



National Transport Authority approves public transport fares increases for monthly and annual tickets

The National Transport Authority (the Authority) has today (24 September, 2012) approved fares increases to monthly and annual tickets across all contracted public transport services provided by Dublin Bus, Iarnród Éireann, Bus Éireann and the Railway Procurement Agency.

The Authority has aligned the starting point of all operators' annual tax-saver increases to be from 1st November 2012. There will be no further increase to annual tickets before November 2013.

Increases in the price of monthly tickets will apply from 1st January 2013.

The price increases for the CIÉ operating companies are necessitated by the estimated reduction in funds available to subsidise public transport in 2013 (6%), the continuing decline in patronage and revenues, increased fuel costs and previous cuts to the subvention since 2009. Furthermore, all transport operators are forecasting operating deficits for 2012.

Similar to the other transport operators, the Railway Procurement Agency is in the situation where Luas revenues are not currently matching operating costs and this has resulted in a depletion of cash reserves that are the source of funding for maintenance work.

This fares increase is the first of the two stages in the 2013 fares determination.

This first stage is only concerned with the increases in monthly and annual ticket prices as the Authority needs to analyse the detail of the array of other fares.

Those other fares will be determined in the coming weeks.

In respect of monthly and annual tickets, the Authority has approved general price increases as follows (*detailed tables of the increase for each fare category are attached below*):

- **Dublin Bus** – increase ranging from 4.21% - 10.34%;
- **Bus Éireann** - an average increase of 6% on city and stage coach services;
- **Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail)** – increases ranging from 2.53% - 9.93%;
- **Railway Procurement Agency** - increases in the region of 2.8% - 10.34% for Luas monthly and annual tickets.

All operators are making cost reductions in the delivery of their operations to mitigate the loss in revenue and services are generally being maintained.

While the monthly and annual fare prices are being increased, these products will still provide significant savings and discounts to customers compared to standard fares.

Within the last 18 months significant initiatives have been launched that aim to attract new customers to an improved public transport offering and, as a result, patronage losses have moderated in 2012.

These initiatives include the provision of Real Time Passenger Information, the [Leap Card](#) in Dublin, and a [National Journey Planner](#) for all public transport throughout the State, available through the [TransportforIreland.ie](#) web portal and smartphone apps. Furthermore there has been substantial investment in the bus fleet, improved bus priority, and in improving rail stations. Also, city bus networks have been re-designed to be more efficient and to better match customer needs.

Full information is available on the Authority's website: www.nationaltransport.ie

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Dublin Bus

Ticket type	Current price	Requested price	Approved fares	Approved % increase
Adult Travelwide Monthly (Dublin Bus only)	€105.00	€112.00	€112.00	6.67%
Adult Short Hop Monthly (Dublin Bus & Irish Rail)	€132.00	€142.00	€142.00	7.58%
Adult Bus/Luas Monthly (Dublin Bus & Luas)	€124.00	€131.50	€131.50	6.05%
Adult Short Hop Monthly (Dublin Bus, Irish Rail & Luas)	€190.00	€198.00	€198.00	4.21%
<i>Adult Bus/Luas Add on Monthly (Dublin Bus & Luas)</i>	<i>€29.00</i>	<i>€35.00 (20.69%)</i>	<i>€32.00</i>	<i>10.34%</i>
Student Short Hop Monthly (Dublin Bus & Irish Rail)	€102.00	€108.00	€108.00	5.88%
Adult Travelwide Annual (Dublin Bus only)	€1,050.00	€1,120.00	€1,120.00	6.67%
Adult Short Hop Annual (Dublin Bus & Irish Rail)	€1,320.00	€1,420.00	€1,420.00	7.58%
Adult Bus/Luas Annual (Dublin Bus & Luas)	€1,240.00	€1,315.00	€1,315.00	6.05%
Adult Short Hop Annual (Dublin Bus, Irish Rail & Luas)	€1,900.00	€1,980.00	€1,980.00	4.21%
<i>Adult Bus/Luas Add on Annual (Dublin Bus & Luas)</i>	<i>€290.00</i>	<i>€350.00 (20.69%)</i>	<i>€320.00</i>	<i>10.34%</i>

