





European emission standard	Emission category	Date of first registration Passenger car	Date of first registration HGV	Sticker
		Diesel	Diesel	
Euro 1 or less	1	before 1 January, 1997	before 1 January, 1996	none
Euro 2 or Euro 1 with DPF	2	from 1 January, 1997 to 31 December, 2000	from 1 October, 1996 to 30 September, 2001	 red
Euro 3 or Euro 2 with DPF	3	from 1 January, 2001 to 31 December, 2005	from 1 October, 1996 to 30 September, 2006	 yellow
Euro 4 or Euro 3 with DPF and higher	4	from 1 January, 2006	from 1 October, 2006	 green
		Petrol/Gas (LPG, CNG)	Petrol/Gas (LPG, CNG)	
less than Euro 1 (Vehicles not in category 4)	1	before 1 January, 1993	before 1 January, 1993	none
Euro 1 and higher	4	from 1 January, 1993	from 1 January, 1993	 green

DMF = Diesel particulate filter

Where can I obtain a low emission sticker?

You can order your sticker from Germany before setting out. They can be obtained from Kreis or Stadt motor vehicle registers as well as TÜV or DEKRA test centres. Issuing agencies will require a copy (uncertified) of the registration documents, which can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed as a scan. You will receive your sticker by post. The fee is between EUR 5 and EUR 10 if picked up at an issuing office. Costs may be higher, including postage, if the sticker is sent to you by mail.

You can also order your sticker online at

www. Duisburg.de
www. tuev-nord.de
www. tuev-sued.de/auto_fahrzeuge/feinstaub-plakete
www. umwelt-plakette.de

What are the penalties?

There is a EUR 40 fine for failing to display the appropriate sticker whilst travelling through an LEZ.

Where can I get more information on Low Emission Zones in North Rhine-Westphalia?

Go to
www. umweltzonen.nrw.de
www. Duisburg.de

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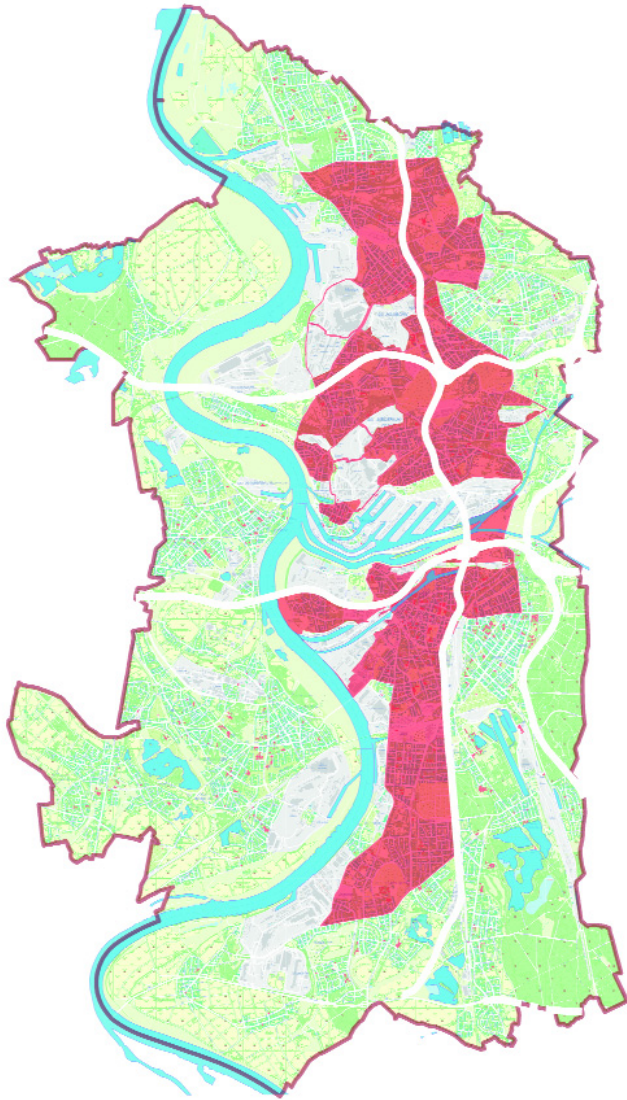
Call Duisburg
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Duisburg City
Service Telephone



Low Emission Zones Duisburg

Information for visitors
from abroad





Motorists travelling in North Rhine-Westphalia will have to get used to urban Low Emission Zones (LEZ) which certain categories of vehicles are banned from entering. Since 1 January, 2008, a number of cities in Germany - North Rhine-Westphalia included - have been imposing such zones in their areas, aiming to improve air quality. Once an LEZ or „Umweltzone“ is declared, it may only be entered by vehicles marked with the appropriate coloured sticker. This also applies to passenger cars and commercial vehicles registered abroad. On German motorways you do not need a low emission sticker. Motorcycles are exempt as well.

Where will Low Emission Zones be imposed during 2008?

Cologne was the first city in North Rhine-Westphalia to declare a Low Emission Zone on 1 January, 2008. During 2008 Low Emission Zones will be established in the Ruhr cities of Duisburg, Oberhausen, Bottrop, Gelsenkirchen, Recklinghausen, Essen, Mülheim an der Ruhr, Bochum and Dortmund.

How do I recognise an LEZ?

Low Emission Zones are identified by traffic signs (Umwelt ZONE). An additional sign below the traffic sign shows the coloured low emission stickers needed for entering.



Low Emission Zone as from 1 October 2008

Are the stickers valid in North Rhine-Westphalia only?



No. The low emission stickers are valid throughout the country.

Before setting out, how can I find out whether or not I am entitled to a sticker for my car and what colour I will receive?

Privately owned passenger cars and commercial vehicles are divided into four categories, according to the amount of pollutants they emit. These categories are based on European emission standards defined in a series of EU directives. The colour of the sticker denotes the category the vehicle is grouped under.

Whether you are entitled to a sticker for your car - and the colour **red** **yellow** **green**, depends on the amount of particulates emitted by the vehicle.

Here is an overview of emission categories and the corresponding vehicle types. If your car is not included, any agency issuing low emission stickers will be happy to supply further information.