

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 caused by vehicle emissions.

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

The Environmental Zone is an area in Berlin where only those vehicles are allowed to drive that meet certain exhaust emission standards. It 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 upgraded to a higher pollutant class if they are retrofitted with a particulate filter. Stickers are not issued for vehicles in pollutant class 1.

Since 1st January 2010 only vehicles with green stickers are allowed. However, vehicles with a yellow sticker, that are registered abroad, are exempted from the traffic ban in the environmental zone until 31 December 2014.

Vehicles registered abroad will be classified either on the basis of documentary evidence that they meet the European emission standards or according to the 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	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, 5, 6 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:



Exemption for foreign vehicles:

Free entry with yellow sticker until 31.12.2014



Caution - Fine!

Anyone caught violating the rules of the Environmental Zone must pay a fine of EUR 80.

Attach the sticker to the inside of the windscreen:



Where can I obtain a sticker?

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

Please present the vehicle registration documents 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 the 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 its 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.

Before pasting the sticker on your vehicle's front window screen please write the vehicle registration number into the empty white field on the sticker. Without the indicated vehicle number the sticker is still invalid.

In general the stickers costs between EUR 5 and EUR 15. You have the following options to purchase a sticker:

1. Direct from an issuing office

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 in your neighbourhood 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. Please send a legible copy of your vehicle registration documents by post, fax or email to the issuing office and pay the amount specified by the issuing office for the sticker.

Please allow at least two weeks for delivery 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:

<https://www.berlin.de/labo/mobilitaet/kfz-zulassung/feinstaubplakette/shop.85047.php>

or in the english version

<https://www.berlin.de/labo/mobilitaet/kfz-zulassung/feinstaubplakette/shop.86595.en.php>

Please 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.

Further commercial issuing:

Warning: costs might be higher.

http://www.tuev-sued.de/auto_fahrzeuge/feinstaub-plakette/feinstaubplakette_ausland

Ordering in German, English, French, Italian, Polish, Czech, Turkish

<http://www.dekra.de/umweltzone>

Ordering in German, English, French, Czech, Italian, Netherlands, Polish, Slovak, Swedish, Turkish or Ukrainian

www.umwelt-plakette.de

Ordering in all European languages

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.: +49 800-88388838

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)