

Taxi Trade Fare Review Responses

R Rafeek

hello good morning,

Despite the facts that have been mentioned in the email,

I can say in one word “ No “ fare increase.

Thank you very much .

A Ross

Leave fares as they are as it takes a long time for driver to benefit thanks

D Alaita

Thank you for your email and request to send comments on the new tariff increase.

In my opinion, I do not think the fare increase is necessary. This will decrease the footfall of taxi users and eventually people will be forced to look for alternative transportation or not come out at night time. Overall percentage increase is just 3.25%, but it will do more damage than good for the trade. Currently, passengers are complaining that taxi fare is too high in Aberdeen and there are not enough taxis to cater for the demand. There should be more focus on how to increase the number of taxis and PH cars in the city.

More people will want to use taxis if they feel the cost is affordable which in the long run increases the number of runs per hour/shift for drivers and thus the overall take home will be far more than the 3.25% increase.

I hope my comments are helpful and would be considered.

Trade Members of Taxi & Private Hire Consultation Group

Firstly, can we apologies for the late submission of our request, we feel we were only made aware that this was imminent at T&PHCG meeting on the 6th November and were given 14 days to consult with our members, then formulate our proposal.

We were provided with the Licensing interpretation of how the formula looked, after some scrutiny, we effectively came to much the same conclusion, we have provided below Licensing formula calculation, of which we have based our request.

Component of Index	Annual Cost 2023	Annual Cost 2025	% Change 2023-2025
Vehicle Cost	5,100	5,453	6.92%

Replacement Parts	919	1,203	30.90%
Tyres	566	681	20.32%
Service Labour	748	704	-5.88%
Fuel	4,882	5,304	8.64%
Insurance	2,175	1,400	-35.63%
Miscellaneous	501	468	-6.59%
Total Operating Costs	14,891	15,213	2.16%
Average National Earnings	33,696	34,944	3.70%
National Insurance	2,021	2,097	3.76%
Grand Total	50,608	52,254	3.25%

It would be our request that we increase each fare by 3.5%, by simply reducing the yardage, we have provided a current and proposed tariff card.

We have a further 2 requests:

- 1) Each FARE commencing between 2am – 5am Saturday & Sunday, increases by £1 (from £6 to £7)
- 2) Our soiling charge does lack behind most authorities, we would ask for this to be increased from £60 to £100.

Point 1, is to try and encourage more drivers to work during these unsociable hours.

Point 2, Once a vehicle has been soiled, it effectively removes the drivers ability to operate for the remainder of that day, driver then needs to cover the cost of cleaning vehicle, either by paying a 3rd party, or doing job themselves, which is time

While members are considering our request, can they keep in mind a number of points, which we feel are relevant.

- 1) Any increase agreed is what drivers will need to live with until at least 3rd quarter of 2026, that's almost 2 years away. What is being asked is both sensible and affordable.
- 2) Other Scottish authorities have recently agreed to fare to increases, notably Edinburgh, up 9.5%,Dundee, up 13% & Aberdeenshire up 5%

Finally, as a trade we have in the past been guilty of not asking for an increase, when we probably should have, in fact some time ago we requested no fare increase for 2/3 cycles, however all this creates is a point in time when we are playing catch up, we are then looking at a large 10% + increase to catch up, so sensible approach, is to ask what we need each cycle.

We would ask members to agree to the trades request.

We would ask that any implementation is scheduled for 1st week of Easter holidays, hopefully we could secure the use of Lochside Academy again ?

For pure weather & logistic reasons, to try and schedule earlier would be a challenge for a location, that did not incur a substantial cost.