

Important information for goods vehicles using the **Dartford Tunnels**

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The **Dartford Tunnels** carry the A282 (M25) northbound under the River Thames, to the east of London.

There are two tunnels, both subject to a number of restrictions for high-sided vehicles, abnormal loads and those carrying dangerous goods.

Please familiarise yourself with the restrictions to ensure that you are able to complete your journey with minimal disruption to yourself, and other motorists.





The two Dartford Tunnels are subject to different height restrictions.

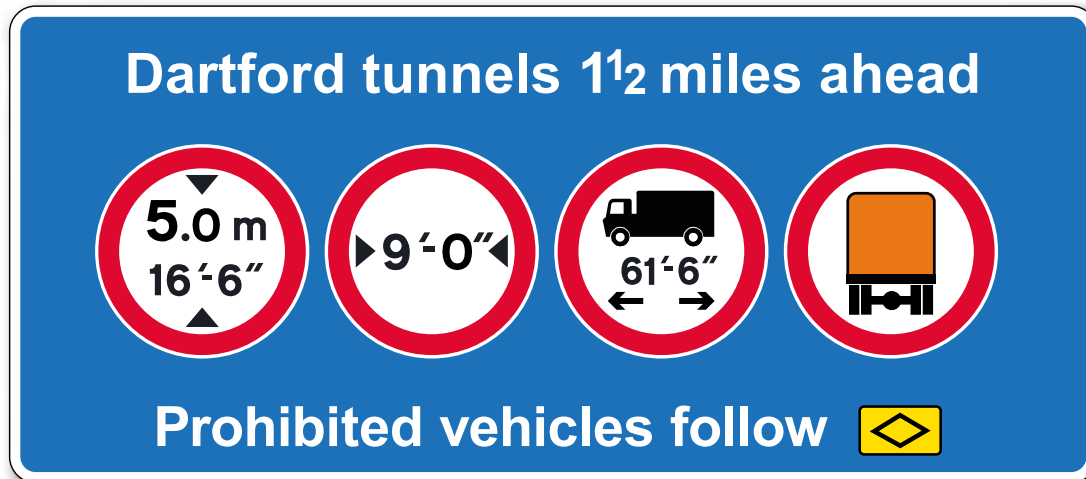
When travelling northbound towards the tunnels, you must get in the correct lane after junction 2 and before junction 1a – you will not be able to change lanes after junction 1a.

Height restrictions are:

- 4.8m for lanes 1 and 2 (left hand tunnel)
- 5.0m for lanes 3 and 4 (right hand tunnel)

Vehicles above 4.8 metres **must not** attempt to join the northbound carriageway at junction 1a. Instead, follow the 'solid diamond' symbol, and join the A282 at junction 1b, where you can access lanes 3 and 4, and the right hand tunnel.

If you drive in the wrong lanes you will cause disruption to your journey, and impact the journey of other road users.



If you are carrying hazardous goods or abnormal loads you must report to the vehicle escort area to be checked before using the tunnels.

Vehicles transporting hazardous goods, or those which exceed the size restrictions shown above must exit at junction 1a and follow the 'hollow diamond' symbol to the vehicle escort area, to be checked before using the tunnels.



Large vehicles and/or abnormal loads which exceed any of the restrictions shown below must pay an abnormal load charge to travel, with escort, through the Dartford Tunnels.

Time of travel	Restrictions	Charges
Between 6am and 10pm	Wider than 2.75m	£42
	Longer than 18.75m (overall length)	£42
	Wider than 6.10m	£190
	Longer than 27.40m (overall length)	£190
	Greater than 150,000kg	£190
Between 10pm and 6am	Wider than 2.75m	£21
	Longer than 18.75m (overall length)	£21
	Wider than 6.10m	£190
	Longer than 27.40m (overall length)	£190
	Greater than 150,000kg	£190

The abnormal load charge is separate to the Dart Charge payment, and the payment must be made separately to Connect Plus Services. You cannot use a Dart Charge account to pay your abnormal load charge and vice versa.

How to pay the abnormal load charge:

- To set up an abnormal load account, please contact dartfordrevenue@connectplusm25.co.uk or call **0203 386 8500** and ask to speak to the Dartford Revenue Team.
- Alternatively, payment can be made by credit or debit card, or in cash at the Dartford Crossing vehicle escort area.



The abnormal load charge schedule to cross the QEII Bridge was abolished on 30 November 2014.



Please note: Vehicles subject to the STGO 2003 Special Order procedure will need to obtain Highways England approval prior to travel. It is the haulier's responsibility to ensure that they comply with any additional conditions specified.



All vehicles subject to the abnormal load restrictions must report to the vehicle escort area, accessed from the A282 (M25) junction 1a, before attempting to use the tunnels northbound. Drivers should follow the 'hollow diamond' symbol.