2002 No. 1040

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND

The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford–Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) Order 2002

Made - - - - -	*4th April 2002*
Coming into force - -	*19th April 2002*

The Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions makes this Order in exercise of powers conferred by sections 167, 168, 171 and 172(2) of the Transport Act 2000(a), and of all other powers enabling him on that behalf:–

1. In this Order–

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

(2)(i) "the 1988 Act" means the Dartford–Thurrock Crossing Act 1988(b);

(ii) "the plan" means the plan numbered HA10/OD/243, marked "The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford–Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) Order 2002", signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions and deposited at DTLR Records Management Branch, Floor 13 (IMD), Ashdown House, St Leonards on Sea, Hastings, East Sussex, TN37 7GA;

(iii) "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.

2. From the date when tolls ceases to be leviable under section 16 of the 1988 Act by the person appointed under section 11 of that Act, the highway described in Schedule 1 to this Order and indicated on the plan shall become subject to the charging regime set out in Schedule 2. The Secretary of State shall give notice by publication in the London Gazette not less than 14 days in advance of the date when tolls cease to be leviable under this article.

3. The charging regime set out in Schedule 2 to this Order may be amended by the Secretary of State in the time and manner set out in Schedule 3 to this Order.

4. The charging regime shall apply to all classes of motor vehicles using the highway described in Schedule 1 to this Order with the exception of those motor vehicles set out in Schedule 4 to this Order.

5.– (1) The Secretary of State or his agent may enter into agreements ("composition agreements") under which persons compound in advance, on such terms as may be provided by the agreement, for the payment of charges in respect of the use of the length of highway described in Schedule 1, by them, by other persons or by any vehicles.

(2) A composition agreement may relate to use on such number of occasions or during such period as may be provided by the agreement.

(a) 2000 c. 38.
(b) 1988 c. 20.

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(3) Composition agreements offered by the Secretary of State or his agent to persons seeking to compound in advance for the payment of charges must be offered on the same terms with respect to the same description of use of the length of highway described in Schedule 1 to all persons seeking so to compound in respect of use of that description.

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 interests of the safety of the public.

7. This Order may be cited as the A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) Order2002 and shall come into force on 19th April 2002 whereafter it will remain in force indefinitely.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State for Transport,
Local Government and the Regions

Jim Boud
A Divisional Director
Highways Agency

4th April 2002

SCHEDULE 1

LENGTH OF HIGHWAY BECOMING SUBJECT TO THE CHARGING REGIME

The length of highway becoming 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

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).

Part I

(Charges to apply every day from 0600 hours up to but not including 2200 hours)

Item	*Class of Motor Vehicle and Description*	*Charges for a single journey using the Crossing*
A	Classes A(a) and B(a) For each moped, or motorcycle.	Free
B	Classes A(b) and B(b) For each Item A vehicle which is towing a trailer.	Free
C	Classes C(a), D(a), E(a), L(a), M_1(a) For each motor tricycle, light quadricycle, quadricycle, motor caravan, or motor car with a least four wheels and no more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat.	£1.00
D	Classes C(b), D(b), E(b), L(b), and M_1(b) For each Item C vehicle which is towing a trailer.	£2.00
E	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.	£1.80
F	Classes NAB(1)(b) and MAB(1)(b) For each Item E vehicle which is towing a trailer.	£3.60
G	Classes NAB(2)(a), NAB(3)(a), MAB(2)(a) and MAB(3)(a) For each heavy goods vehicle, or motor coach or omnibus with more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat, having more than two axles.	£2.90
H	Classes NAB(2)(b), NAB(3)(b), MAB(2)(b) and MAB(3)(b) For each Item G vehicle which is towing a trailer.	£5.80

(a) S.I. 2001/2793.

Part II

(Charges to apply every day from 2200 hours up to but not including 0600 hours)

Item	*Class of Motor Vehicle and Description*	*Charges for a single journey using the Crossing*
A	Classes A(a) and B(a) For each moped, or motorcycle.	Free
B	Classes A(b) and B(b) For each Item A vehicle which is towing a trailer.	Free
—	Classes C(a), D(a), E(a), L(a), M_1(a), MAB(1)(a), MAB(2)(a), MAB(3)(a), NAB(1)(a), NAB(2)(a), and NAB (3)(a). Any motor vehicle other than a moped or a motorcycle.	£1.00
—	Classes C(b), D(b), E(b), L(b), M_1(b), MAB(1)(b), MAB(2)(b), MAB(3)(b), NAB(1)(b), NAB(2)(b), and NAB(3)(b). Any motor vehicle, other than a moped or a motorcycle, which is towing a trailer.	£2.00

SCHEDULE 3

METHOD BY WHICH THE CHARGING REGIME MAY BE VARIED

1. In this Schedule—

"the base month" means the months of December; and

"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 fourteen days next following—

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

(b) 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 to this Order by the same percentage as the percentage increase between the retail prices index for December 2002 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 above to be fixed by a variation order under this Schedule—

(a) 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

(b 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 provisions 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. 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

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

(a) 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;

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

(c) a vehicle identifiable by writing or markings on it or otherwise by its appearance as being the property of one of the civil defence forces or the civil defence services as respectively defined in the Civil Defence Act 1948(a) being used in the execution of duty;

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

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

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

(g) 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;

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

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

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

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

(l) a vehicle being used in connection with:

(i) the collection of charges; or

(ii) 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.

(a) 1948 c. 5.
(b) 1994 c. 22.
(c) 1985 c. 67.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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