Bus Éireann

Provincial city commuter

Fare type (Child, Adult, etc.)	Fare stage/route	Monthly				Annual			
		Fare type	Current ticket price	Requested & Approved ticket price	% Increase	Fare type	Current ticket price	Requested & Approved ticket price	% Increase
Adult	Cork City	Monthly	65.50	69.50	6.11%	Annual	720.50	764.50	6.11%
Adult	Limerick City	Monthly	58.00	61.50	6.03%	Annual	638.00	676.50	6.03%
Adult	Galway City	Monthly	58.00	61.50	6.03%	Annual	638.00	676.50	6.03%
Adult	Waterford City	Monthly	52.50	55.50	5.71%	Annual	577.50	610.50	5.71%
Adult	Cork City & Suburban	Monthly	81.00	86.00	6.17%	Annual	891.00	946.00	6.17%
Student	Cork City	Monthly	58.00	61.50	6.03%	Annual	-	-	
Student	Limerick City	Monthly	49.50	52.50	6.06%	Annual	-	-	
Student	Galway City	Monthly	50.00	53.00	6.00%	Annual	-	-	
Student	Waterford City	Monthly	42.00	44.50	5.95%	Annual	-	-	
Student	Cork City & Suburban	Monthly	67.50	71.50	5.93%	Annual	-	-	
Child	Cork City	Monthly	31.50	33.50	6.35%	Annual	-	-	
Child	Limerick City	Monthly	27.30	29.00	6.23%	Annual	-	-	
Child	Galway City	Monthly	27.30	29.00	6.23%	Annual	-	-	
Child	Waterford City	Monthly	26.00	27.50	5.77%	Annual	-	-	

Bus Éireann

Stage carriage

Fare type (Child, Adult, etc.)	Fare stage/route	Monthly				Annual			
		Fare type	Current ticket price	Requested & approved ticket price	% Increase	Fare type	Current ticket price	Requested & approved ticket price	% Increase
Adult	0-2	Monthly	60.00	63.20	5.33%	Annual	705.00	742.60	5.33%
Adult	2-4	Monthly	62.00	65.60	5.81%	Annual	728.50	770.80	5.81%
Adult	5-6	Monthly	63.20	66.80	5.70%	Annual	742.60	784.90	5.70%
Adult	7-8	Monthly	70.00	73.60	5.14%	Annual	822.50	864.80	5.14%
Adult	9-10	Monthly	100.80	106.00	5.16%	Annual	1,184.40	1,245.50	5.16%
Adult	11-12	Monthly	118.00	124.00	5.08%	Annual	1,386.50	1,457.00	5.08%
Adult	13-14	Monthly	122.00	130.00	6.56%	Annual	1,433.50	1,527.50	6.56%
Adult	15-16	Monthly	126.00	134.00	6.35%	Annual	1,480.50	1,574.50	6.35%
Adult	17-18	Monthly	126.00	134.00	6.35%	Annual	1,480.50	1,574.50	6.35%
Adult	19-20	Monthly	128.00	136.00	6.25%	Annual	1,504.00	1,598.00	6.25%
Adult	21-22	Monthly	132.00	140.00	6.06%	Annual	1,551.00	1,645.00	6.06%
Adult	23-24	Monthly	146.00	154.00	5.48%	Annual	1,715.50	1,809.50	5.48%
Adult	25-26	Monthly	154.00	164.00	6.49%	Annual	1,809.50	1,927.00	6.49%
Adult	27-30	Monthly	166.00	176.00	6.02%	Annual	1,950.50	2,068.00	6.02%
Adult	31-32	Monthly	180.00	192.00	6.67%	Annual	2,115.00	2,256.00	6.67%
Adult	33-36	Monthly	192.00	204.00	6.25%	Annual	2,256.00	2,397.00	6.25%
Adult	37-38	Monthly	196.00	208.00	6.12%	Annual	2,303.00	2,444.00	6.12%
Adult	39-42	Monthly	206.00	218.00	5.83%	Annual	2,420.50	2,561.50	5.83%
Adult	43-46	Monthly	208.00	220.00	5.77%	Annual	2,444.00	2,585.00	5.77%
Adult	47-50	Monthly	212.00	226.00	6.60%	Annual	2,491.00	2,655.50	6.60%
Adult	51-60	Monthly	214.00	228.00	6.54%	Annual	2,514.50	2,679.00	6.54%
Adult	61-64	Monthly	216.00	230.00	6.48%	Annual	2,538.00	2,702.50	6.48%
Adult	65-70	Monthly	218.00	232.00	6.42%	Annual	2,561.50	2,726.00	6.42%
Adult	71-75	Monthly	228.00	242.00	6.14%	Annual	2,679.00	2,843.50	6.14%
Adult	76-80	Monthly	232.00	246.00	6.03%	Annual	2,726.00	2,890.50	6.03%
Adult	81-85	Monthly	234.00	248.00	5.98%	Annual	2,749.50	2,914.00	5.98%
Adult	86-90	Monthly	240.00	254.00	5.83%	Annual	2,820.00	2,984.50	5.83%
Adult	91-95	Monthly	252.00	268.00	6.35%	Annual	2,961.00	3,149.00	6.35%
Adult	96-100	Monthly	262.00	278.00	6.11%	Annual	3,078.50	3,266.50	6.11%
Adult	101-110	Monthly	272.00	288.00	5.88%	Annual	3,196.00	3,384.00	5.88%
Adult	111-120	Monthly	276.00	292.00	5.80%	Annual	3,243.00	3,431.00	5.80%
Adult	121-140	Monthly	282.00	300.00	6.38%	Annual	3,313.50	3,525.00	6.38%
Adult	141-150	Monthly	284.00	302.00	6.34%	Annual	3,337.00	3,548.50	6.34%

