



Taxi Fares and Taxi and Private Hire Licence Fees Update

The Transport for London (TfL) Board has now approved changes to the taxi and private hire licence fees and taxi fares for 2013/14.

This notice sets out a summary of the changes that will come into effect in April 2013. New licence fees will be applied from 2 April 2013 and the revised taxi fares and tariffs are valid from 6 April 2013:

Taxi and Private Hire Licence Fees

The annual review of licence fees has been undertaken and changes have been approved by the TfL Board. The review ensures that the fees must be calculated to fully recover the cost of providing the licensing services.

The changes to licence fees include:

- A reduction in the licence fee for taxi and private hire vehicles respectively. This is as a result of the introduction of the new inspection service. This reduction includes the capital costs for the introduction of the new service, expanding the number of inspection centres available and improved the facilities available at each of these sites;
- A reduction in the private hire driver licence fee to reflect the continuing high volume of applications for these licences and to reduce the surplus income in this area, it was considered that this reduction should take effect in April 2013;
- An increase in Knowledge of London written examination and appearance fees to further reduce the subsidy from licensed taxi drivers; and
- An increase in private hire operator and variation fees to better reflect the compliance activity that takes place in this area.

Full details of the new licence fees, which will be effective from 2 April 2013, are enclosed in Appendix A.

Taxi Fares

The changes approved by the Board include:

- A 1.7% increase to taxi fares
- A 40 pence additional charge which will be implemented only if London retail diesel prices (as measured by the Arval index) reach 180.3 pence/litre

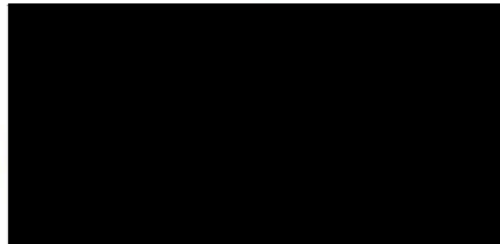
- An 80 pence increase to the Heathrow Airport extra, which covers taxi journeys starting from Heathrow Airport, taking this from £2.40 to £3.20

Full details of the new tariff rates are enclosed in Appendix B along with average and example fares.

The increase to taxi fares is calculated using the Cost Index and combines changes in the costs of operating a taxi in London with national earnings to produce a change in average fares.

The new taxi fares and tariffs come into effect on Saturday 6 April 2013 so you need to have your meter updated on this date or as close to this date as possible.

A copy of the fares consultation paper is still available on the TfL website [here](#) . The papers considered by the TfL Board in respect of taxi fares and taxi and private hire licence fees are available [here](#).



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Appendix A**Licence Fees applicable from 2 April 2013**

Fee Type		Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Taxi Vehicle	Application Fee	£101	£66
	Licence Fee	£53	£36
Taxi Driver	Application Fee	£50	No change
	Licence Fee	£199	No change
Knowledge of London	Appearance Fee	£250	£300
	Written Test Fee	£100	£150
Private Hire Operators	Application Fee	£703	£838
	Licence Fee (small)	£550	£650
	Licence Fee (standard)	£1,707	£1,988
	Variation Fee (add operating centre)	£200	£300
	Variation Fee (remove operating centre)	£50	No change
Private Hire Drivers	Application Fee	£157	£150
	Licence Fee	£105	£100
Private Hire Vehicles	Application Fee	£87	£65
	Licence Fee	£27	£35

Appendix B**Tariff Changes – 1.7% average increase****Average Fares**

	Current average	New average	Increase (£)	Increase (%)
Tariff 1	£11.24	£11.43	£0.19	1.7%
Tariff 2	£13.02	£13.25	£0.22	1.7%
Tariff 3	£15.30	£15.57	£0.27	1.7%
All Week	£12.42	£12.63	£0.21	1.7%

