

Hackney Fare Rise 2021

This proposal has been submitted by Mark Humphrey from Station Taxis on behalf of and with the agreement of 61 named Hackney Carriage Drivers canvassed from Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill.

1. The new tariff to take over from tariff 1 at the moment
2. The new tariff to take over from the current tariff 2.
3. This is a new proposal to give drivers and enhancement for working unsociable hours from Friday 1800 and all the weekend. (Tariff 3)
4. This is the after midnight rate for drivers working after midnight on Friday and Saturday night. (Tariff 4)
5. Tariff 5 will be the Christmas day rate, which will be double Tariff 1. This will also be for multi seat bookings after midnight at the weekend.

We wish for the after midnight rates for tariffs 2 and 4 to go from 12 o'clock midnight to 6 o'clock in the morning.

There is not a lot of change, the only thing that we have done is to put in 2 new tariffs for working unsociable hours at the weekend. (3 and 4)

The reason for this is we have had one rise in the last seven years and that was three years ago as stated in my last email when fuel was 120 per litre. The fuel is now on average around 150p per litre with average driver using around 800 litres of fuel a month. Some a lot more, some a lot less. That driver is now £240 per month worse off than 3 years ago. (Personally I use 500 litres a week which works out as a lot of money).

We believe that some drivers have a pressure exerted on them to not sign.

Everything has gone up and we believe that we should get a rise to reflect on how much everything has gone up, it's the cost of everything associated with being a driver and basic cost of living rises.

1 raise on the metered fare in 7 years just isn't enough and with the lack of an association I'm more or less doing this by myself although after many years in the trade I would like to think I know the market. Hopefully you'll agree.

The petition with the signatures of 61 drivers, It also doesn't carry the names of the 10 staff members in my office, so it has to be said it is not only taxi drivers who make their living from the taxi trade.

The fare on the meter is the maximum a hackney driver can charge, if a driver isn't comfortable with charging an enhanced rate they can choose to charge less, these drivers should not be able to influence how much another driver earns.

If they don't want to charge it they don't have to but there is no way they should be able to stop forward thinking drivers from earning a decent living and enjoying a well deserved pay increase.

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Good afternoon

Please find enclosed list of drivers who have signed a petition to ask the council to increase the fares for Hackney carriages.

All drivers are aware that Station Taxis have put their fares up and most drivers agree with this. However when we were collecting signatures there were certain drivers working the rank ensuring others didn't sign. We think some drivers have had pressure put on them not to sign the petition. All of us signed up think we need a pay rise as we have had 1 raise in the last 7 years and even in the last three weeks fuel has risen by 15p a litre. The last rise we had was in November 2018 and at that time fuel was 120p per litre. As we feel that some drivers have had pressure put on them not to sign we believe the council should petition all Hackney carriage license holders as we are now working for a lot less money than we were three years ago.

As we've said we are aware that Station Taxis have put up their fares and we would like the same done for us including the new weekend tariff.

The higher rate at weekends is exactly the same as many councils all round the country charge and we believe that drivers should be rewarded for working unsociable hours as one of my drivers told me why would he works Friday and Saturday night for the same rate as he gets Tuesday during the day.

All rates have gone up at garages and all car costs associated with owning a taxi have also gone up. To all those drivers who have to renew their car for 2022 we are all aware that secondhand car prices are also up by around 25%.

Personally I've just filled my car up and it cost me £100.

Cheers
Mark