



**Consideration of applications to change cash, Leap
and pre-paid fares, including monthly and annual
fares, from Bus Éireann for 2016**

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The National Transport Authority (the Authority) entered into Public Service Contracts with Bus Éireann in December 2014 for the provision of passenger and ancillary services.

Bus Éireann is 100% owned by Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ). CIÉ is a statutory body with ownership vested in the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport.

This fares determination has been based on the assumption that the amount allocated to the Public Service Obligation (PSO) payments will not be reduced in 2016. In fact, the Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport announced that an additional €28m has been made available for Public Service Obligation payments in 2016 across all contracted services; primarily for the additional services required for the increasing demand for services.

While Bus Éireann have implemented efficiencies in their operations, they will need to continue to maintain a strong focus on cost control and to examine ways of reducing costs as future fares increases will be more moderate and will track closer to inflation.

Passenger journeys have stabilised and began to increase in 2014 with further growth in 2015. Bus Éireann expects that passenger numbers to grow by around 4% in 2016.

1.2 Determination of fares

The determination of fares for 2016 is being undertaken in a single stage with this determination addressing the price of cash, Leap and pre-paid tickets. Increases to the cash, Leap and pre-paid tickets are permissible from 1st December 2015.

1.3 Factors influencing public transport demand and revenues

Public transport revenues for Bus Éireann come from three main sources: passenger fares, PSO subsidy and the free travel grant from the Department of Social Protection. Passenger fares account for a substantial amount of revenue and are dependent on passenger numbers. These in turn depend on the demand for passenger services.

Demand for public transport services is strongly related to economic activity. Economic growth increases employment, disposable income and consumer spend, all of which lead to greater travel. Economic decline produces the opposite effect.

Passenger numbers on Bus Éireann have grown since 2014 following a fall-off in demand since late 2008. This led to a loss in profitability in 2013 but in 2014 Bus Éireann returned a surplus on PSO services. Despite passenger growth in 2014 and 2015 and fare increases which were applied, Bus Éireann expects to return a further deficit in 2015.

1.4 Economic outlook

It is evident that the economy is starting to grow again after 5 or 6 years of decline followed by modest growth. As can be seen in Table 1 showing a number of the key economic indicators the forecast of growth in the economy for this year is between 3% and 6% depending on the forecast used. If this predicted level of growth in the economy comes to pass it will help all sectors of the economy and it will put increasing pressure on public transport services at peak times. Public transport operators, while they will benefit from the growth in the economy, they will incur increased cost as more services will need to be provided.

Despite these encouraging forecasts for growth we are aware that some European economies are not enjoying the same level of growth in their economies and if that remains the case this may have an effect on Ireland's economy as we are partly relying on a growth in exports to achieve the expected levels of growth. Slow growth in Europe will dampen the level of exports from Ireland and in turn dampen our growth prospects

As Table 1 shows, the increase in the Consumer Price Index in 2015 and forecast for 2016 is very small. It should be noted that although the price of energy and fuels is reflected in changes in inflation, the Consumer Price Index is made up of a basket of weighted goods and services and so changes in the rate of inflation may not fully reflect the sometimes large and volatile swings that can occur in the cost of energy in Ireland, which is naturally a major cost component of a transport company.

Table 1: Key Economic Indicators

Key Economic Indicators (real annual % growth)									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 ^d	2016 ^f
Consumer Price Index (CPI)									
CSO	4.1	-4.5	-1.0	2.6	1.7	0.5	0.2		
Central Bank								0.3	1.5
ESRI								0.1	1.0
Department of Finance (HICP)								1.4	1.4
IMF (HICP)								0.8	1.5
Gross National Product (GNP)									
CSO	-1.8	-9.1	0.5	-0.9	1.9	3.2	6.5		
Central Bank								5.3	4.4
ESRI								5.9	4.0
Department of Finance								3.1	3.1
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)									
CSO	-2.2	-6.4	-1.1	2.8	-0.3	0.2	5.6		
Central Bank								5.8	4.7
ESRI								6.0	4.5
Department of Finance								3.4	3.4
IMF								4.8	3.8

Source: Central Statistics Office (CSO), Central Bank Quarterly Bulletin Oct 2015, ESRI Quarterly Economic Commentary Autumn 2015, IMF World Economic Outlook October 2015, Department of Finance Budget 2016 Macroeconomic Forecasts and Department of Finance Monthly Economic Bulletin October 2015 (2016 forecast). Note “f” indicates forecast, “d” indicates to date and HICP is the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices which differs slightly from the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

1.5 National Payments Plan

The National Payments Plan (NPP) is a three year plan managed by the Central Bank of Ireland. The plan is targeting savings of up to €1 billion per annum for the Irish economy through a doubling of electronic payments by 2015. These savings are intended to be achieved through a significant shift away from cash and paper payments to efficient electronic payment methods.

Public transport users span all sectors of society and as such can include people who will not readily migrate to electronic payment systems. However, recent experience with the introduction of the Authority’s integrated ticketing Leap card system, has shown that significant numbers of people will use a cash replacement system that is convenient, well marketed and provides advantages, in particular price benefits. Currently up to 1.5 million

public transport passengers use Leap e-purse each week resulting in over €2.5 million of electronic transactions replacing traditional cash payments each week.

There are significant benefits to reforming our payments system on public transport for both the public and the operators. The gains include cashless transactions, ease of use, discounting from cash fares, daily and weekly fare capping, quicker boarding, an improved public transport offer and with the Leap card, an integrated payments format.

Cash transactions involve additional costs for public transport operators. These come from the counting and collection of cash, the need for a logistical system involving security, transportation, insurance, cash depots, et cetera. Public transport operators have also been experiencing increases in the cost of the return of excess cash to banks and overall cash operating costs are high.

The Authority contributes to improvements in Ireland's payment systems' infrastructure through encouraging greater use of electronic payments that enhance both the efficiency and convenience of using public transport.

1.6 The need for fare increases

Bus Éireann public transport fare increases have been deemed to be necessary in recent years to compensate for reduced patronage and the increased operating costs. While passenger numbers have grown since 2014, fares increases are required to:

- a) allow the restructuring and simplification of the Bus Éireann fares structures;
- b) encourage a transfer to Leap card usage;
- c) contribute to the increased cost the provision of the current services; and
- d) contribute to the cost for the additional services.

The main cost drivers for Bus Éireann in 2016 are fuel which is hedged in advance, increased maintenance costs and increased sub-contracting costs due to increased demand for services.

