

# DVS Exemptions Policy

Vehicle Type	DVS Exemption
Emergency service vehicles, such as ambulances and fire engines, which have a taxation class of 'ambulance' or 'fire engine' on the date of travel	<p><b>Exempt where applicable</b></p> <p>It is not considered appropriate to require emergency service vehicles e.g. fire engines to meet the DVS star rating threshold or to comply with the safe system conditions as these vehicles need to be suitable for the operations for which they are designed</p>
HM Coastguard and Port Authorities vehicles	<p><b>Not exempt</b></p> <p>There are no foreseen exceptional circumstances which suggest that HM Coastguard and Port Authority vehicles over 12t could not comply with the relevant star rating required or the safe system permit conditions</p>
Certain operational vehicles used by the London boroughs	<p><b>Not exempt, unless covered by any of the other categories</b></p> <p>There are no foreseen exceptional circumstances which suggest that operational vehicles over 12t used by the London boroughs could not comply with the relevant star rating required or the safe system permit conditions</p>
Specialist Gritting and Snow Plough Vehicles (London Boroughs)	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>These are specialist, very low mileage vehicles that are only utilised in certain weather conditions.</p>
Road sweepers	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>Where applicable from side guards only</p>
Gully emptiers / suckers	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>Where applicable from side guards only</p>
The Armed Forces	<p><b>Exempt where applicable</b></p> <p>It is not considered appropriate to require armed forces trucks to meet the DVS star rating threshold or to comply with the safe system conditions as these vehicles need to be suitable for the operations for which they are designed</p>
Ministry of Defence vehicles / Military vehicles	<p><b>Exempt where applicable</b></p> <p>It is not considered appropriate to require military trucks to meet the DVS star rating threshold or to comply with the safe system conditions as these vehicles need to be suitable for the operations for which they are designed</p>
Royal Parks Agency	<p><b>Not exempt</b></p> <p>There are no foreseen exceptional circumstances which suggest that Royal Parks Agency vehicles over 12t could not comply with the relevant star rating required or the safe system permit conditions</p>

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Breakdown organisations / recovery vehicles	<p><b>Exempt</b> for vehicles called out by the emergency services and which or whose load is required for the purposes of dealing with any actual or apprehended emergency affecting the safety of persons or property</p> <p>AND</p> <p><b>Exempt</b> from side guards where the sides of the vehicle are so designed and/or equipped that by their shape and characteristics their component parts together meet the requirements as to the fitting of sideguards or provision of lateral under-run protection</p>
Historic vehicles	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>All vehicles that have a 'historic' vehicle tax class will be exempt from the DVS. This tax class excludes any vehicle used commercially. It would be inappropriate to require historic vehicles to comply with the safe system permit conditions</p>
Showman's vehicles	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>Some showman's vehicles are eligible for an exemption from DVS if they are registered to a person following the business of a travelling showman and have been modified or specially constructed. Trailers and semi-trailers which have been modified or specially constructed are not eligible for the exemption. It would be inappropriate to require showman's vehicles to comply with the safe system permit conditions</p>
Residents	<p><b>Not exempt</b></p>
A vehicle to which no bodywork has been fitted and which is being driven or towed	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>(a) for the purpose of a quality or safety check by its manufacturer or a dealer in, or distributor of, such vehicles;</p> <p>(b) to a place where, by previous arrangement, bodywork is to be fitted or work preparatory to the fitting of bodywork is to be carried out; or</p> <p>(c) by previous arrangement to premises of a dealer in, or distributor of, such vehicles</p>
A vehicle which is being driven or towed to a place where by previous arrangement safe system equipment is to be fitted so that it complies with the requirements of this Order	<p><b>Exempt</b></p>

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Tractors for articulated vehicles	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>From side guards only</p>
Vehicles mounted with cranes and / or access working platforms	<p><b>Exempt from sideguards</b></p> <p>(1) from the forward point of the vehicle stabiliser legs; or</p> <p>(2) otherwise where it is not fully practicable to comply with requirements as to the fitting of sideguards</p>
Vehicles fitted with items in the area where a side guard would otherwise be required to be fitted, such as fuel tanks and equipment boxes	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>From sideguards where the shape and characteristics of such items or components would provide lateral under-run protection equal to that of a sideguard provided that the spaces between component items providing lateral under-run protection shall not exceed 300mm</p>
Tank-vehicles (that is, a vehicle designed solely for the carriage of fluid substances in a closed tank permanently fitted to the vehicle and provided with hose or pipe connections for loading or unloading)	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>From sideguards if it is not possible for practical reasons to comply with requirements as to the fitting of sideguards because to do so would prevent (not merely hinder) the operation of the vehicle's hose or pipe connections</p>
Vehicle transporters (that, is a vehicle specially designed and constructed, and not merely adapted, to carry other vehicles loaded onto it from the front or the rear)	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>From sideguards if the chassis rails are located on the extremities of the vehicle</p>
Vehicles equipped with anchorage points for ro-ro transport	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>From sideguards to the extent that there are gaps within the sideguard to accept the passage and tensioning of fixings or lashings</p>
Bonneted vehicles	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>From Class VI mirror only</p>
Vehicles fitted with any combination of direct view and/or indirect vision devices as permitted by UNECE Regulation 46 as an alternative to fitting a Class V or Class VI mirror	<p><b>Exempt</b></p> <p>Where applicable from Class V or Class VI mirrors only</p>