

WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 65 Hackney
Carriage Fares

West Berkshire District Council is proposing to vary the table of fares chargeable for passengers of Licensed Hackney Carriages (Taxis). The fees were last amended in 2013. Prior to changing the fares the Council is required by law to undertake a statutory consultation and we are seeking your views on the proposed changes.

Our statutory consultation period will run from the 16 September 2021 to the 14 October 2021

A copy of the notice is available for public inspection during normal office hours at the West Berkshire Council, Market Street Offices, Newbury, RG14 5LD below for 28 days from the 16 September 2021.

The proposal to amend the fees was discussed at the [Special Licensing Committee on 06 September 2021](#) if you would like more information

The proposed changes are set out in the table below. Customers should be aware that these charges are the MAXIMUM to be charged and any lesser fare agreed prior to commencement of the journey MUST still be applied. Where the taxi is used for pre-booked journeys the fare shall be calculated from the point in the district at which the hirer commences his/her journey) (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 sec. 67)

<p>Tariff 1 Applies for any hiring when the journey commences between 06:00 and 22:00 Monday to Saturday (excludes bank holidays and public holidays, Boxing Day and Christmas Day) Initial Distance not exceeding not exceeding 352 yards or part thereof £3.00 Initial Waiting Time of 69.1 sec or a combination of time and distance For each subsequent 146.7 yards or part thereof 20p Waiting time for every period of 28.8 seconds or part thereof</p>	<p>Waiting Time Per Hour T1 = £25.00 T2 = £37.50 T3 = £50.00</p>
<p>Tariff 2 Applies for any hiring when the journey commences between 22:00 and 06:00 Monday to Saturday, on Sundays, bank holidays and public holidays, between 06:00 and midnight on Boxing Day, between 19:00 and midnight on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and for any journey with five or more passengers between 06:00 and 22:00 Monday to Saturday Initial Distance not exceeding not exceeding 352 yards or part thereof £4.50 Initial Waiting Time of 69.1 sec or a combination of time and distance For each subsequent 146.7 yards or part thereof 30p Waiting time for every period of 28.8 seconds or part thereof</p>	

Tariff 3

Applies for any hiring when the journey commences Which is applied to journeys commencing on Christmas Day until 06:00 on Boxing Day and journeys commencing between midnight and 06:00 on New Year's Day

Initial Distance not exceeding not exceeding 352 yards or part thereof **£6.00**

Initial Waiting Time of 69.1 sec or a combination of time and distance

For each subsequent 146.7 yards or part thereof **40p**

Waiting time for every period of 28.8 seconds or part thereof

Extra Charges

If a hackney carriage is booked by telephone, text, email or other electronic means a booking fee may be charged by prior arrangement only

Congestion Charge, Ultra Low Emission Zone, or any tolls will be applied for any journey where such charges or tolls are incurred. These charges would not appear on the meter.

Where there are five or more passengers in a vehicle the meter will be switched to Tariff 2

How to Respond

Should you wish to object on the table of fares you can do so by:

1. Sending a letter with your objections to Sean Murphy, Public Protection Manager, Public Protection Partnership, Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury West Berkshire RG14 5LD
2. Sending an e-mail to Licensing@westberks.gov.uk

by **THURSDAY 14 October 2021.**

What will happen Next?

If no objections are received, or any such objections are subsequently withdrawn, the revised table of fares will come into operation from THURSDAY 28 October 2021.

If objections are received and not subsequently withdrawn, the matter will be discussed by Members at the 08 November 2021 Licensing Committee meeting and they will make a recommendation to the Executive. This recommendation will be considered at the 18 November 2021 Executive meeting for a decision on implementation. Should the Executive approve implementation the revised table of fares will then come into operation no later the 02 December 2021.