

Ex-gratia payment scheme for phasing out pre-Euro IV diesel commercial vehicles

Notes for Application

The Ex-gratia Payment Scheme

To improve Hong Kong's roadside air quality and better protect public health, the Government will phase out pre-Euro IV diesel commercial vehicles (DCVs) and offer ex-gratia payment to eligible vehicle owners within specified periods of time.

Under this ex-gratia payment scheme, "commercial vehicles" include light, medium and heavy goods vehicles; private and public light buses; as well as private and public non-franchised buses.

Eligible registered owners of pre-Euro IV DCVs can submit the ex-gratia payment application from 1 March 2014 and the application deadlines for different types of vehicles are stipulated below:

	Pre-Euro DCVs	Euro I DCVs	Euro II DCVs	Euro III DCVs
Ex-gratia payment application deadline	Application closed	Application closed	Application closed	31 December 2019

Eligibility Criteria

The vehicle under application and the applicant must meet the following requirements:

- the vehicle is a DCV (i.e. a goods vehicle, light bus or non-franchised bus running on diesel) with a first registration date that falls within the dates specified in Table 1;
- the vehicle is registered or has applied for re-registration as of 10 January 2014;
- the vehicle is scrapped on or after 1 March 2014 by a vehicle scrapping company registered under the ex-gratia payment scheme;
- the registration of the vehicle is cancelled after it is scrapped;
- on the day when the registration is cancelled, the vehicle has a valid vehicle licence;
- the applicant for the ex-gratia payment is the registered owner of the vehicle when it is scrapped and its registration is cancelled; and
- the vehicle has not been approved to retain eligibility for the grant under the special arrangement for the incentive scheme for replacement of Euro II DCVs.

Note for the attention before arranging the scrapping of vehicle

- In case of doubt about the registration status of a vehicle scrapping company, you are advised to contact the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) or refer to the list of registered vehicle scrapping companies under the ex-gratia payment scheme accessible on EPD's website (<http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/preEU4dcv>) **before scrapping the vehicle.**
- The registered vehicle scrapping company must take before scrapping a photo of the vehicle to be scrapped that clearly shows each numeral and letter of the vehicle's unique chassis number. If the vehicle's unique chassis number is found damaged, you should before scrapping the vehicle approach the Driving-Offence Points Office of the Transport Department for verification of the number. You should only arrange scrapping of the vehicle by a registered vehicle scrapping company upon completion of the verification process.
- You should check the details about application for ex-gratia payment, including the eligibility criteria, the latest list of vehicle scrapping companies registered under the scheme and other application details **before scrapping your vehicles.** For other details of the ex-gratia payment scheme, please refer to EPD's website (<http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/preEU4dcv>) or call EPD's hotline at 2651 1100.
- If you apply for de-registration of the scrapped vehicle in person or by an agent at a service counter of TD's Licensing Offices, TD would complete the required procedures and cancel the registration of the vehicle on the same day provided that all the required documents have been submitted. If you apply for de-registration of the vehicle by post or by drop-in boxes, please allow sufficient time for TD to process the application, which would normally be completed within 10 working days upon receiving all the required documents. For that reason, in case the vehicle licence of the scrapped vehicle is near its expiry, you should apply for de-registration of the vehicle in person or by an agent at a service counter of TD's Licensing Offices so as to ensure that on the day when the registration is cancelled, the vehicle still has a valid vehicle licence.

Application Methods and Procedures

Applicants should fill in the TD application form: TD605A, which is available at the following locations / channels:

- Licensing Offices of the Transport Department:
 - Hong Kong Licensing Office, 3/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong
 - Kowloon Licensing Office, 2/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
 - Kwun Tong Licensing Office, 5/F, Kowloon East Government Offices, 12 Lei Yue Mun Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
 - Shatin Licensing Office, 2/F, Shatin Government Offices, 1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Shatin, New Territories
- Transport Department's website (<http://www.td.gov.hk>)

The applicant needs to scrap his/her pre-Euro IV diesel commercial vehicle within the period between 1 March 2014 and the respective ex-gratia payment application deadline specified above (both dates inclusive) by a vehicle scrapping company registered under the scheme, and then notify the Commissioner for Transport of such scrapping with a Vehicle Scrapping Certificate issued by the vehicle scrapping company for cancelling the vehicle's registration. Within three months after the vehicle is scrapped and NOT later than the respective application deadline, the applicant should submit an application for ex-gratia payment to the Transport Department and affix a photo showing the vehicle's unique chassis number taken by the vehicle scrapping company before the vehicle is scrapped to Part B of the application form.