The contract with Bus Éireann allows for an annual increase in costs based on different pricing indices.

1.7 Fares Innovations

The Authority has introduced a number of fare innovations over the last few years mainly related to the Leap Card.

Family Tickets

The Authority recognises that the cost of travel by public transport by families can be prohibitive compared to travel by other modes. In 2016, the Authority proposes introducing a single operator and multi-operator family ticket. A more detailed determination for family tickets will be published in 2016.

2. Bus Éireann

2.1 Introduction

Bus Éireann Public Service Obligation (PSO) services programme is provided under public service contract to the National Transport Authority. These services are not commercial and attract a PSO payment in line with EU regulation 1370/07. They comprise:

- Regional City services in Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford
- Stage Carriage (i.e. multi-stop) services which include:
 - Commuter services within the Greater Dublin Area
 - Town services in Navan, Dundalk, Drogheda, Balbriggan, Sligo and Athlone
 - Commuter services from over 100 satellite towns and villages to the main gateway cities
 - Non- commercial scheduled services throughout Ireland.

Following a number of years of reducing expenditure Bus Éireann expenditure costs increased in 2014. This was due to a number of factors such as the ending of the pay agreement which saw substantial saving on pay over the previous years, an increase in material costs, a slight increase in claims costs and the ending of a number of other short term cost saving measures.

Bus Éireann also have increased costs associated with growth in demand at peak times which has resulted in increases in contracting in services to provide extra capacity. Their maintenance costs have also increased as a result of the ageing fleet. However there are a number of positive signs for Bus Éireann as passenger numbers are recovering since their lowest numbers in 2011. This modest growth in passenger numbers is not across the entire Bus Éireann network. Their stage carriage service which services over 100 towns and villages is still showing a slight fall off in passenger numbers but Bus Éireann expects this to stabilise this year and expects growth of up to 3.6% in 2016. Passenger numbers are showing growth in a number of the regional cities such as Galway, Cork and Limerick. In summary, in 2016

Bus Éireann is forecasting passenger growth of 3.6% in stage carriage and 5% in the regional cities.

Despite these positive signs Bus Éireann is predicting a deficit of about €5.9m in 2015. It also projects a return to profitability in 2016 based on additional PSO subsidy and increased fare revenue from growth as well as some fares increases.

The table below outlines the projected financial position for Bus Éireann at June 2015.

Table 2. Projected financial position to 2016. (based on Bus Éireann projections)

	Bus Éireann		
PSO Financial Summary	2014 Actual	2015 (Projected June 2015)	2016* (Projected June 2015)
	€000	€000	€000
Total revenue excluding PSO payment and Free Travel payment	63,151	65,747	70,559
Total Expenditure	105,376	115,596	120,993 ¹
Deficit before subvention and Free Travel payment	42,225	49,849	50,434
Subvention	34,387	31,899	42,400**
DSP Free Travel payment	11,978	11,978	12,278**
Surplus / Deficit after Free Travel payment and before exceptional items	4,140	-5,972	4,244

*2016 projected revenue based on requested fares increase application received.

**Indicative only

¹2016 expenditure includes provision for Bus Éireann's T25 expansion yet to be agreed

2.2 Proposal by Operator

Bus Éireann has written to the Authority requesting approval for a fares increase in respect of cash, Leap, prepaid tickets and monthly & annual Tax saver tickets. This determination considers the Bus Éireann application and the changes approved are permissible to take effect from the 1st December 2015.

Bus Éireann's proposal is to increase fares by an average of 1.5%. Bus Éireann are expecting fare paying passenger numbers to grow by about 3.9% in 2016 and they anticipate the

modest fares increase combined with the growth in passenger numbers will provide an overall 5.7% increase in revenue which equates to an additional €3.5m.

The requested fare increases vary for different fare bands and ticket products and the range of requested changes are summarised as follows:

Table 3: Requested fare increase for 2016.

Ticket category	Requested increase on 2015 prices
Leap	-9.1% to 6.0%
Regional Cities Cash	4.5% to 5.3%
Stage Carriage Cash	-9.1% to 6.0%
Prepaid tickets	-9.8% to 8.8%
Monthly and annual tickets	-10.3% to 7.8%
Multi-Operator monthly and annual tickets	-16.0% to 2.8%

Bus Éireann also requested that the discount for paying for your single journey using Leap rather than cash should be set at 24% in the regional cities and 20% for stage carriage services.

The key messages in the Bus Éireann fares application can be summarised as follows:

- Small increase in City cash fares but leap differential increased so significant saving for customers who migrate to Leap and no increase for existing Leap Adult City customers.
- Value of Leap transactions projected to grow from 10% of total revenue to 20% of total revenue in 2016 further promoting connectivity and positioning for secondary journey discounts in 2017.
- Leap discount recognises different travel patterns between City and Local Services.
- Significant first step towards standardised ratios between ticket types in line with NTA policy
- Fares application is targeted to generate €1m (1.5%) off a PSO fares revenue base of €65m

3. Determination by the Authority

Unlike in previous years when the fares determination was undertaken in two stages with one stage addressing the price of the cash, Leap and prepaid tickets and a second determination addressing the price of monthly and annual tickets this year all Bus Éireann fares will be determined in this one determination. The determined fares will be permissible from 1st December 2015.

Bus Éireann is expecting passenger journeys to grow by about 5% in the regional cities with growth of about 3.6% in the stage carriage services. These growth targets are ambitious especially on the stage carriage services where the severe drop in passenger numbers during the economic collapse are still depressed. Growth in passenger numbers in the regional cities is occurring especially in Cork where a reconfiguration of bus services initiated by the Authority has proved very successful.

Growth in passenger numbers while welcome also presents a number of challenges with the greatest challenge the need to provide additional services which in turn require additional buses for the fleet. Indeed over the past year or so Bus Éireann have had to hire a considerable number of additional buses to cater for the growth in passengers especially at peak periods. Funding has been made available by the NTA for additional buses over the last two years and these will help cater for some of the additional demand. This growth in passenger numbers also puts additional pressure on bus maintenance costs due to an ageing bus fleet. The Authority made additional funding available in 2014 to Bus Éireann for maintenance.

Over the past number of years there have been significant increases to Bus Éireann fares with increases of 5% to 6% in 2012, 2013 and 2014. For 2015 a more moderate increase of around 3.5% was approved. Following these significant increases the Authority has advised the transport operators that a more moderate fares increase would be appropriate in 2016.

