Transport for London taxi fares from 25 April 2026

The meter calculates the maximum fare based on the time of day, distance travelled and time taken.

Once a journey reaches approximately six miles, the fare increases at a different rate. Full details of the taxi tariffs can be found at tfl.gov.uk/taxifares

Unless there is a good cause, drivers must accept any hiring up to 12 miles (20 miles if at Heathrow Airport), or up to one hour if the destination is in Greater London.

The fare for a journey to a destination outside Greater London may be negotiated between the driver and passenger. If no fare is agreed before the start of the journey, the fare cannot be more than that shown on the meter.

Typical fares

Fares and times may increase if there are delays or heavy traffic.

Tariff code on meter		1	2	3
Distance	Approximate journey time	Monday to Friday 05:00-20:00	Monday to Friday 20:00-22:00 Saturday and Sunday 05:00-22:00	Every night 22:00-05:00 and public holidays
1 mile	6-13 mins	£8.40-£13.00	£8.40-£13.20	£9.00-£13.20
2 miles	10-20 mins	£12.60-£20.20	£13.40-£20.40	£13.60-£20.40
4 miles	16-30 mins	£21.00-£31.00	£23.00-£32.00	£23.00-£35.00
6 miles	28-40 mins	£33.00-£42.00	£41.00-£45.00	£41.00-£45.00
Between Heathrow and central London	30-60 mins	£70.00-£120.00		

- There is a minimum fare of £4.40 at all times
- Phone, app and online bookings: up to £2.00
- There are no extra charges for luggage or additional passengers, or when paying by credit or debit card
- Christmas/New Year: £4.00 for journeys made between 20:00 on 24 December and 06:00 on 27 December or between 20:00 on 31 December and 06:00 on 2 January 2027
- Drivers can charge up to £60.00 for soiling that requires the taxi to be taken out of service

- Heathrow Airport:
- £1.60 for journeys that start from the airport taxi ranks and £6.00 for dropping off in a terminal drop-off zone

- London City Airport:
- No extra charge for journeys that start from the airport taxi rank and £6.00 for dropping off at the terminal forecourt

Taxi tariff details
Full details of the taxi tariffs can be found on our website at tfl.gov.uk/taxifares

Airport drop-off charges
To cover the cost of the drop-off charges drivers can add £6.00 to the fare when dropping off passengers in a terminal drop-off zone at Heathrow Airport or the terminal forecourt at London City Airport.

Blue Badge holders can apply to both airports for a full discount/exemption from the drop-off charges. Drivers dropping off a Blue Badge holder should check if they have applied for a discount/exemption, if a discount/exemption has been granted the extra charge must not be added to the taxi fare.

More information about Blue Badge discounts is available at tfl.gov.uk/taxifares

Credit and debit card payments
All taxis must have a TfL-approved card payment device fitted in the passenger compartment. All card payment devices approved for use in taxis must accept American Express, MasterCard and Visa, as well as contactless payments.

Handheld card payment devices do not meet the licensing requirements and are regarded as unapproved devices. Taxi drivers found to be using any unapproved device may have their fitness to be licensed reviewed.

Details of approved devices can be found at tfl.gov.uk/tph

Receipts
A receipt must be issued at the end of the journey if the passenger requests one.

Equality Act 2010
The Equality Act 2010 means that drivers have a duty to assist passengers in a wheelchair and take passengers who have an assistance dog. Drivers must also provide reasonable mobility assistance to any disabled passenger.

Drivers must ensure their taxi is equipped with a working wheelchair ramp at all times.

Drivers carrying a wheelchair user must not start the taximeter until the passenger is safely in the vehicle. Drivers must stop the taximeter as soon as they arrive at the passenger's destination.

DBS Update Service
Since 26 February 2024 all renewing taxi drivers are required to register with, and maintain a subscription to, the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Update Service. A licence will not be granted without confirmation that the subscription to the update service is in place.

Once drivers are registered with the DBS Update Service, we will undertake six-monthly checks with the DBS to see if their DBS record has changed.

Taxi vehicle inspections
To find out how to book an inspection online, visit tfl.gov.uk/tph

Reporting illegal activity
Drivers with information about touting or other illegal activity should report it to us using the form at tfl.gov.uk/tph-report

TPH notices and updates
Copies of all recent TPH notices, including those relating to taxi licensing, are available at tfl.gov.uk/tph

Contact us
Please remember that you must notify us of:

- Changes to your name or address
- Changes to your medical fitness
- Any arrest and release, charges, cautions, convictions, or penalty points on your driving licence

You can contact us by emailing drivers@tph.tfl.gov.uk

Visit tfl.gov.uk/tph for more information.