

2007 No. X

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND

The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) Order 2007

Made - - - - 2007
Coming into force - - 2008

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 167, 168, 171 and 172(2) of the Transport Act 2000(a), makes the following Order:

1. In this Order—

(1) all measurements of distance are measured along the route of the relevant highway; and

(2) “the plan” means the plan numbered **, marked “The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing charging Scheme) Order 2007”, signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport, and deposited at DfT Records Management Branch, Floor 13 (IMD), Ashdown House, St Leonards on Sea, Hastings, East Sussex TN37 7GA.

2. This Order may be cited as the A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) Order 2007 and shall come into force on ** 2008 and shall remain in force indefinitely.

3. From *** 2008, the highway described in Schedule 1, and indicated on the plan, shall become subject to the charging regime set out in Schedule 2.

(1) The charging regime set out in Schedule 2 may be varied by the Secretary of State in the time and manner set out in Schedule 3.

4. The charging regime shall apply to all classes of motor vehicles using the highways described in Schedule 2 with the exception of those motor vehicles set out in Schedule 4.

5.—(1) The Secretary of State may reduce the charges set out in Schedule 2 in certain circumstances such as where a compound payment in advance has been agreed.

(2) The relevant circumstances and the amount of the reduction shall be clearly set out in writing and made publicly available.

(3) Any reduction must be offered on the same terms to all persons or vehicles which comply with the circumstances defined.

6. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Secretary of State from suspending this Order at any time when such suspension is considered reasonably necessary for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety or in the interest of the safety of the public.

7. The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) Order 2002(b) is revoked.

(a) 2000 c.38.
(b) S.I. 2002/1040.

SCHEDULE 1

LENGTH OF HIGHWAY SUBJECT TO THE CHARGING REGIME

The length of highway subject to the charging regime is a length of the A282 Trunk Road of approximately 3.5 kilometres from a point below the north face of the bridge carrying Crossways Boulevard over the Trunk Road at Junction 1a at Dartford in the County of Kent, and extending northwards to a point approximately 300 metres north of where it crosses London Road at West Thurrock in the County of Essex, the highway being labelled A on the plan, and carried through twin tunnels beneath the River Thames and on the Queen Elizabeth II bridge over the River Thames.

SCHEDULE 2

THE CHARGING REGIME

1. In the Table below the class of motor vehicle is that defined in The Road User Charging and Workplace Parking Levy (Classes of Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2001(a).

2. There shall be no charge for any vehicle from 2200 hours up to but not including 0600 hours.

Part 1

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class of Motor Vehicle and Description</i>	<i>Charges for a single journey using the Crossing</i>
A	Classes A(a) and B(a) For each moped, or motorcycle	Free
B	Classes A(b) and B(b)	Free
C	Classes C(a), D(a), E(a), L(a), M1(a) For each motor tricycle, light quadricycle, quadricycle, motor caravan, or motor car with at least four wheels and no more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat.	£1.50
D	Classes NAB(1)(a) and MAB(1)(a) For each light goods vehicle, or motor coach or omnibus with more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat, having no more than two axles.	£2.00
E	Classes NAB(2)(a), NAB(3)(a), MAB(2)(a) and MAB(3)(a) for Each heavy goods vehicle, motor coach or omnibus with more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat, having	£4.00

(a) S.I. 2001/2793.

more than two axles.

SCHEDULE 3

VARIATION OF THE CHARGING REGIME IN LINE WITH THE RETAIL PRICE INDEX

1. In this Schedule—

(1) “the base month” means the months of December; and

(2) “the revision date” means the date immediately following the end of the period of two months beginning with the 1st day of the base month.

2. On or within the period of twenty-one days following—

(1) the first revision date after the charging regime in Schedule 2 has been in operation one full year; and

(2) each succeeding revision date falling within the duration of this Order;
the Secretary of State may make a variation order fixing the amounts of the charges in respect of all classes of vehicles in respect of which charges are leviable.

3. Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, the amount of the charge to be fixed by the variation order in respect of each class of vehicles shall be an amount arrived at by increasing the amount applicable in the case of that class in Schedule 2 by the same percentage as the percentage increase between the retail prices index for December 2007 and the retail prices index for the base month in relation to the revision date in question.

4. Any amount which falls in accordance with paragraph 3 to be fixed by a variation order under this Schedule—

(1) if it is neither a multiple of ten nor an amount which on division by ten produces a remainder of five shall be rounded to the nearest ten pence; and

(2) if it is an amount which on division by ten produces a remainder of five, shall be increased by five pence.

5. Where the amount of any charge which, in accordance with the preceding provision of this Schedule, falls to be fixed by a variation order made under this Schedule in respect of any class of vehicles exceeds that in force under the last previous variation order so made, the new variation order may fix an amount which does not implement the increase or implements it only in part.

6. A variation order made under this Schedule shall come into force on the 1st day of April.

7. The Secretary of State shall give not less than 7 days notice of his intention to implement the variation by publishing a notice thereof in at least one local newspaper circulating in the relevant area and in the London Gazette.

8. References in this Schedule to the retail prices index means the monthly United Kingdom Index of Retail Prices (for all items) published by the Office for National Statistics; and if that index is not published for any month those references shall be read as references to any substitute index or index figures published by that Office for that month.

SCHEDULE 4

DESCRIPTIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM THE CHARGING REGIME

1. The following descriptions of motor vehicles are exempt from the Charging Regime—

(1) a police vehicle, identifiable as such by writing or markings on it or otherwise by its appearance, or being the property of the Service Authority for the National Criminal Intelligence Service or the Service Authority for the National Crime Squad and issued with a Registration Certificate, being used in the execution of duty;

(2) a military vehicle operating in support of the police in the execution of duty;

(3) a fire engine as defined by paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 2 the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(a) being used in the execution of duty;

(4) a vehicle which is kept by a fire authority as defined by paragraph 5 of that Schedule being used in the execution of duty;

(5) an ambulance as defined by paragraph 6(2) of that Schedule being used in the execution of duty;

(6) a vehicle which is kept by a health service body as defined by paragraph 7 of that Schedule being used in the execution of duty;

(7) invalid carriages as defined by paragraph 18 of that Schedule;

(8) vehicles used by or kept for use by or for the purpose of a disabled person as defined by paragraph 19 of that Schedule;

(9) vehicles used for the carriage of disabled persons by recognised bodies in accordance with paragraph 20 of that Schedule;

(10) an omnibus being used for a local service as defined by section 2 of the Transport Act 1985(b) and

(11) a vehicle being used in connection with—

(a) the collection of charges; or

(b) the inspection, safety, maintenance, improvement or renewal of or other dealing with the length of highway described in Schedule 1 or any structure, works or apparatus in, on, under or over that length of highway.

2. In this Schedule a “military vehicle” means a vehicle used for naval, military or air force purposes, while being driven by persons for the time being subject to the orders of a member of the armed forces of the Crown.

(a) 1994 c.22.

(b) 1985 c. 67.