



## Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport 2018 United Kingdom

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

### Local restrictions

<b>Vehicles concerned</b>	trucks exceeding 18t total permissible weight
<b>Prohibition</b>	during the week, from 21h00 to 07h00; at weekends, from 13h00 on Saturday to 07h00 on Monday
<b>Area</b>	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)
<b>Exceptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. vehicles operating under special authorisation because they are carrying an abnormal indivisible load;</li><li>. vehicles "whose load is required for the purposes of dealing with any emergency affecting the safety of persons or property".</li></ul>

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

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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>, [www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging) and [www.urbanaccessregulations.eu](http://www.urbanaccessregulations.eu)

**Public holidays 2018**

1 January	New Year's Day
2 January	New Year holiday (Scotland)
17 March	St Patrick's Day (N. Ireland)
19 March	St Patrick's Lieu Day (N. Ireland)
30 March	Good Friday
2 April	Easter Monday
7 May	May Day holiday
28 May	Spring bank holiday
12 July	Bank holiday (N. Ireland)
6 August	Bank holiday (Scotland & N.Ireland)
27 August	Summer bank holiday
30 November	St Andrew's Day (Scotland)
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day

**Source:** RHA, November 2017



## Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport, 2018 Portugal

<b>Vehicles concerned</b>	vehicles of over 3.5t used for the transport of dangerous goods
<b>Prohibition</b>	every day, including Sundays and public holidays, from 05h00 to 02h00 on the following day
<b>Road concerned</b>	25 April Bridge (Tagus bridge)
<b>Prohibition</b>	throughout the year ( <i>no derogation will be granted</i> )
<b>Road concerned</b>	tunnels on the A23 motorway : · Gardunha Tunnels, southbound, exit Fundão Sul (km 158.1) · Gardunha Tunnels, northbound, exit Castelo Novo (km 148.8) <i>NB: compulsory exit is signposted 1500m before the slip road</i>
<b>Prohibition</b>	Fridays, Sundays, public holidays and the eve of public holidays from 18h00 to 21h00
<b>Roads concerned</b>	EN6 Lisbon - Cascais EN10 Infantado - Vila Franca de Xira EN14 Maia - Braga EN15 Porto - Campo (A4) EN105 Porto - Alfena (junction with the IC24) IC1 Coimbrões - Miramar EN209 Porto - Gondomar EN209 (ER) Gondomar - Valongo IC2 (EN1) Alenquer - Carvalhos EN13 Porto - Viana do Castelo EN1 Carvalhos - Vila Nova de Gaia (Santo Ovidio) EN101 Braga - Vila Verde EN125 (ER) Lagos - São João da Venda IC4 (EN125) São João da Venda - Faro EN125 Faro - Olhão EN125 (ER) Olhão - Pinheira junction EN222 Porto - Crestuma/Lever toll barrier
<b>Prohibition</b>	Mondays from 07h00 to 10h00, except during the months of July and August, on the access roads leading into Lisbon and Porto
<b>Roads concerned</b>	A1 Alverca - Lisbon A2 Almada - Lisbon A5 intersection with the CREL - Lisbon A8 Loures - Lisbon IC19 intersection with the CREL - Lisbon (Damaia) EN6 Cascais - Lisbon EN10 Vila Franca de Xira - Alverca A3 intersection with the IC24 - Porto A4 junction with the A3 – Porto EN13 Moreira - Porto EN105 Alfena (intersection with the IC24) - Porto IC1 Miramar - Porto EN209 Gondomar - Porto EN222 (ER) Avintes – Porto

**Exceptions:** (apply to all the routes indicated above, with the exception of the tunnels and the 25 April Bridge)

- dangerous goods destined for public or private health units;
- dangerous goods destined for the armed forces or the police;
- dangerous goods unloaded from or to be loaded on to ships (transport of dangerous goods to/from sea ports);
- transport of fuel for the supply of airports or sea ports.

### **Special authorizations**

The IMT (Mobility and Transport Institute) may issue special authorizations for vehicles:

- which carry out loading operations during restricted periods if, simultaneously, the production or storage unit where the vehicle is loaded is served only by a restricted road and if this road allows direct access to another unrestricted road;
- which are carrying dangerous goods necessary for the continuous operation of production units.

Requests for special authorizations should be addressed to the "IMT", tel: (+351 21) 794 90 00.

The following documents and information are required:

- a photocopy of the vehicle's registration certificate;
- the vehicle's ADR certificate, where applicable;
- the name and address of the transport operator;
- the list of goods to be transported indicating the ADR class and the UN identification number;
- the proposed date, time and route of the transport operation.

### **Local traffic restrictions**

#### **Lisbon**

The transit, loading or unloading of goods vehicles of over 2.6t total weight is forbidden between 8h00 and 10h00 and between 17h00 and 19h00. The area concerned is signposted accordingly. In pedestrian precincts throughout the city, loading and unloading are prohibited from 8h00 to 10h00 and from 11h30 to 19h00.

#### **Porto**

The transit, loading or unloading of HGVs is forbidden in Porto between 14h00 and 19h00. The limits of the zone concerned by this prohibition are the following : the inner ring road, from Ponte da Arrábida to Bessa Leite, Rua de António Bessa Leite, Rua de Pedro Hispano, Rua da Constituição, Rua Cinco de Outubro, Rua Domingos Sequeira, Rua Quinta Amarela, Rua Egas Moniz, Rua Damiao de Gois, Rua Joao Pedro Ribeiro, Praça Marques de Pombal, Rua Latino Coelho, Praça Rainha D. Amélia, Rua Nova de S. Crispim, Av. Fernao de Magalhaes, Campo 24 de Agosto, Rua Duque de Saldanha, Largo Padre Baltazar Guedes, Av. Gustavo Eiffel, Tunel da Ribeira, Rua do Infante D. Henrique, Rua Nova da Alfandega, Rua de Monchique, Cais das Pedras, Alameda Basilio Teles, Cais do Bicalho and Rua do Ouro.

The prohibition does not apply to the following vehicles: public transport vehicles; the fire brigade; vehicles of the armed forces and the police force; government vehicles; municipal vehicles; post office vehicles; emergency or first aid vehicles; vehicles transporting either livestock or other goods, provided they have authorization.

#### **Other cities**

Other cities have local driving restrictions. Restricted areas are signposted.

### ***Public holidays 2018***

1 January	New Year's Day
13 February	Carnival (not required)
30 March	Good Friday
1 Avril	Easter Sunday
25 Avril	Liberation Day
1 May	Labor Day
31 May	Corpus Christi
10 June	National Day
15 August	Assumption
5 October	Establishment of the Republic
1 November	All Saint's Day
1 December	Independence Day
8 December	Immaculate Conception
25 December	Christmas Day

### ***Major regional public holidays 2018***

13 June	Lisboa
24 June	Porto e Braga
29 June	Sintra e Évora

**Source:** ANTRAM, November 2017