

Review of Hackney Carriage Tariffs – Initial Consultation with the Trade

Hart is committed to balancing the legitimate aims of the taxi trade to maintain profitability in the face of increasing costs, while protecting the public from excessive fares.

Could we therefore please ask you to read the information below and then respond by **5pm on the 7 April 2022 with your preferred proposal (details of those can be found below)**

Background

The current tariff scale was agreed in 2013 and came into force in 2014. Since then a number of discussions have taken place with the trade about potential adjustments to these fares

The shared licensing service noted that while the tariffs had recently been discussed, the views of the trade on changes to the fares was mixed with three different proposals now being submitted for review.

Before undertaking the required statutory consultation on any changes, we need to first consult with the trade to establish your preferred proposal on potential changes to the table of fares.

The current scheme comprises three tariffs details of which can be found attached in Appendix A attached to this email.

Proposal A

1st mile flag £4 for the first 5/10th of the mile for the following 5/10th of a mile it should be 40p per 10th. That makes the first mile £6

After that the mile should be divided into 10 equal segments each segment has a value of 30p that would give you a rolling mile of £3

Night rate and Sundays

Flag £5 for the first 5/10th of a mile then the following 5/10th of a mile it should be 50p that makes the first mile night rate £7.50

Every mile after that would be 10 equal segments of a mile at 50p per 10th.

Christmas timings would apply as they do now with Christmas still being double time.

Proposal B

Day Rate

Flag of £7 which will cover all or part of the first mile. This would be followed by 10 equal segments of £0.32 making a rolling mile £3.20

Night Rate

Flag of £7.50 which will cover all or part of the first mile. This would be followed by 10 equal segments of £0.50 making a rolling mile £5.00

The timings for Night rate and Christmas timings would apply as they do now with Christmas still being double time.

Proposal C

Meter Rate 1 - DAY RATE (Standard Fare)		Meter Rate 3 - NIGHT RATE, BANK HOLIDAYS (Fare and a Half)	
Daytime is between 0700 -2259. Unless rate 2, 3 or 4 applies		Any night between 23:00-06:59 & all day on Bank Holidays. Unless rate 4 applies	
For the first 1200 yds/1097.3 metres or uncompleted part	£4.00	For the first 1200 yds/1097.3 metres or uncompleted part	£6.00
For each subsequent MILE (Charged at 20p per 117.3 yard/107.3 metres)	£3.00	For each subsequent MILE (Charged at 30p per 117.3 yard/107.3 metres)	£4.50
Waiting time £24 an hour (Charged at 20p per 30 second period)	£0.20	Waiting time £36.00 an hour (Charged at 30p per 30 second period)	£0.30

Example Fare		
1 Mile		£5.00
2 Miles		£8.00
3 Miles		£11.00
Plus any applicable extras & waiting time		

Example fare		
1 Mile		£7.50
2 Miles		£12.00
3 Mile		£16.50
Plus any applicable extras & waiting time		

Meter Rate 2 - Sunday		
Sunday between 07:00 & 23:59. Unless rate 4 applies		
For the first 1200 yds/1097.3 metres or uncompleted part		
		£4.80
For each subsequent MILE (Charged at 30p per 135.4yard/123.8 metres)		£3.90
Waiting time £30 an hour (Charged at 30p per 36 second period)		£0.30
Example fare		
1 Mile		£6.30
2 Miles		£10.20
3 Miles		£14.10
Plus any applicable extras & waiting time		

Meter Rate 4 - CHRISTMAS\BOXING DAY\NEW YEAR (Double Fare)		
All Day Christmas Day\Boxing Day\New Years Day & Christmas Eve\New Years Eve between 2100 - 2359		
For the first 1200 yds/1097.3 metres or uncompleted part		
		£6.00
For each subsequent MILE (Charged at 40p per 117.3 yard/107.3 metres)		£6.00
Waiting time £48 an hour (Charged at 40p per 30 second period)		£0.40
Example fare		
1 Mile		£10.00
2 Miles		£16.00
3 Miles		£22.00
Plus any applicable extras & waiting time		

EXTRAS

Any hire booked by phone, radio, internet or other prior arrangement	£1.00
For Each additional passenger above four passengers	£1.00
For Any hire Monday to Friday between 1800 and 2259 or Saturday 0700 to 2259 (Except where meter rate 4 applies)	50p

FOULING CHARGE

Any fouling to the interior of the cab making it unfit for hire up to £100
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It will not be possible to include more than one option on the statutory consultation phase of this process and therefore respondents must **select one** of the proposal **only**.

This initial consultation **is open for comments from members of the Hart Taxi Trade from the 31 March 2022 to the 7 April 2022.**

Once the preferred option of the Taxi Trade has been established, we are required to undertake a further 14 day statutory public consultation to establish the view of residents, businesses and customers. If no objections are received to the statutory consultation the new tariffs would come into operation and with the approval of the licensing committee. If objections are received and not withdrawn an additional Licensing Committee will need to be arranged to consider any objections made during the newspaper advert consultation period.

The outcome of the preferred proposal will be shared after the closing date.

We look forward to receiving your responses, please reply to licence@hart.gov.uk for the attention of **Emma Coles, Review of Hackney Carriage Tariffs**

Kind Regards

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