

How the road pricing system has evolved

1975



The Area Licensing Scheme (ALS) was implemented on June 2, 1975 to tackle traffic congestion in the central business district between 7.30am and 9.30am. Motorists had to buy a daily or monthly licence to enter the restricted zone.



Cars with at least four people were exempted from the scheme. Drivers waiting in line to enter the zone would indicate how many people they needed to hit that number.

1994



Motorists queueing to buy a licence. The scheme's operating hours were extended to cover the evening peak hours in 1989, and the entire working day in 1994.

1998



Cars were fitted with in-vehicle units before the Electronic Road Pricing (ERP) system replaced the ALS.



Rolled out on April 1, 1998, the ERP system automated toll payment and collection.