Iarnród Éireann

	Annual Fares Increase				Monthly Fares Increase			
	Valid from 1st November 2012				Valid from 1st January 2013			
	Current	Requested	Approved	Approved % change	Current	Requested	Approved	Approved % change
Short Hop Zone - rail only	€1,120	€1,230	€1,230	9.8%	€112	€123	€123	9.8%
<i>Short Hop Zone - rail & feeder bus*</i>	€1,410	€1,580*	€1,550*	9.93%*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Short Hop Zone - rail & Dublin Bus	€1,320	€1,420	€1,420	7.58%	€132	€142	€142	7.58%
Short Hop Zone - rail & Luas	€1,550	€1,610	€1,610	3.9%	€155	€161	€161	3.9%
Short Hop Zone rail, bus & Luas	€1,900	€1,980	€1,980	4.21%	€190	€198	€198	4.21%
Student Short Hop bus & rail	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	€102	€108	€108	5.88%
Intercity Zone A	€1,010	€1,110	€1,110	9.9%	€101	€111	€111	9.9%
Intercity Zone B	€1,370	€1,500	€1,500	9.5%	€137	€150	€150	9.5%
Intercity Zone C	€1,460	€1,600	€1,600	9.6%	€146	€160	€160	9.6%
Intercity Zone D	€1,950	€2,000	€2,000	2.6%	€195	€200	€200	2.6%
Intercity Zone E	€2,110	€2,200	€2,200	4.3%	€211	€220	€220	4.3%
Intercity Zone F	€2,690	€2,800	€2,800	4.1%	€269	€280	€280	4.1%
Intercity Zone G	€2,810	€2,900	€2,900	3.2%	€281	€290	€290	3.2%
<i>Intercity Zone H</i>	€2,970	€3,260	€3,090	4.04%	€297	€326	€309	4.04%
<i>Intercity Zone J</i>	€3,350	€3,680	€3,490	4.18%	€335	€368	€349	4.18%
<i>Intercity Zone K</i>	€3,950	€4,340	<i>Withdraw and replace with IÉ Rail all services ticket €4,050</i>	2.53%	€395	€434	€405	2.53%
<i>Intercity Zone L</i>	€4,350	€4,780		-6.90%	€435	€478	€405	-6.90%
<i>Irish Rail all services</i>	€3,710	€4,100 (10.5%)	€4,050	9.16%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>All Irish Rail and Dublin Bus</i>	€4,060	€4,466 (10.0%)	€4,430	9.11%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>All Irish Rail and Bus Éireann</i>	€4,150	€4,560 (9.9%)	€4,530	9.15%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>All Irish Rail and Luas</i>	€4,380	€4,810 (9.8%)	€4,780	9.13%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>All CIÉ Group</i>	€4,900	€5,390 (10.0%)	€5,340	8.98%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

* This ticket is made up of Irish Rail's Annual Short Hop Zone - rail only ticket and the Dublin Bus/Luas Add on Annual ticket. The RPA and Dublin Bus had requested reducing the discount on the Dublin Bus/Luas Add on Annual ticket by applying a 20% increase which meant that the price they had requested for the ticket would have been €1,580.00 in total. This is considered inappropriate and the discount will be reduced over a number of years. Therefore, the approved increase is 10.34% on these products, meaning the approved price is €1,550.00.

Railway Procurement Agency (Luas)

Ticket type	Current price	Requested price	Approved price	Approved increase	Approved % increase
Taxsaver Green Line Monthly	€84.50	€88.50	€88.50	€4.00	4.7%
Taxsaver Green Line 3 Zones Monthly	€75.00	€78.00	€78.00	€3.00	4.0%
Taxsaver Red Line Monthly	€84.50	€88.50	€88.50	€4.00	4.7%
Taxsaver Red Line 3 Zones Monthly	€70.50	€75.00	€75.00	€4.50	6.4%
Taxsaver All Zones Monthly	€88.50	€91.00	€91.00	€2.50	2.8%
Taxsaver Green Line Annual	€845.00	€885.00	€885.00	€40.00	4.7%
Taxsaver Green Line 3 Zones Annual	€750.00	€780.00	€780.00	€30.00	4.0%
Taxsaver Red Line Annual	€845.00	€885.00	€885.00	€40.00	4.7%
Taxsaver Red Line 3 Zones Annual	€705.00	€750.00	€750.00	€45.00	6.4%
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