Tariff Rates – 1.7% average increase

	Tariff 1		Tariff 2		Tariff 3	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
minimum fare	£2.40	£2.40	£2.40	£2.40	£2.40	£2.40
minimum units	2	2	2	2	2	2
metres/unit < 6 miles	129.9	127.3	105.4	103.4	85.0	83.4
secs/unit < 6 miles	27.9	27.4	22.7	22.2	18.3	17.9
metres/unit > 6 miles	91.1	89.2	91.1	89.2	91.1	89.2
secs/unit > 6 miles	19.6	19.2	19.6	19.2	19.6	19.2
Units at lower rate	74	75	91	93	113	115
Metres at lower rate	9612.6	9547.5	9591.4	9616.2	9605.0	9591.0
changeover fare	£17.00	£17.20	£20.40	£20.80	£24.80	£25.20

Example Fares – 1.7% average increase

Journey length Miles	Tariff 1			Tariff 2			Tariff 3		
	Current	New	Change	Current	New	Change	Current	New	Change
minimum	£2.40	£2.40	0.0%	£2.40	£2.40	0.0%	£2.40	£2.40	0.0%
0.5	£3.40	£3.40	0.0%	£3.60	£3.60	0.0%	£4.00	£4.00	0.0%
1.0	£4.60	£4.60	0.0%	£5.20	£5.20	0.0%	£5.80	£6.00	3.4%
1.5	£5.80	£5.80	0.0%	£6.60	£6.80	3.0%	£7.80	£7.80	0.0%
2.0	£7.00	£7.20	2.9%	£8.20	£8.40	2.4%	£9.60	£9.80	2.1%
2.5	£8.20	£8.40	2.4%	£9.80	£9.80	0.0%	£11.60	£11.80	1.7%
3.0	£9.60	£9.60	0.0%	£11.20	£11.40	1.8%	£13.40	£13.60	1.5%
3.5	£10.80	£11.00	1.9%	£12.80	£13.00	1.6%	£15.40	£15.60	1.3%
4.0	£12.00	£12.20	1.7%	£14.40	£14.60	1.4%	£17.20	£17.60	2.3%
4.5	£13.20	£13.40	1.5%	£15.80	£16.20	2.5%	£19.20	£19.40	1.0%
5.0	£14.40	£14.80	2.8%	£17.40	£17.60	1.1%	£21.00	£21.40	1.9%
6.0	£17.00	£17.40	2.4%	£20.40	£20.80	2.0%	£24.80	£25.20	1.6%
7.0	£20.60	£21.00	1.9%	£24.00	£24.40	1.7%	£28.40	£28.80	1.4%
8.0	£24.00	£24.60	2.5%	£27.60	£28.00	1.4%	£31.80	£32.40	1.9%
9.0	£27.60	£28.20	2.2%	£31.00	£31.60	1.9%	£35.40	£36.00	1.7%
10.0	£31.20	£31.80	1.9%	£34.60	£35.20	1.7%	£39.00	£39.60	1.5%
11.0	£34.60	£35.40	2.3%	£38.20	£38.80	1.6%	£42.40	£43.20	1.9%
12.0	£38.20	£39.00	2.1%	£41.60	£42.40	1.9%	£46.00	£46.80	1.7%
13.0	£41.80	£42.60	1.9%	£45.20	£46.00	1.8%	£49.60	£50.40	1.6%
14.0	£45.20	£46.20	2.2%	£48.80	£49.60	1.6%	£53.00	£54.00	1.9%
15.0	£48.80	£49.80	2.0%	£52.20	£53.20	1.9%	£56.60	£57.80	2.1%
16.0	£52.40	£53.40	1.9%	£55.80	£56.80	1.8%	£60.20	£61.40	2.0%
18.0	£59.40	£60.60	2.0%	£62.80	£64.00	1.9%	£67.20	£68.60	2.1%
20.0	£66.40	£67.80	2.1%	£70.00	£71.20	1.7%	£74.20	£75.80	2.2%

All example fares assume entire journey charged on distance rates