When you submit the application form, please also produce the following documents:

- the photocopy of your identity document (for applicant being an individual: photocopy of the applicant's H.K. Identity Card or passport for non-identity card holders; for applicant being a limited company: the Certificate of Incorporation. Business Registration Certificate will not be accepted) ; and
- *(If involving change(s) to applicant's address record in the Transport Department)* photocopy of proof of present address (residential address/company address and correspondence address) which is issued not more than 3 months from now (includes utility or telecommunication bills, documents issued by banks, insurance companies, government departments, local universities, international charitable organizations or charitable organizations registered in Hong Kong). The full list of acceptable proof of address is available at this Department's website (http://www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/licences_and_permits/proof_of_address/index.html). For enquiries, please call 2804 2600.

Channels of Submission:

From 1 March 2014, applicants can submit the completed application form TD605A, together with the documents mentioned above, by one of the following means:

- By drop-in boxes located at the four licensing offices of the Transport Department
- By post to Hong Kong Licensing Office, Transport Department (Address: 3/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong)
- In person or by agent to Counter Number 1 of Hong Kong Licensing Office, Transport Department during office hours (Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm)

Collection of ex-gratia payment

Upon approval of the application, the ex-gratia payment will be made by crossed cheque under the name of the applicant (i.e. the registered owner when the vehicle was scrapped and when the registration was cancelled) and sent by mail to his/her registered/correspondence address held by the Transport Department (*If change(s) to applicant's address record is/are involved in the application, the crossed cheque will be sent to the applicant's new registered/correspondence address upon completion of the process*).

Enquiry

For enquires about the ex-gratia payment scheme, please contact the following Departments:

Details of the Scheme

Environmental Protection Department

Tel: 2651 1100

Address: Mobile Source Group, Environmental Protection Department, 34/F, Revenue Tower, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Website: <http://www.epd.gov.hk>

Application method and procedure for the ex-gratia payment

Transport Department

Tel: 2804 2600

Address: Hong Kong Licensing Office, Transport Department, 3/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong

Website: <http://www.td.gov.hk>

Attention

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Table 1: First Registration Dates for Distinguishing Pre-Euro IV Diesel Commercial Vehicles with Different Ex-gratia Payment Application Deadlines*#

Diesel Commercial Vehicles	Permitted Gross Vehicle Weight	First Registration Dates			
		Pre-Euro Vehicles Ex-gratia payment application deadline on 31 December 2015	Euro I Vehicles Ex-gratia payment application deadline on 31 December 2016	Euro II Vehicles Ex-gratia payment application deadline on 31 December 2017	Euro III Vehicles Ex-gratia payment application deadline on 31 December 2019
Goods Vehicles	Not more than 1.7 tonnes	Before 1 April 1995	1 April 1995 to 30 September 1998	1 October 1998 to 31 December 2000	1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005
	More than 1.7 but not more than 3.5 tonnes		1 April 1995 to 30 June 1999	1 July 1999 to 31 December 2001	1 January 2002 to 31 December 2006
	More than 3.5 but not more than 4 tonnes		1 April 1995 to 30 September 1998	1 October 1998 to 30 September 2001	1 October 2001 to 30 September 2006
	More than 4 tonnes		1 April 1995 to 31 March 1997	1 April 1997 to 30 September 2001	
Light Buses	Not more than 1.7 tonnes		1 April 1995 to 30 September 1998	1 October 1998 to 31 December 2000	1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005
	More than 1.7 but not more than 3.5 tonnes		1 April 1995 to 30 June 1999	1 July 1999 to 31 December 2001	1 January 2002 to 31 December 2006
	More than 3.5 but not more than 4 tonnes		1 April 1995 to 30 September 1998	1 October 1998 to 31 July 2003	1 August 2003 to 30 September 2006
	More than 4 tonnes		1 April 1995 to 31 March 1997	1 April 1997 to 30 September 2001	1 October 2001 to 30 September 2006
Non-franchised Buses	Not more than 4 tonnes		1 April 1995 to 30 September 1998	1 October 1998 to 30 September 2001	1 October 2001 to 30 September 2006
	More than 4 tonnes		1 April 1995 to 31 March 1997	1 April 1997 to 30 September 2001	

* Vehicle licences will not be issued after the respective ex-gratia payment application deadlines, unless the vehicles can comply with the emission standards applicable to them as if they were first registered on the date of the vehicle licence application.

Applicants should submit applications for the ex-gratia payment to Counter Number 1 of Hong Kong Licensing Office of TD by hand on a working day on or before the deadlines, or by post (as determined by the postmark) or via drop-in boxes at the TD's licensing offices on or before the deadlines.