
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Public Charge Point Regulations 2023

PART 2

Payment requirements

Contactless payment

5.—(1) For a new public charge point with a power of 8 kilowatts or above, a charge point operator must, within one year from the date on which these Regulations come into force, ensure that a person using that charge point is able to pay by contactless payment to charge an electric vehicle.

(2) For a rapid charge point in operation before the date on which these Regulations come into force, a charge point operator must, within one year from the date on which these Regulations come into force, ensure that a person using that charge point is able to pay by contactless payment to charge an electric vehicle.

(3) Where an existing charge point becomes a public charge point after the coming into force of these Regulations, a charge point operator must, within one year from the date on which the charge point becomes a public charge point, ensure that a person using that charge point is able to pay by contactless payment to charge an electric vehicle.

(4) In this regulation—

- (a) “contactless payment” means a payment made at a contactless payment terminal using the contactless payment facility of a payment card that does not require the payer to have entered into a pre-existing contract with the charge point operator;
- (b) “existing charge point” means a charge point with a power of 8 kilowatts or above in operation before these Regulations come into force;
- (c) “new public charge point” means a public charge point installed after the coming into force of these Regulations.

Payment roaming

6.—(1) A charge point operator must, within two years from the date on which these Regulations come into force, ensure that a person using any of its charge points is able to pay to charge an electric vehicle using a payment service provided by a third party roaming provider.

(2) Where, on the date on which these Regulations come into force, a charge point operator permits a person using its charge points to pay to charge an electric vehicle using a payment service provided by a third party roaming provider, the charge point operator must, within 28 days from the date on which these Regulations come into force, submit a report to the Secretary of State which lists each third party roaming provider permitted to provide such a service.

(3) A charge point operator must notify the Secretary of State of—

- (a) any third party roaming provider permitted to provide a payment service for its charge points and such notification must be given within 28 days from the date on which permission to provide that service is granted; and

- (b) any third party roaming provider which is no longer permitted to provide a payment service for its charge points and such notification must be given within 28 days from the date on which permission to provide that service is withdrawn.
- (4) In this regulation—
- (a) “application” means a software programme that runs through a web browser or offline on a mobile telephone or other device and enables a person to charge an electric vehicle, and which does not serve solely as a method of payment;
 - (b) “network of public charge points” means all the public charge points owned or operated by a single charge point operator;
 - (c) “payment service” means a service that enables a person to pay, using an application or an RFID card, for charging an electric vehicle at public charge points operated by different charge point operators;
 - (d) “RFID card” means a card with Radio Frequency Identification functionality which allows a person to charge an electric vehicle but which is not a payment card;
 - (e) “third party roaming provider” means a person who provides a payment service in respect of different networks of public charge points.