Earlier this year the Authority issued guidance to the public transport operators advising them of the recommended discount for student and child fares and also the ratios which would be appropriate between the various fares such as a one day fare and a seven day fare.

Table 4 outlines the recommended ratios between adult and student fares and adult and child fares while table 5 outlines the recommended relationship between various fare types such as between a monthly ticket and an annual ticket.

Table 4. Ratios between customer types

	Recommended min discount on adult fare	Recommended max discount on adult fare	Recommended average discount on adult fare
Student discount	20%	35%	30%
Child discount	40%	55%	50%

Table 5. Ratios between product types

	Recommended Min	Recommended Max
Single : Day Return	1.5:1	1.9:1
Single : 1-day/24hr	2.2:1	3.0:1
1 day : 7-day	3.5:1	4.5 :1
7-day : Month	3.1 : 1	3.75:1
Month : Year	10.0 : 1	10.5 : 1

While a large number of the public transport fares already fall within these recommendations there are still a significant minority of Bus Éireann fares which do not fall within the recommendations.

Bus Éireann, in their fares application adopted most of the recommendations but rather than phase them in over a number of years they tried to reach the recommendations more quickly. This resulted in their fares proposal having a number of large fare decreases along with a number of large increases in individual fares as outlined in Table 3 above. The Authority, while welcoming the move to adjust fares close to the recommended levels, determined that it would not be appropriate to apply increase of more than 5% in general and to balance that it would not be appropriate to reduce any fare by more than 5%. While this will limit the number of fares which fall within the recommendations of the Authority it is important to limit any increase for passengers and also limit any decrease to the revenues of the operator. Instead of reaching the recommended ratios in one year the fares can be adjusted over a number of years to bring them in line with the recommendations.

The recommendations which will have the greatest effect on Bus Éireann fares is that child fares should aim to be between 45% and 60% of the adult fare and student fares should aim

to be between 65% and 80% of the adult fare. These recommendations are in line with public transport operators across Europe. In our determination last year we ensured that all student fares were at least 10% cheaper than the adult fare. This year we will take a further step towards the recommendations both for students and children.

In our determinations on public transport fares last year the Authority ensured that all Leap single fares are at least 20% cheaper than the cash equivalent where Leap is available. This year Bus Éireann has proposed to increase the Leap discount to 24% in the regional cities. The Authority welcomes this move to encourage greater use of Leap and migration from cash fares. The discount will remain at 20% for stage carriage fares.

Leap which was originally introduced on Bus Éireann services in June 2013 in the eastern region is now rolled out to each of the four regional cities namely Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford.

3.1 Regional City fares

Regional city fares are available in each of the four regional cities. Fares available include adult and child Leap and cash single, Adult, child and student 1-day (24 hour), 7-day, monthly fares and annual fares for adults. These fares are now available on Leap and the paper based tickets can be withdrawn in 2016.

Bus Éireann have requested a 10 cent increase on adult cash fares and a 5 cent increase on child cash fare. Leap fares will remain at current levels or decrease by a couple of cent to ensure that there is a saving of 24% for those who pay with Leap. By holding the Leap fare at current levels it ensures that no passenger should pay more for a single journey in the regional cities in 2016 than they did in 2015.

By holding the Leap fares at current levels this ensures that the adult Leap fare in 2016 is up to 5.9% cheaper than the cash equivalent was in 2012 four years earlier. Table 6 below shows the saving to be made in 2016 by using Leap compared to cash. For each trip when you pay by Leap you can save 50 or 60 cent depending on the length of the journey.

Savings are also available for children for example with the school child Leap fare just €0.76 compared to €1.00 if paying by cash. This can result in a saving of €2.40 each week if you child takes the bus to and from school each day.

Table 6. 2016 Regional cities adult Leap fares compared with 2012 to 2016 adult single cash fares

Fare type	2012 cash	2013 cash	2014 cash	2015 cash	2016 cash	2016 leap	% Leap 2016 cheaper than cash 2012	Leap 2016 cheaper than Cash 2016
0-11 stages	€1.70	€1.80	€1.90	€2.00	€2.10	€1.60	5.9%	€0.50
12+ stages	€2.00	€2.10	€2.20	€2.40	€2.50	€1.90	5.0%	€0.60

As stated earlier Bus Éireann when submitting their application for a fares increase adhered closely to the recommendations issued by the Authority and this lead to large increases to some fares and large decreases to other fares. For example Bus Éireann proposed a 7.1% increase to some adult 1-day (24 hour) fares and a 9.9% decrease to some child 1-day (24 hour) fares. These represent very large increases and decreases in one year to the fare paying passenger. Therefore the Authority determined that no fare increase greater than 5% would be applied and to balance that no fare decrease greater than 5% would be applied except in some exceptional cases such as a 5.3% increase to the schoolchild cash fare which works out at a five cent increase.

The Authority determined that in general a maximum 5% increase would be applied to the adult 1-day (24 hour), 7-day and monthly regional city fares. Generally annual fares are based on the monthly fares and an annual fare would be about 10 or 10.5 times the monthly fare. Currently the adult annual regional city fares are 11 times the monthly fare and the Authority recommends that this should be reduced to between 10 and 10.5 over a number of years. The Authority has determined that for the annual regional city fares in 2016 they should be only 10.8 times the monthly fare down from 11 times the monthly fare currently. The Authority expects to bring this closer to the recommended ratio of 10 to 10.5 over the next few years. Reducing this ratio has resulted in annual fares increasing by an average 3.4% in the regional cities.

Student and child fares in the regional cities will vary by between decreases of up to 5% and increases of up to 4.9%. By adjusting the child and student fares as outlined in appendix A

this will bring student and child fares closer to the recommended fare ratios and in many cases within the recommended ratio ranges.

The full range of fares for the Regional Cities is set out in Appendix A from page 28 onwards.

3.2 Stage Carriage

Stage Carriage fares are those fares which apply on the Bus Éireann PSO network outside of the regional cities. Leap is currently available on stage carriage routes in the Greater Dublin Area and in the Greater Cork Area. It is expected that Leap will be rolled out to all other regions over the next few years. Bus Éireann propose to maintain the current 20% discount for Leap card users on Stage Carriage services.

Bus Éireann have adjusted fares in their application to comply with the Authority's recommended fares structure. As with the regional city fares this has led to large increases and large decreases in individual fares and as with regional city fares the Authority has determined that fares changes should be kept within plus or minus 5%.

