

The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) (London Underground Bakerloo Line 72 Tube Stock) Exemption Order 2025

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 183(1), (2), (4)(a), (5), (7), 207(1) and (4) of the Equality Act 2010^a.

In accordance with section 183(4) of that Act the Secretary of State has consulted with the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee^b and other such persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) (London Underground Bakerloo Line 72 Tube Stock) Exemption Order 2025 and comes into force on 7 May 2025.

Interpretation

2. – (1) In this Order –
“Bakerloo Line” means the London Underground route between Harrow & Wealdstone and Elephant & Castle stations;
“exempt vehicle” means a rail vehicle of the type known as 72 Tube Stock and operated on the Bakerloo Line;
“step-free access” means access from the station entrance to platform level without the use of stairs or escalators.

(2) Unless otherwise stated, a reference in this Order to a numbered paragraph is a reference to that paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010^c.

Exemptions relating to facilities for disabled persons

3. (1) Subject to article 4, an exempt vehicle is authorised to be used for carriage on the Bakerloo Line even if it does not conform with, or is used in a manner that does not conform with, the requirements of –
 - (a) paragraph 1(1) (boarding devices at wheelchair-compatible doorways) in relation to a wheelchair-compatible doorway when it is open at a platform at a station named in the Schedule to this Order;
 - (b) paragraph 6(5) (route between a wheelchair-compatible doorway and a wheelchair space) in relation to a route with a slope that does not exceed 2000 millimetres in length, as measured when the vehicle is on a straight and level track;
 - (c) paragraph 8(2) (floor of the vestibule to a passenger doorway);
 - (d) paragraph 8(6) (passenger doorway in the side of a rail vehicle) in respect of the requirement at sub-paragraph (c) of that paragraph for the band of single colour on the floor by a passenger doorway in the side of a rail vehicle to contrast with the adjoining floor surface;
 - (e) subject to the conditions set out in paragraph (2) of this article, paragraph 10(1)(a) (positions of handrails close to passenger doorways on the inside of rail vehicles);

^a 2010 c. 15.

^b The Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee was established under section 125 of the Transport Act 1985 (c. 67) and has a statutory duty to provide the Secretary of State with advice on the needs of disabled people relating to public passenger transport.

^c S.I. 2010/432, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

- (f) subject to the conditions set out in paragraph (3) of this article, paragraph 10(4)(a) (cross section of handrail);
- (g) paragraph 11(1) (public address system for audible and visual announcements);
- (h) paragraph 11(5) (passenger information when vehicle is stationary) in relation to the requirement for a vehicle with a public address system fitted inside the vehicle to use that system to announce the destination at a station and to announce the next stop;
- (i) paragraph 18(4) (number of wheelchair spaces required).

(2) The exemption set out in paragraphs (1)(e) of this article is available only where the relevant doorway consists of a single door, with a handrail on one side of the doorway extending vertically from a point not more than 700 millimetres above the floor to a point not less than 1200 millimetres above the floor;

(3) The exemption set out in paragraph (1)(f) of this article is available only where the handrail has a circular cross section with a diameter of not less than 28.40 millimetres and not more than 40 millimetres.

Expiry of exemptions

4. (1) An exempt vehicle must comply with paragraph 1(1) from 31 December 2029 at 2.00 a.m. or from the point at which step-free access is provided to that platform, whichever is the sooner.
- (2) An exempt vehicle must comply with paragraphs 8(2), 8(6), 11(1) and 18(4) from 31 December 2029 at 2.00am.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

The Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill CBE
Minister of State for Rail
Department for Transport

6 May 2025

SCHEDULE

Article 3(a)

<i>Station</i>	<i>Platform(s)</i>
Charing Cross	1, 2
Edgware Road	1, 2
Embankment	5, 6
Harlesden	1, 2
Kensal Green	1, 2
Kenton	1, 2
Kilburn Park	1, 2
Lambeth North	1, 2
Maida Vale	1, 2
Marylebone	1, 2
North Wembley	1, 2
Piccadilly Circus	1, 2
Queens Park	2, 3
Regent's Park	1, 2
South Kenton	1, 2
Stonebridge Park	1, 2
Warwick Avenue	1, 2
Waterloo	3, 4