



## **Taxi Fare Scales**

These are maximum fares – the driver can:

- choose to charge less than the meter, or
- agree a fixed fare with the passenger before the journey starts (so long as the agreed fare is not more than the Scale fare)

These Scales were fixed by the Licensing Committee on Monday 24 October 2022 and apply from and after Thursday 4 May 2023 (this is the date set by the Traffic Commissioner after he refused an appeal by an Operator).

### **Tariff 1 (Normal)**

Up to the first 3/4 mile - £3.50

Then each mile - £2.30 (in 10p units)

Waiting: up to 10 minutes - £3.50 (and then 10p every 20 seconds or part)

### **Tariff 2 (Higher)**

Up to the first 3/4 mile - £4.00

Then each mile - £3.00 (in 10p units)

Waiting: up to 10 minutes - £4.00 (and then 10p every 20 seconds or part)

Tariff 2 applies if the journey starts **and/or** ends:

- in the period 12.00 p.m. (midnight) to 7.00 a.m. ("Night")
- on a Sunday

- on the following Public Holidays:
  - Good Friday
  - early May Bank Holiday
  - Spring Bank Holiday
  - Summer Bank Holiday
  - 30 November (St Andrew's Day)

If a Bank Holiday is on a weekend, the following Monday is treated as the Bank Holiday

- On 26th December or 2nd January

### **Tariff 3 (Festive period)**

If the journey starts **AND/OR** ends on 25th December or 1st January the fare is **double** Tariff 1.

### **Boundary Zone Charge**

If the journey is from the Zone for which the vehicle is licensed to another Zone in North Ayrshire: the fare is whichever of Tariff 1, 2 or 3 would otherwise apply, **plus 50%**.

### **Large Vehicle Charge (5 or more passengers)**

If the vehicle starts by carrying more than 4 passengers, the fare is charged as an **extra 50%** on whichever of Tariff 1, 2 or 3 would otherwise apply. The higher fare applies **until** the hire ends, even if some of the passengers leave the vehicle earlier and there are fewer than 5 left in the vehicle.

### **Extra Charges**

Soiling Charge - £50

### **Notes**

1. If two Tariffs could apply to a journey, the driver can charge the higher one. The metered charge is the **maximum** which can be charged. The driver can always charge less.
2. These Scales apply to journeys which **both** start and end within North Ayrshire. The Council do not set fares for journeys beyond the Council area. The passenger and the driver should agree the fare **before** the start of the journey.
3. Luggage shall be carried free if it is of a size which can reasonably be accommodated in the car.
4. Tariffs apply as soon as the journey starts and do not change. For example, if a journey starts at 6.30 a.m. (Tariff 2 is "Higher") but ends at 7.30 a.m. (Tariff 1 is "Normal"), then the fare is still Tariff 2 because the journey **started** at night.
5. The meter can **only** be started immediately before the vehicle moves off and must be stopped when the vehicle arrives at its destination. The meter cannot be used while the vehicle is being loaded before moving off or being unloaded after the vehicle stops at its destination, unless the passenger has asked the driver to wait.
6. There is no extra charge for loading, carrying or unloading passengers with wheelchairs, assistance animals or anything the passenger wants to have carried.