When examining the proposed fares the Authority determined that one way to reach the recommended fares for children was to hold all child stage carriage fares at current levels except where they are significantly outside the recommended fare ratios and in these cases the child fare may be reduced by up to 5%. For example for the child cash stage carriage fare none of the fares will increase in 2016 while five out of 33 of these child fares will reduce by an average of 3% each. Similarly with child day return fares 7 of the 33 fares will reduce by an average of 3.4% and none of the child day return fares will increase. As the cash /Leap differential is remaining at 20% for all stage carriage fares in 2016 where the cash single fare remains at current levels or reduces the Leap fare will do likewise.

For student stage carriage fares the Authority, following an examination of all the fares, decided that the maximum increase to apply to student stage carriage fares would be 2% and in cases where the student fare was out of line with the recommendations, a decrease of up to 5% could be applied. For example in student single fares, 9 individual fares are reducing by an average of 4.1% and 19 individual fares will increase by an average of 1.6%. As with the child fares the same increase or decrease applies to the Leap fare as to the cash fare.

3.3 Eastern Region Zonal Leap Fares

The fares available in the Eastern region zonal Leap fares are 1-day (24 hour), 7-day, monthly and annual fares mostly for adults but also has a number of child and student fares. The adult 1-day (24 hour) tickets will increase by up to 4.9% as will the adult 7-day fares although not all will increase this amount.

Child 1-day (24 hour) and 7-day fares as with all stage carriage fares will not increase in price in 2016 and one of the child 1-day (24 hour) will decrease by 4.5%. Student 1-day (24 hour) and 7-day fares will not increase as they are expensive relative to the adult fares and these fares will drop by between 1.9% and 4.8%.

The monthly and annual zonal fares in the eastern region are adult only and a number of them are currently out of line relative to 7-day fares. With this in mind the Authority adjusted these fares by between -2.1% and +5%. Annual fares currently are more than 11 times the monthly fare and the Authority has determined that this should be reduced to 10.8 times the monthly fare in 2016 and reduced further over the next few years. This has resulted in the annual zonal fares in the eastern region changing by between -2.4% and +2.5%.

3.4 Stage carriage single and return cash and Leap fares

As outlined above the Authority determined that child stage carriage fares will not increase in 2016 and in fact a small number of the fares will reduce by up to 3% or 4%. Student fares will increase by no more than 2% and a number of them will reduce by up to 5%. This will help align these fares closer to the recommended levels. Adult fares will increase by around 2% to 3% for singles and ordinary returns except where the minimum increase of 10 cent will make the percentage increase rise up to 5%. Day return adult fares offer excellent value compared to single fares and will vary by between -2.1% and 5.0%. Even with these higher increases the day return fare offers excellent value. Bus Éireann had proposed fare increases of up to 9.5% on these adult day return fares but as stated earlier the Authority determined increases would be kept to a maximum of 5.0% generally.

The Leap fare will increase the same percentage amount as the cash single but it will remain 20% cheaper than the cash fare. Table 7 below highlights the excellent value available when using Leap to pay for your single journey as opposed to using cash. Adults can save €2.00 or €3.00 or more on a single journey simply by paying using Leap credit instead of cash. The table also shows that the 2016 Leap fare is generally cheaper, in some cases by up to almost 5%, than the cash single fare which applied in 2012 four years earlier. This demonstrates the excellent value available when using Leap.

Table 7. Selected 2016 Leap fares compared to 2012 cash fares and savings by using Leap instead of cash

2016 adult Leap fares compared with a sample of the 2012 to 2016 adult single stage carriage fares.								
Fare type	2012 cash	2013 cash	2014 cash	2015 cash	2016 cash	2016 leap	% Leap 2016 cheaper than cash 2012	Savings to made by using Leap instead of cash in 2016
Stage carriage zone 3-4	€1.65	€1.80	€1.90	€2.00	€2.10	€1.68	-1.8%	€0.42
Stage carriage zone 7-8	€2.10	€2.20	€2.30	€2.40	€2.50	€2.00	4.8%	€0.50
Stage carriage zone 21-22	€5.20	€5.50	€5.80	€6.00	€6.20	€4.96	4.6%	€1.24
Stage carriage zone 33-36	€7.80	€8.50	€9.00	€9.40	€9.60	€7.68	1.5%	€1.92
Stage carriage zone 51-60	€11.80	€12.50	€13.30	€13.90	€14.30	€11.44	3.1%	€2.86
Stage carriage zone 71-75	€14.00	€15.00	€16.00	€16.50	€16.90	€13.52	3.4%	€3.38

Leap savings are also available on child and student single fares. In a number of cases two Leap fares are cheaper than the return fare especially for the shorter trips.

3.5 Stage carriage 10 Journey, monthly and annual fares

The 10 journey tickets available for stage carriage are the same price as the 7-day tickets available on Leap and in general offer good value to the customer. In particular the 10-Journey tickets for longer stage carriage journeys offers excellent value and Bus Éireann proposed increases of up to almost 9% on those fares. The Authority determined that the largest increase should be 5.0% and this will be applied to these long distance 10 journey fares with lower increases for the shorter distance fares which will have increases of between 1.6% and 2.4%. Again the child 10 journey fares remain at current levels while the student 10 journey fares change by between -4.2% and +1.4%.

3.6 Stage carriage monthly and annual fares

Bus Éireann adult monthly and annual stage carriage fares are set based on the 10 journey fares. In general both monthly and annual fares are somewhat expensive compared to 10 journey fares in particular the annual fares. Bus Éireann monthly fares are linked to their 10 journey fares which in effect are 7-day fares. Currently monthly fares are four times the 10 journey fare which is not rewarding the commuter for paying in advance for 4 weeks travel. The Authority has recommended that a monthly ticket should be between 3.1 and 3.75 times a 7-day ticket or equivalent such as the Bus Éireann 10 journey ticket. This year the Authority has determined that the monthly fare should be set at 3.9 times the 10 journey ticket and over a number of years will be moved closer to the Authority's recommendation. The average increase to be applied to the monthly fares will be 1.6% with a small number of the individual monthly stage carriage fares reducing by up to 1% with the largest increase at 2.3%.

