



Stopping at cash machines

With effect from Thursday 3 July 2008, Transport for London will conduct a six month trial allowing taxis and private hire vehicles (PHVs) to stop at night to allow passengers to use cash machines on red routes. This is to address concerns about the safety of taxi and private hire customers using cash machines at night.

This applies to:

- London licensed taxis
- London licensed PHVs displaying the red route signage.

These vehicles will be 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 bank machines.

This exemption only applies on London's trunk road network, indicated by red lines at the roadside and signs saying "RED ROUTE". Drivers will 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:

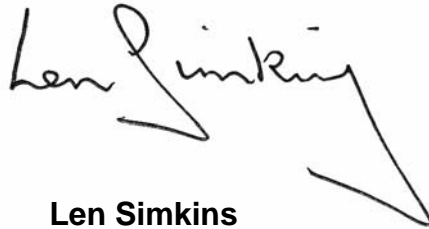
- on pedestrian crossings;
- on zig-zag lines;
- on bus stops marked with a wide red line;
- in locations where stopping would cause a safety hazard or obstruction.

The experience gained during the six month trial will inform decisions on whether taxis and PHVs should be able to wait for customers at cash machines at other times or on other roads.

This trial extends the exemption allowing taxis and private hire vehicles to stop to pick up or set down passengers. Parking and waiting (except as described here) is not allowed where red route stopping restrictions are in force.

PHV drivers are reminded that these exemptions only apply to licensed PHVs displaying the signage allowing them to set down and pick up passengers on red routes. Information about the red route 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 43/06 (Guidance on stopping restrictions for PHV drivers), 44/06 (Guidance on stopping restrictions for taxi drivers), 04/07 (Wide red line) and 41/07 (Private hire vehicles and red routes). These can all be obtained from the web site at tfl.gov.uk/pco

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