



## APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS AND NOTICES

### Notice Period

The Road Transport Act 2001 and the Road Transport Regulations 2018 require the Road Transport Licensing Committee ("the RTLC" or "the Committee") to publish details of applications, meetings and decisions.

If you wish to view an application, please contact the RTLC Secretary at [noel.capewell@gov.im](mailto:noel.capewell@gov.im).

Copies of all monthly newsletters are available on the RTLC website: [www.gov.im/rtlc](http://www.gov.im/rtlc).

Within a period of twenty one days from the date of this publication, any person may write to the RTLC making any objections or representations with respect to an application.

Written objections can be received by letter or email. They should include the name and address of the sender and include the reasons why the objection or representation is made. For the full procedure detailing the submission of objections please see the RTLC website.

### RTLC Office

The RTLC office operates on an appointment only basis. If you come to the office without an appointment you may have a wasted journey as there might not be anyone available to assist you.

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## NOTICES

### Review of Fare Meter Tariff

Following the Committee's invitation to all PPV Operators and interested parties to make proposals or representations in connection with the Committee's recent review of the fare meter tariff, the Committee hereby gives notice that it has now determined the **maximum fares** to be charged with effect from **19<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.

A total of seven submissions were received including one from the Isle of Man Unite Taxi Branch as well as input from the Manx Taxi Federation. The Committee is grateful to those operators and organisations that took time to present submissions which included proposals such as;

- That the RTLC should look at the time element of the tariffs.
- Various increases to the amount charged at the flag drop.
- Tariff 2 to be in force between 22:00 and 08:00 each day.
- An increase to the "contamination fee".
- The retention of the £1 Airport pick-up charge.
- A Private Hire booking fee of £1 should be reinstated.
- An increase in the amount charged for extra passengers to £1 per person.
- An increase in the amount charged for luggage to £1 per bag.
- An extra third tariff to be charged on certain Bank Holidays.
- A general increase of 10% for both tariffs.
- The introduction of a minimum fare of £10 from the Airport.

The Committee noted that the tariffs had not been increased since 2017 and that living costs had increased markedly since then – particularly recently with essentials such as fuel and other motoring costs.

The Committee and the Trade are, however, also mindful of the needs of the public as well as the current economic climate which affects everyone. The danger of increasing fares to levels which could prove counterproductive to the taxi industry must be acknowledged along with rising costs.

Following careful consideration of the representations and proposals made in connection with the review, the Committee has agreed the following changes to the Tariff;

- A 40p increase at the Flag Drop on both Tariff 1 and Tariff 2.
- A shortening of distances on both Tariff 1 and Tariff 2.
- A shortening of timings on Tariff 2.
- The Booking Fee for every journey commencing from the Airport, Ballasalla has been increased to £1.50.
- The extras chargeable for large bags will be amended so that a fee of 50p may be charged for every large bag.

The **maximum fares** to be charged with effect from **19<sup>th</sup> April 2022** are therefore as follows: -

### **Tariff 1 – Basic Fares**

For the first 180 yards <u>or</u> the first 60 seconds	£3.50
For each subsequent 180 yards <u>or</u> 45 seconds up to a total distance of 17,640 yards	20p
For each subsequent 200 yards <u>or</u> 45 seconds above 17,640 yards	20p

### **Tariff 2 – Premium Rate Periods**

For the first 170 yards <u>or</u> the first 60 seconds	£4.30
For each subsequent 170 yards <u>or</u> 30 seconds up to a total distance of 17,680 yards	30p
For each subsequent 200 yards <u>or</u> 30 seconds above 17,680 yards	30p

Tariff 2 to apply;

- Between 00:00 and 06:00 daily.
- After 18:00 on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Christmas Eve) and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (New Year’s Eve).
- All day on the following days:
  - Early May Bank Holiday – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022
  - Spring Bank Holiday – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022
  - Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022
  - TT Bank Holiday – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022
  - Tynwald Day – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022
  - Summer Bank Holiday – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022
  - Christmas Day - 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022
  - Boxing Day – 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022
  - New Year’s Day - 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023
  - Good Friday – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023
  - Easter Monday – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023
  - Early May Bank Holiday – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

## **Extras**

Each passenger in addition to the hirer (two children under twelve years of age to be reckoned as one passenger).	50p
Each suitcase, perambulator, large parcel, box etc, or wheelchair stowed in the boot of the vehicle – <b>not</b> to be used for groceries, school backpacks, laptop bags or handbags.	50p
For every journey commencing from the Airport, Ballasalla	£1.50
Contamination fee – for fouling a ply for hire car causing it to go out of service	£100.00

<b>DIST. MILES</b>	<b>DIST. YARDS</b>	<b>RATE1</b>	<b>RATE2</b>
1	1,760	£ 5.30	£ 7.30
2	3,520	£ 7.30	£ 10.30
3	5,280	£ 9.30	£ 13.60
4	7,040	£ 11.30	£ 16.60
5	8,800	£ 13.10	£ 19.60
6	10,560	£ 15.10	£ 22.90
7	12,320	£ 17.10	£ 25.90
8	14,080	£ 19.10	£ 28.90
9	15,840	£ 20.90	£ 32.20
10	17,600	£ 22.90	£ 35.20
11	19,360	£ 24.70	£ 37.90
12	21,120	£ 26.50	£ 40.60
13	22,880	£ 28.30	£ 43.00
14	24,640	£ 29.90	£ 45.70
15	26,400	£ 31.70	£ 48.40
20	35,200	£ 40.50	£ 61.60
25	44,000	£ 49.30	£ 74.80
30	52,800	£ 58.10	£ 88.00

The PPV Inspector (tel: 431378) will be conducting meter-checking sessions (the same as he did in 2017) starting on 19<sup>th</sup> April and running at the following times and places:

### **Douglas Promenade** (starting at the Port Jack end)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 09:30 to 17:00 each day.

### **Castletown Promenade** (starting at the Southern end)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 08:00 to 10:45

### **Ramsey Promenade** (starting at the Swimming pool end)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 13:30 to 16:30

Operators must ensure that fare-meters calibrated to display the new fares are checked and sealed by the PPV Inspector before the new charges can be applied. This must also happen each time a Ply for Hire car is changed for any reason.

The use of a Fare Meter in a Private Hire Car or Minibus is optional. However, if a Private Hire vehicle is fitted with a meter it must be calibrated to display the new fares, and the meter must be checked and sealed by the PPV Inspector in the same way as applies to Ply for Hire cars.

Operators should note that a Public Passenger Vehicle shall not be used for hire under a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence unless a fare meter complying with British Standards Institute specification BS EN 50148:1996 for electronic taxi meters is used to calculate the fare.

Detailed provision for the fares and fare-meters is made in the Public Passenger Vehicles (Fares and Fare-Meters) Regulations 2002. Copies of this document can be found in the "Document Library" on the RTLC website or obtained from the RTLC office.

## **RTLC MEETINGS**

The next regularly scheduled meetings of the RTLC for public passenger vehicles which will be held in public are currently due to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> May at Thie Slieau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St John's.

All applicants and objectors that are required to attend a meeting will receive a formal invitation letter prior to the meeting.

Should you require information on the timetables for any upcoming meetings, please contact the RTLC office. If you intend to observe any meeting in public that you are not specifically invited to, it would be appreciated if you could inform RTLC staff of your intentions prior to the meeting. This information is required to ensure that there is sufficient space at the meeting to accommodate any observers. Should there not be sufficient space at Thie Slieau Whallian, a different venue for the meeting would have to be found and this could delay proceedings.

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