In general public transport operators offer a discount on the annual fare compared to 12 monthly fares. For example Luas, Dublin Bus and Iarnród Éireann offer an annual ticket at the price of 10 monthly tickets. This is to encourage passengers to commit to travel using that operator for the following year while not charging the passenger for 2 months which allow for annual leave etc. Bus Éireann's annual ticket has traditionally been linked to their 10 journey weekly ticket and has cost in excess of 11.75 times their monthly ticket up until November 2014. At that stage the Authority determined that the annual ticket should over a number of years move towards offering similar value to that offered by the other public transport operators. In the determination last year we took the first step to ensure better value for the annual ticket holder and the annual ticket price was set at 11.25 times the monthly ticket price down from 11.75 times the monthly. This year the Authority will take another step in offering good value to annual ticket holders by reducing the annual fare to 11 times the monthly fare for stage carriage tickets. To achieve this the average annual stage carriage fare will remain similar to last year's price with an average decrease of 0.3% with a range from -2.8% to +0.3%. This is the second year in a row when the annual fare for stage carriage has been held with an average increase of just 0.55% applied in 2014 and -0.3% applied this year.

Table 8. below shows a sample of the 2014 and 2016 adult annual stage carriage fares and the percentage change in price over the two years. On average the annual fares have increased by just 0.2% over the two years and this increase has been due to rounding and technical issues. This demonstrates the Authority's commitment to ensure that all commuters receive value when purchasing their public transport fares and the Authority will continue to seek better value for the public transport customer. The Authority expects to bring the annual fare closer to the value offered by the other operators each year over the next few years.

Table 8. Sample of annual fares 2014 and 2016

<u>Fare type</u>	<u>Fare Stage</u>	<u>Fare type</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Adult	0-2	Annual	789.60	795.50	0.7%
Adult	2-4	Annual	817.80	795.50	-2.7%
Adult	5-6	Annual	831.90	842.80	1.3%
Adult	7-8	Annual	916.50	920.20	0.4%
Adult	9-10	Annual	1,316.00	1,290.00	-2.0%
Adult	11-12	Annual	1,551.00	1,522.20	-1.9%
Adult	13-14	Annual	1,621.50	1,591.00	-1.9%
Adult	15-16	Annual	1,668.50	1,638.30	-1.8%
Adult	17-18	Annual	1,668.50	1,685.60	1.0%
Adult	19-20	Annual	1,692.00	1,707.10	0.9%

Customers who purchase monthly and annual tickets can also avail of the taxsaver scheme. Buying the tickets through this scheme means that customers can currently make savings from 31% to 52% of the total cost of the tickets, depending on their particular tax circumstances. There are tax savings for employers as well.

3.7 Bus Éireann Town Services

Bus Éireann provide town services in 6 towns around the country namely Athlone, Balbriggan, Drogheda, Dundalk, Navan and Sligo. Currently adult single cash fares are €1.60 or €1.70 and child cash fares vary from €0.95 to €1.15 depending on which town service you use. In this determination the Authority are setting all adult town cash single fares at €1.70 and all child cash town single fares at €1.00. This will result in 5 of the town fares reducing by either 5% or 13%, 4 fares will remain at current rates, 2 fares will increase by 10 cent or 6.3% and one child fare will increase by 5 cent or 5.3%.

3.8 Multi-Operator tickets – Cork area

Bus Éireann and Iarnród Éireann offer combined bus and rail services in the Cork area. The rail services are from Cobh and Midleton and the bus services are the Bus Éireann Cork city services which cover the Bus Éireann Leap Green Zone.

In our determination last year the Authority determined the 2015 fares for these services but the fares were subject to the condition that they would not be introduced until the tickets were available on Leap. While Bus Éireann had Leap card rolled out in Cork for over a year Iarnród Éireann did not have Leap card rolled out for these services. Due to a number of technical issues it is now expected that these multi-operator tickets will not be available on Leap until early 2016. As this is the case the 2014 fares are still currently valid.

In January 2015 the Authority, following an examination of the multi-operator tickets in the Cork region, determined that the combined Bus Éireann Cork city services and Iarnród Éireann train services from Midleton should be the same price as the combined Bus Éireann Cork city services and Iarnród Éireann train services from Cobh. This has the effect of reducing the adult monthly Midleton rail and Cork city bus services fare from €149 per month to €138 per month to match the Cobh rail and Cork city bus services. Similarly the annual adult and the monthly student fares will be brought to the same level. It is intended to introduce these revised fares when the combined tickets are available on Leap early in 2016 but can be introduced from 1 December 2015 if they are available on Leap. In effect no fare increase has been applied to these tickets since November 2013.

Table 9. summarises the changes to these fares since October 2013.

Table 9. Fare changes for Bus Éireann/ Iarnród Éireann combined tickets in Cork

Bus Éireann / Iarnród Éireann Cork commuter tickets	Fares approved October 2013	Fares approved October 2014	Fares approved January 2015	Fares approved October 2015
	Currently in operation	Not introduced as not available on Leap		To be introduced when available on Leap
Adult Monthly Cobh Line & Cork City Services	€126.00	€138.00	€138.00	€138.00
Adult Monthly Midleton Line & Cork City Services	€145.00	€149.00	€138.00	
Adult Annual Cobh Line & Cork City Services	€1,260.00	€1,380.00	€1,380.00	€1,380.00
Adult Annual Midleton Line & Cork City Services	€1,450.00	€1,490.00	€1,380.00	
Student Monthly Cobh Line & Cork City Services	€108.00	€109.00	€109.00	€109.00
Student Monthly Midleton Line & Cork City Services	€121.00	€122.00	€109.00	

3.9 Multi-operator tickets - Nationwide

Multi-operator tickets are available for all Bus Éireann and Iarnród Éireann services nationwide and also for these two services plus Dublin Bus services. The operators requested an increase of 4% on these services but the Authority has determined that a maximum 3% increase for these tickets is appropriate at this time.

3.10 Bus Éireann Non-Scale stage carriage fares

Bus Éireann have a number of fares which for various historic, commercial and operational reasons over the years are not in line with the scale fares as outlined above. These non-scale fares are cheaper than the scale fares and are on various routes scattered throughout the country. Both the Authority and Bus Éireann wish to align these fares with the scale fares but to do so would require very large increases to some of these fares. Applying very large increases to any fare is generally not fair to the customer and therefore any increases necessary to bring these non-scale fares in line with scale fares will take place over a number of years. Bus Éireann proposed increases of up to almost 10% on a number of these fares but the Authority has determined that these non-scale fares should be increased by no more than 5% on adult non-scale fares and no more than 4% on child and student non-scale fares. These more modest increases will eliminate a small number of the non-scale fares now but it will take a number of years to eliminate them completely. The scale fares which the Authority have determined and are listed in appendix A and B at the end of this document

are the maximum fares which a customer will be charged on Bus Éireann PSO services. The non-scale fares where they operate will be less than the scale fares.

