

Car ownership costs

Mandatory requirements

- All motor vehicles must be covered by third-party insurance.
- Motor vehicles over three years old must be subject to an annual MOT test to ensure road-worthiness and compliance with environmental requirements.
- Road tax is payable annually on all motor-vehicles, and is determined by engine size and fuel type with the more fuel efficient and less-polluting cars attracting a lower rate of tax

Road Tax costs

Source: Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (data correct as at 23rd March 2006)

Cars - Registered before 1st March 2001

Engine capacity	Annual cost (£)
Not over 1549cc	110.00
Over 1549cc	175.00

Cars - registered on or after 1st March 2001

Bands	CO ₂ Emission Figure (g/km)	Annual cost (£)		
		Diesel Car	Petrol Car	Alternative Fuel Car
A	Up to 100	0.00	0.00	0.00
B	101 - 120	50.00	40.00	30.00
C	121 - 150	110.00	100.00	90.00
D	151 - 165	135.00	125.00	115.00
E	166 - 185	160.00	150.00	140.00
F	Over 185	195.00	190.00	180.00
G*	Over 225	210.00	210.00	200.00

*applies only to cars registered on or after 23rd March 2006

Motorcycles

Engine size	Annual cost (£)
Not Over 150cc	15.00
151cc - 400cc	31.00
401 - 600cc	46.00
All other motorcycles	62.00

Other charges

Road tolls may be payable for using some bridges and tunnels but in general Britain's roads are free to use.

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London is the only city with a congestion charge payable on entering the centre of the city at peak times, and although a few other cities are contemplating a similar system, Sheffield has no congestion charge and no plans to introduce one.

Parking and speeding restrictions are increasingly strictly enforced and it is advisable to become familiar with the regulations to avoid fines.

For more information

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency www.dvla.gov.uk/vehicles/vehicles.htm

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