

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Maximum Authorised Fares and Charges

Commencing 22/06/2011 until further notice

Also Applicable To Private Hire Vehicles Fitted With Taximeters

Distance or Time

For the first 880 yards (804.67 metres) or the first 2 minutes (or a combination of parts of such distance or time)	£2.80
For each additional 214.56 yards (196.19 metres) or 1 minute (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) until a fare of £7.40 is shown on the taximeter	20p
For each additional 160.98 yards (147.20 metres) or 45 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance or time) when a fare of £7.40 is shown on the taximeter.	20p
For hiring's begun between 9.00pm on 24 December and 6.00am on 27 December and between 9.00pm on 31 December and 6.00am on 2 January.	Double Fares (Normal Extras)

Extra Charges

For hiring's begun between 10.30pm and 6.00am also on Sundays and Bank Holidays between 6.00am and midnight (except during Christmas and New Year period).	£2.00
For all items carried in the luggage compartment. (maximum charge)	40p
For animals carried (except assistance dogs).	40p
For each passenger carried in excess of one.	40p
Despoilment charge.	(up to maximum) £75

Information for Passengers

A Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle may not carry more than the number of passengers it is licensed to carry and shown on the Licence Plate attached to the rear of the vehicle (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976.

For the purpose of establishing the number of passengers the lawful definition is that any person, irrespective of age, counts as ONE including babies in arms.

A Driver has the right to refuse to carry in excess of the number of passenger for which his vehicle is licensed which would cause him/her to break the Law and invalidate the vehicle's Insurance.

Wearing of Seat Belts

Where passengers are not travelling in a separate passenger compartment (e.g. London type "Black Cab") the following will apply.

It is the responsibility of the Driver to ensure all persons of 14 years and under are wearing seat belts if they are available. Failure to ensure compliance may result in a Fine. A Driver has the right to refuse to move off unless those passengers for whom he/she has a legal responsibility are complying with the Law.

Passengers over 14 years of age are legally responsible for wearing a seat belt if available.

A Driver has the right to refuse to undertake a journey if to do so would result in him/her breaking the Law.

Please Be Safe – Belt Up!

Despoilment Charge

Any passenger who inflicts damage or leaves human discharge in a vehicle is, in Law, in breach of an implied term of the contract of hire and the Driver is entitled to seek compensation to put him/her in the same position as if the Passenger had not inflicted the damage or discharge. This also includes damage caused by cigarettes (burns to fabric etc.)

The Driver has the right to enforce payment through the Courts for any remedial work necessary and loss of earnings due to the non availability of the vehicle.

Lost Property

If you leave property in a Taxi or Private Hire Vehicle the Driver is required to take the item(s) to the Hackney Carriage Office where it will be held for a period of six months. If unclaimed within that period, the item(s) will be returned to the Driver who lodged them with the Hackney Carriage Office.

If a Driver can identify the person who left the property in his/her vehicle, or the Hackney Carriage Office can trace the Owner, every effort will be made to the return the item(s).

If you claim an item which has been handed in to the Hackney Carriage Office, you will be required to provide proof of ownership including details of where and when it was lost.