The tables in Appendix B below show the Bus Éireann stage carriage fares permissible from 1 December 2015 as determined by the Authority.

Bus Éireann occasionally offer promotional fares which offer better value than the standard fares as outlined in this determination. All promotional fares offered by Bus Éireann are approved by the Authority in advance.

4. Conditions attached to this approval

The determined fares for the combined Bus Éireann Cork city bus services / Iarnród Éireann Cork to Cobh and Midleton rail services tickets that can be applied from the 1st of December 2015 but they cannot be implemented until these tickets are available on the Leap card. As these are combined tickets valid for both operators the fare increase will not apply until both operators can provide them on Leap. While Bus Éireann already have the Leap card rolled out in the Cork area Iarnród Éireann have not yet rolled out Leap services in this area. If Iarnród Éireann were to experience technical issues outside of its control the Authority may review the implementation dates of the approved fares.

5. Summary

The fares determination for Bus Éireann for 2016 has primarily been about restructuring the fares to give better discounts to children and students compared to adult fares in line with international norms. The restructuring also looked at improving the value offered to regular users and commuters on the services in the multi-journey tickets. There are also anomalies in fares for the same distance travelled along some transport corridors that the Authority is adjusting to be fair to all travellers.

This has resulted in a wide variety of fares changes, both increases and decreases with the majority falling within the plus 5% to minus 5% range.

Bus Éireann's proposal was to increase fares by an average of 1.5% and this has in general been approved by the Authority but the range of changes to achieve that has been curtailed.

6. Appendix A – Regional cities' fares

REGIONAL CITY COMMUTER							
Cash single							
Fare type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current cash fare	BÉ Proposed cash fare	Requested increase	NTA Approved cash fare	Approved % Increase
Adult	0-11 stages	Cash single	€2.00	€2.10	5.0%	€2.10	5.0%
Adult	12+ stages	Cash single	€2.40	€2.50	4.2%	€2.50	4.2%
Child	Schoolchild	Cash single	€0.95	€1.00	5.3%	€1.00	5.3%
Child	0-11 stages	Cash single	€1.15	€1.20	4.3%	€1.20	4.3%
Child	12+ stages	Cash single	€1.45	€1.50	3.4%	€1.50	3.4%

REGIONAL CITY COMMUTER							
Leap							
Fare type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Leap fare	BÉ Proposed leap fare	Requested increase	NTA Approved Leap fare	Approved % Increase
Adult	0-11 stages	Leap single	€1.60	€1.60	0.0%	€1.60	0.0%
Adult	12+ stages	Leap single	€1.92	€1.90	-1.0%	€1.90	-1.0%
Child	Schoolchild	Leap single	€0.76	€0.76	0.0%	€0.76	0.0%
Child	0-11 stages	Leap single	€0.92	€0.91	-1.1%	€0.91	-1.1%
Child	12+ stages	Leap single	€1.16	€1.14	-1.7%	€1.14	-1.7%

REGIONAL CITY COMMUTER					
Discount on Leap fare versus cash fare					
Fare type	Fare stage/route	Approved cash fare	Approved Leap fare	Saving by using Leap	% saved by using Leap
Adult	0-11 stages	€2.10	€1.60	€0.50	24%
Adult	12+ stages	€2.50	€1.90	€0.60	24%
Child	Schoolchild	€1.00	€0.76	€0.24	24%
Child	0-11 stages	€1.20	€0.91	€0.29	24%
Child	12+ stages	€1.50	€1.14	€0.36	24%

REGIONAL CITY COMMUTER -- 1-Day & 7-day fares							
Fare type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current ticket price	BÉ Proposed ticket price	Requested increase	NTA Approved ticket price	Approved % Increase
Adult	Cork City - Red Zone	1 Day (24 hour)	€5.10	€5.20	2.0%	€5.35	4.9%
Adult	Cork City - Green Zone	1 Day (24 hour)	€8.15	€8.35	2.5%	€8.55	4.9%
Adult	Limerick City - Red Zone	1 Day (24 hour)	€4.20	€4.50	7.1%	€4.40	4.8%
Adult	Galway City - Red Zone	1 Day (24 hour)	€4.20	€4.50	7.1%	€4.40	4.8%
Adult	Waterford City	1 Day (24 hour)	€4.20	€4.50	7.1%	€4.40	4.8%
Student	Cork City - Red Zone	1 Day (24 hour)	€4.60	€4.20	-8.7%	€4.40	-4.3%
Student	Cork City - Green Zone	1 Day (24 hour)	€7.35	€6.75	-8.2%	€7.00	-4.8%
Child	Cork City - Red Zone	1 Day (24 hour)	€3.55	€3.20	-9.9%	€3.40	-4.2%
Child	Cork City - Green Zone	1 Day (24 hour)	€5.60	€5.10	-8.9%	€5.40	-3.6%
Adult	Cork City - Red Zone	7 Day/weekly	€21.00	€21.50	2.4%	€22.00	4.8%
Adult	Cork City - Green Zone	7 Day/weekly	€35.00	€35.90	2.6%	€36.70	4.9%
Adult	Limerick City - Red Zone	7 Day/weekly	€20.20	€20.25	0.2%	€20.80	3.0%
Adult	Galway City - Red Zone	7 Day/weekly	€20.20	€20.25	0.2%	€20.80	3.0%
Adult	Waterford City	7 Day/weekly	€17.50	€17.90	2.3%	€18.30	4.6%
Student	Cork City - Red Zone	7 Day/weekly	€18.90	€17.20	-9.0%	€18.00	-4.8%
Student	Cork City - Green Zone	7 Day/weekly	€30.00	€27.50	-8.3%	€28.50	-5.0%
Student	Limerick City - Red Zone	7 Day/weekly	€18.20	€17.00	-6.6%	€17.30	-4.9%
Student	Galway City - Red Zone	7 Day/weekly	€18.20	€17.00	-6.6%	€17.30	-4.9%
Student	Waterford City	7 Day/weekly	€15.00	€15.00	0.0%	€15.00	0.0%
Child	Cork City - Red Zone	7 Day/weekly	€11.20	€12.00	7.1%	€11.75	4.9%
Child	Cork City - Green Zone	7 Day/weekly	€22.40	€21.00	-6.2%	€21.30	-4.9%
Child	Limerick City - Red Zone	7 Day/weekly	€8.30	€9.00	8.4%	€8.70	4.8%
Child	Galway City - Red Zone	7 Day/weekly	€8.30	€9.00	8.4%	€8.70	4.8%
Child	Waterford City	7 Day/weekly	€7.35	€8.00	8.8%	€7.70	4.8%

