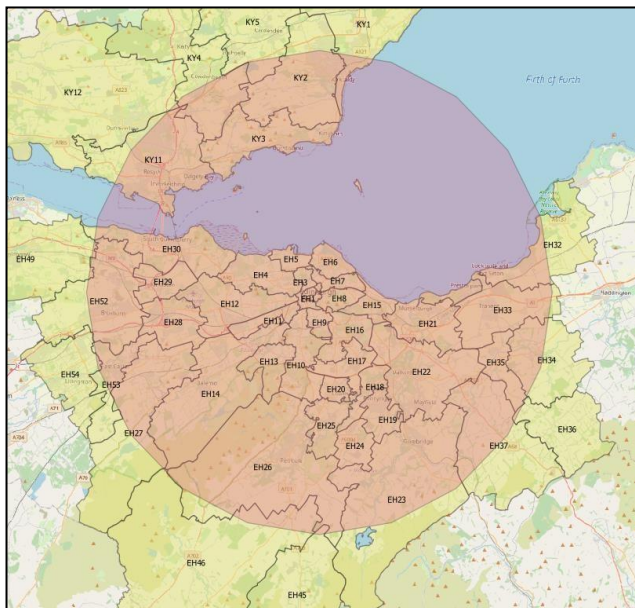
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