



Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles stopping at cash machines

PCO Notice 15/08 (July 2008) announced the trial of permitting taxis and private hire vehicles to stop and wait while passengers use a cash machine on Red Routes at night. This exemption has operated successfully since then, and Transport for London (TfL) has started the process of formally incorporating it into the traffic management orders governing the Red Routes.

Trade associations will shortly receive the consultation documents. In the meantime, the informal exemption continues to apply.

As a reminder, this applies to:

- London licensed taxis
- London licensed PHVs displaying the 'roundel' red route exemption signage.

These vehicles are permitted to stop on red routes between 10 pm and 6 am every night of the week for up to 5 minutes while passengers use nearby cash machines. This exemption only applies on London's Red Route network, indicated by red lines at the roadside and signs saying "RED ROUTE". Drivers continue to be liable for penalty charges if they wait at cash machines on restricted sections of other roads or outside these times.

Drivers must always be mindful of the safety of their passengers and other road users, and may be penalised if they wait in locations where it is unsafe to do so.

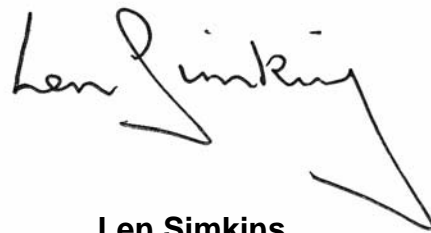
Drivers must not stop:

- on pedestrian crossings;
- on zig-zag lines;
- on bus stops marked with a wide red line;
- in locations where stopping would cause a safety hazard or obstruction.

Taxis and PHVs with the red route exemption signs can stop on red routes to pick up or set down passengers and, as described here, can wait for passengers to use a cash machine at night. Apart from these, drivers must comply with red route restrictions.

PHV drivers are reminded that these exemptions only apply to licensed PHVs displaying the TfL signage allowing them to set down and pick up passengers on red routes. Information about the red route exemption signage for PHVs can be obtained from the TfL web site at tfl.gov.uk/phvredroutes. This includes a downloadable form for licensed operators to apply for the signage for their vehicles.

Further information on stopping restrictions can be found in PCO Notices 29/08 (Guidance on stopping restrictions for PHV drivers), 44/06 (Guidance on stopping restrictions for taxi drivers), and 04/07 (Wide red line). These can all be obtained from the web site at tfl.gov.uk/pco.

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