REGIONAL CITY COMMUTER -- Monthly and annual fares							
Fare type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current ticket price	BÉ Proposed ticket price	Requested increase	NTA Approved ticket price	Approved % Increase
Adult	Cork City - Red Zone	Monthly	€78.50	€80.50	2.5%	€82.40	5.0%
Adult	Cork City - Green Zone	Monthly	€97.50	€105.00	7.7%	€102.30	4.9%
Adult	Limerick City - Red Zone	Monthly	€69.50	€71.40	2.7%	€72.90	4.9%
Adult	Galway City - Red Zone	Monthly	€69.50	€71.40	2.7%	€72.90	4.9%
Adult	Waterford City	Monthly	€62.50	€64.20	2.7%	€65.60	5.0%
Student	Cork City - Red Zone	Monthly	€66.80	€65.00	-2.7%	€65.00	-2.7%
Student	Cork City - Green Zone	Monthly	€81.60	€84.00	2.9%	€84.00	2.9%
Student	Limerick City - Red Zone	Monthly	€57.10	€57.50	0.7%	€57.50	0.7%
Student	Galway City - Red Zone	Monthly	€57.60	€57.50	-0.2%	€57.50	-0.2%
Student	Waterford City	Monthly	€48.50	€50.00	3.1%	€50.00	3.1%
Child	Cork City - Red Zone	Monthly	€36.20	€39.00	7.7%	€38.00	5.0%
Child	Cork City - Green Zone	Monthly	€55.00	€59.00	7.3%	€57.70	4.9%
Child	Limerick City - Red Zone	Monthly	€30.60	€33.00	7.8%	€32.10	4.9%
Child	Galway City - Red Zone	Monthly	€30.60	€33.00	7.8%	€32.10	4.9%
Child	Waterford City	Monthly	€29.60	€30.00	1.7%	€29.60	0.0%
Adult	Cork City - Red Zone	Annual	€863.50	€845.25	-2.1%	€893.00	3.4%
Adult	Cork City - Green Zone	Annual	€1,072.50	€1,102.50	2.8%	€1,109.00	3.4%
Adult	Limerick City - Red Zone	Annual	€764.50	€749.70	-1.9%	€790.00	3.3%
Adult	Galway City - Red Zone	Annual	€764.50	€749.70	-1.9%	€790.00	3.3%
Adult	Waterford City	Annual	€687.50	€674.10	-1.9%	€711.00	3.4%

7. Appendix B - Stage carriage fares

EASTERN REGION ZONAL FARES (Dublin Commuter) - 1 Day Leap zonal ticket							
Fare type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current ticket price	BÉ Proposed ticket price	Requested increase	NTA Approved ticket price	Approved % Increase
Adult	Red Zone 1	1 Day (24 hour)	€8.25	€8.45	2.4%	€8.60	4.2%
Adult	Green Zone 2	1 Day (24 hour)	€10.20	€10.45	2.5%	€10.70	4.9%
Adult	Blue Zone 3	1 Day (24 hour)	€17.15	€17.60	2.6%	€18.00	5.0%
Adult	Yellow Zone 4	1 Day (24 hour)	€19.90	€20.40	2.5%	€20.80	4.5%
Adult	Orange Zone 5	1 Day (24 hour)	€20.40	€20.95	2.7%	€21.40	4.9%
Child	Red Zone 1	1 Day (24 hour)	€5.10	€5.10	0.0%	€5.10	0.0%
Child	Green Zone 2	1 Day (24 hour)	€6.70	€6.30	-6.0%	€6.40	-4.5%
Student	Red Zone 1	1 Day (24 hour)	€7.40	€6.75	-8.8%	€7.10	-4.1%
Student	Green Zone 2	1 Day (24 hour)	€9.10	€8.35	-8.2%	€8.70	-4.4%
Student	Blue Zone 3	1 Day (24 hour)	€15.40	€14.10	-8.4%	€14.70	-4.5%

EASTERN REGION ZONAL FARES (Dublin Commuter) - 7 Day Leap zonal ticket							
Fare type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current ticket price	BÉ Proposed ticket price	Requested increase	NTA Approved ticket price	Approved % Increase
Adult	Red Zone 1	7 Day	€38.80	€39.80	2.6%	€39.10	0.8%
Adult	Green Zone 2	7 Day	€45.90	€47.00	2.4%	€48.10	4.8%
Adult	Blue Zone 3	7 Day	€57.60	€59.00	2.4%	€60.40	4.9%
Adult	Yellow Zone 4	7 Day	€64.40	€66.00	2.5%	€67.60	5.0%
Adult	Orange Zone 5	7 Day	€69.40	€71.30	2.7%	€71.30	2.7%
Child	Red Zone 1	7 Day	€22.00	€22.50	2.3%	€22.00	0.0%
Child	Green Zone 2	7 Day	€28.00	€28.20	0.7%	€28.00	0.0%
Student	Red Zone 1	7 Day	€32.00	€31.80	-0.6%	€31.40	-1.9%
Student	Green Zone 2	7 Day	€40.50	€37.60	-7.2%	€38.60	-4.7%
Student	Blue Zone 3	7 Day	€51.80	€47.20	-8.9%	€49.30	-4.8%
Student	Yellow Zone 4	7 Day	€57.40	€52.80	-8.0%	€54.60	-4.9%
Student	Orange Zone 5	7 Day	€62.20	€57.00	-8.4%	€59.10	-5.0%

EASTERN REGION ZONAL FARES (Dublin Commuter) - Monthly Leap zonal ticket							
Fare type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current ticket price	BÉ Proposed ticket price	Requested increase	NTA Approved ticket price	Approved % Increase
Adult	Red Zone 1	Monthly	€152.50	€151.00	-1.0%	€152.40	-0.1%
Adult	Green Zone 2	Monthly	€187.50	€179.00	-4.5%	€187.50	0.0%
Adult	Blue Zone 3	Monthly	€217.00	€224.00	3.2%	€227.80	5.0%
Adult	Yellow Zone 4	Monthly	€259.50	€251.00	-3.3%	€263.60	1.6%
Adult	Orange Zone 5	Monthly	€267.00	€271.00	1.5%	€278.00	4.1%

