



▪ **THRIFTY OFFERS RENTAL SOLUTION FOR LONDON BUSINESS DRIVERS**

Thrifty Car and Van Rental is calling on businesses to embrace commercial vehicle rentals as an affordable and practical way to meet the latest changes to the London Low Emission Zone (LEZ).

With the ever-increasing cost of vehicle ownership, its not surprising that more and more firms are looking to rental as a means of flexibly managing their fleet and to accommodate changing business needs, such as the LEZ.

Transport for London (TfL) currently estimates that around 72,000 light commercial vehicles and minibuses could be caught out by the changes that came into place in January and that now covers LCVs, minibuses as well as commercial 4x4s.

Linda Malliff, director of central services for Thrifty Car and Van Rental, said: "Many within the industry are well aware of the changes to the LEZ but haven't considered commercial fleet rental as a potential solution."

Flexifleet, is one example of how Thrifty has shaped its offerings to meet the needs of customers, enabling small to medium sized businesses to respond to business

requirements without having to make any long term commitments to contract hires.

Linda continued: "For those making infrequent trips into London, commercial vehicle rental is an ideal solution, ensuring compliance with the LEZ, without the daily charges and potential penalty fees and without having to make any long term financial fleet commitments."

The Thrifty van fleet is entirely LEZ compliant, providing businesses with the comfort that they won't be caught out when travelling within the Greater London area.

To meet the new standards, vehicles must meet the Euro III standard for particulate matter emissions, determined by the age and weight of the vehicle. Lorries, buses and coaches must meet Euro IV. TfL will assume that HGVs, buses and coaches are already compliant with the Euro III standard if they were registered on or after 1 October 2001 or 1 January 2002 for vans and minibuses.

Those vehicles that don't meet the new standards will be charged up to £200 a day. If not paid, the registered keeper will be issued with a penalty charge notice of £1000.

To check how you're affected, visit the LEZ website (www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon).

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