

Berlin's Environmental Zone Information for Foreign Tourists

Berlin established an Environmental Zone on 1st January 2008. Its purpose is to reduce harmful pollutants in the air that are caused by car emissions.

The Environmental Zone on the Internet: www.berlin.de/umweltzone

The Environmental Zone is an area where only those vehicles are allowed to drive that meet certain exhaust emission standards. This area in Berlin is delimited by the suburban train circle line (S-Bahn). Vehicles with particularly high emissions must stay outside this area. The rule also applies to vehicles registered abroad.

Stickers identifying low-emission vehicles

Coloured windscreen stickers have been introduced in order to be able to check whether a vehicle emits small or large amounts of pollutants. These stickers are valid in all Environmental Zones established in German cities - not just in Berlin, but also for example in Hanover, Cologne or Stuttgart. Foreign tourists also require such a sticker for their vehicles.

There are four pollutant classes, which correspond to the exhaust emission standards (Euro norm) for diesel vehicles. Diesel vehicles can be reclassified in a higher pollutant class if they are retrofitted with a particulate filter. Stickers are not issued for vehicles in pollutant class 1 as these have a particularly high level of air pollutant emissions and may only drive outside the Environmental Zone.

From **1st January 2008 until 31st December 2009** vehicles with a red, yellow or green sticker may drive in the Environmental Zone, but **from 1st January 2010** only those with green stickers will be allowed. This tightening of restrictions affects only diesel vehicles.

Vehicles registered abroad will be classified either on the basis of documentary evidence that they meet the European emission norms or according to their initial registration date. The following table is intended to give a general overview for passenger cars, but there may be variations in individual cases.

Emission standard (Euro norm)	Pollutant Class	Initial vehicle registration passenger cars	Sticker
Diesel engine			
Euro 1 or older	1	before 01.01.1997	none
Euro 2/ Euro 1 + filter	2	from 01.01.1997 to 31.12.2000	
Euro 3/ Euro 2 + filter	3	from 01.01.2001 to 31.12.2005	
Euro 4/ Euro 3 + filter	4	from 01.01.2006	
Petrol engine			
Before Euro 1	1	before 01.01.1993	none
Euro 1 and better	4	from 01.01.1993	

The Environmental Zone is in the centre of Berlin:



This traffic sign indicates where the Environmental Zone begins:



Caution - Fine!
Anyone caught violating the rules of the Environmental Zone must pay a fine of EUR 40.

Attach the sticker to the inside of the windscreen:



Where can I obtain a sticker?

Stickers can be issued by the vehicle registration office, technical certification organisations and authorised repair workshops. This applies to foreign vehicles as well.

The vehicle registration documents must be presented in order to purchase a sticker. The information in the registration documents is used to classify the vehicle into the correct pollutant class. It is also possible - but not mandatory - to present evidence about a vehicle's emission standard provided by the manufacturer or a technical certification agency. The vehicle itself does not have to be presented. However, it can be helpful to present the vehicle if the vehicle registration document does not contain the required details such as engine type or vehicle age. In such cases it is advisable to obtain the sticker from a technical certification agency.

The vehicle registration number must be entered in the empty white field in order for the sticker to be valid.

In general the stickers cost between EUR 5 and EUR 15. The following possibilities are available for purchasing a sticker:

1. Direct from an issuing office

You simply present the vehicle documents at an issuing office. Provided the vehicle meets the criteria, the sticker will be issued **immediately**.

You can find the addresses of the technical certification agency's issuing offices on the right. In order to find further addresses of repair workshops or issuing offices near where you are staying please use the interactive map on the Internet at www.berlin.de/umweltzone.

2. Ordering before your journey

You can also order the sticker in writing or online. For this you must send a legible copy of your vehicle registration documents by post, fax or email to the issuing office. Furthermore, you must pay the amount specified by the issuing office for the sticker.

Please allow at least two weeks if you intend purchasing the sticker in this way.

You can order from the following offices:

In writing / by fax

TÜV Rheinland Berlin Brandenburg e.V.

Alboinstr. 56, 12103 Berlin

Fax: +49 30 7562-1350

and from the DEKRA addresses listed on the right

Online

Berlin vehicle registration office on the Internet:

<http://www.berlin.de/labo/kfz/dienstleistungen/feinstaubplakette.php>

You must enter the foreign registration number in the registration number field on the form. The licensing authority will then contact you by email asking you to submit the required documents - the best solution being a scanned file.

Addresses of technical certification agencies in Berlin

TÜV Rheinland Berlin Brandenburg e.V.

Prüfstelle Berlin-Schöneberg
Alboinstraße 56,
12103 Berlin

Prüfstelle Berlin-Britz
Tempelhofer Weg 102,
12347 Berlin

Prüfstelle Berlin-Hohenschönhausen
Indira-Gandhi-Str. 100,
13053 Berlin

Prüfstelle Berlin-Lichtenberg
Siegfriedstr. 151
10365 Berlin

Prüfstelle Berlin-Marzahn
Allee der Kosmonauten
12681 Berlin

Prüfstelle Berlin-Neukölln
Karl-Marx-Str. 267
12057 Berlin

Prüfstelle Berlin-Reinickendorf
Holzhauser Str. 142d
13509 Berlin

Prüfstelle Berlin-Spandau
Pichelswerderstr. 9
13597 Berlin

Prüfstelle Berlin-Zehlendorf
Goerzallee 327
14167 Berlin

Central tel. no. of certification agencies Berlin:

Tel.: +49 800-8838888

DEKRA

DEKRA Berlin-Hohenschönhausen,
Ferdinand-Schultze-Str. 65,
13055 Berlin

Fax: +49 30 98609820

Tel.: +49 30 98 60 98-0, -61, -88

DEKRA Berlin-Reinickendorf,
Kurt-Schumacher-Damm-28
13405 Berlin

Fax: +49 30-417 84-192

Tel.: +49 30-417 84-0, -133

DEKRA Berlin-Tempelhof
Ullsteinstraße
12109 Berlin

Fax: +49 30 701 83-144

Tel.: +49 30 701 83-0,

search for other addresses under

www.dekra.de → Standortsuche (location search)

Gesellschaft für technische Überwachung

www.gtue.de → Standortsuche (location search)

Vehicle Details

The sticker is usually issued on the basis of the information in the vehicle documents.

However, it sometimes happens that not all the required information can be found in the foreign vehicle documents.

In order to facilitate obtaining the sticker you can enter the required information on this form and present this together with your vehicle documents to the sticker issuing agency.

This form does not replace the vehicle documents, which must be presented in all cases.

<p>What sort of fuel do you use?</p> <p>petrol <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>diesel <input type="checkbox"/></p>			
<p>Initial registration date</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Day Month Year </p>			
<p>Vehicle type</p> <p>Car  <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Mobile home  <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Commercial vehicle  <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p>Gross vehicle weight</p> <p>< 2.8 t (under 2.8 tonnes) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2.8 - 3.5 t (2.8 to 3.5 tonnes) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>> 3.5 t (over 3.5 tonnes) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Particulate filter</p> <p>Has the vehicle been fitted with a particulate filter? This must be evidenced by an entry in the vehicle registration documents, a manufacturer's certificate or proof of fitting. The documents must clearly show the emission values and/or filter efficiency achieved after the filter was fitted.</p> <p>Particulate filter Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Particulate filter manufacturer</p> <p>Certification authority</p>			