EASTERN REGION ZONAL FARES (Dublin Commuter) - Annual Leap zonal ticket							
Fare type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current ticket price	BÉ Proposed ticket price	Requested increase	NTA Approved ticket price	Approved % Increase
Adult	Red Zone 1	Annual	€1,692.00	€1,586.00	-6.3%	€1,652.00	-2.4%
Adult	Green Zone 2	Annual	€2,075.00	€1,880.00	-9.4%	€2,032.00	-2.1%
Adult	Blue Zone 3	Annual	€2,409.00	€2,352.00	-2.4%	€2,469.00	2.5%
Adult	Yellow Zone 4	Annual	€2,870.00	€2,636.00	-8.2%	€2,857.00	-0.5%
Adult	Orange Zone 5	Annual	€2,960.00	€2,846.00	-3.9%	€3,013.00	1.8%

STAGE CARRIAGE - ADULT - CASH SINGLE FARES							
Fare type (Child, Adult, etc.)	Fare stage	Fare type	Current Fare	BÉ Proposed Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved Fare	Approved % Increase
Adult	0-2	Single	€2.00	€2.10	5.0%	€2.10	5.0%
Adult	2-4	Single	€2.00	€2.10	5.0%	€2.10	5.0%
Adult	5-6	Single	€2.10	€2.20	4.8%	€2.20	4.8%
Adult	7-8	Single	€2.40	€2.50	4.2%	€2.50	4.2%
Adult	9-10	Single	€3.20	€3.30	3.1%	€3.30	3.1%
Adult	11-12	Single	€4.10	€4.20	2.4%	€4.30	4.9%
Adult	13-14	Single	€4.30	€4.40	2.3%	€4.40	2.3%
Adult	15-16	Single	€4.80	€4.90	2.1%	€4.90	2.1%
Adult	17-18	Single	€5.20	€5.30	1.9%	€5.30	1.9%
Adult	19-20	Single	€5.50	€5.60	1.8%	€5.60	1.8%
Adult	21-22	Single	€6.00	€6.10	1.7%	€6.20	3.3%
Adult	23-24	Single	€6.60	€6.70	1.5%	€6.70	1.5%
Adult	25-26	Single	€7.40	€7.60	2.7%	€7.60	2.7%
Adult	27-30	Single	€7.80	€8.00	2.6%	€8.00	2.6%
Adult	31-32	Single	€8.40	€8.60	2.4%	€8.60	2.4%
Adult	33-36	Single	€9.40	€9.60	2.1%	€9.60	2.1%
Adult	37-38	Single	€10.10	€10.30	2.0%	€10.40	3.0%
Adult	39-42	Single	€10.70	€11.00	2.8%	€11.00	2.8%
Adult	43-46	Single	€12.10	€12.40	2.5%	€12.40	2.5%
Adult	47-50	Single	€12.70	€13.00	2.4%	€13.00	2.4%
Adult	51-60	Single	€13.90	€14.20	2.2%	€14.30	2.9%
Adult	61-64	Single	€14.40	€14.80	2.8%	€14.80	2.8%
Adult	65 -70	Single	€15.50	€15.90	2.6%	€15.90	2.6%
Adult	71-75	Single	€16.50	€16.90	2.4%	€16.90	2.4%
Adult	76-80	Single	€17.00	€17.40	2.4%	€17.50	2.9%
Adult	81-85	Single	€17.60	€18.00	2.3%	€18.10	2.8%
Adult	86-90	Single	€18.50	€19.00	2.7%	€19.00	2.7%
Adult	91-95	Single	€19.00	€19.50	2.6%	€19.50	2.6%
Adult	96-100	Single	€19.20	€19.70	2.6%	€19.70	2.6%
Adult	101-110	Single	€20.20	€20.70	2.5%	€20.80	3.0%

Adult	111-120	Single	€20.70	€21.20	2.4%	€21.30	2.9%
Adult	121-140	Single	€22.00	€22.50	2.3%	€22.60	2.7%
Adult	141-150	Single	€22.50	€23.00	2.2%	€23.10	2.7%

STAGE CARRIAGE - ADULT - LEAP SINGLE FARES							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current Leap Fare	BÉ Proposed Leap Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved Leap Fare	Approved % Increase
Adult	0-2	Single	€1.60	€1.68	5.00%	€1.68	5.00%
Adult	2-4	Single	€1.60	€1.68	5.00%	€1.68	5.00%
Adult	5-6	Single	€1.68	€1.76	4.76%	€1.76	4.76%
Adult	7-8	Single	€1.92	€2.00	4.17%	€2.00	4.17%
Adult	9-10	Single	€2.56	€2.64	3.13%	€2.64	3.13%
Adult	11-12	Single	€3.28	€3.36	2.44%	€3.44	4.88%
Adult	13-14	Single	€3.44	€3.52	2.33%	€3.52	2.33%
Adult	15-16	Single	€3.84	€3.92	2.08%	€3.92	2.08%
Adult	17-18	Single	€4.16	€4.24	1.92%	€4.24	1.92%
Adult	19-20	Single	€4.40	€4.48	1.82%	€4.48	1.82%
Adult	21-22	Single	€4.80	€4.88	1.67%	€4.96	3.33%
Adult	23-24	Single	€5.28	€5.36	1.52%	€5.36	1.52%
Adult	25-26	Single	€5.92	€6.08	2.70%	€6.08	2.70%
Adult	27-30	Single	€6.24	€6.40	2.56%	€6.40	2.56%
Adult	31-32	Single	€6.72	€6.88	2.38%	€6.88	2.38%
Adult	33-36	Single	€7.52	€7.68	2.13%	€7.68	2.13%
Adult	37-38	Single	€8.08	€8.24	1.98%	€8.32	2.97%
Adult	39-42	Single	€8.56	€8.80	2.80%	€8.80	2.80%
Adult	43-46	Single	€9.68	€9.92	2.48%	€9.92	2.48%
Adult	47-50	Single	€10.16	€10.40	2.36%	€10.40	2.36%
Adult	51-60	Single	€11.12	€11.36	2.16%	€11.44	2.88%
Adult	61-64	Single	€11.52	€11.84	2.78%	€11.84	2.78%
Adult	65 -70	Single	€12.40	€12.72	2.58%	€12.72	2.58%
Adult	71-75	Single	€13.20	€13.52	2.42%	€13.52	2.42%
Adult	76-80	Single	€13.60	€13.92	2.35%	€14.00	2.94%
Adult	81-85	Single	€14.08	€14.40	2.27%	€14.48	2.84%
Adult	86-90	Single	€14.80	€15.20	2.70%	€15.20	2.70%
Adult	91-95	Single	€15.20	€15.60	2.63%	€15.60	2.63%
Adult	96-100	Single	€15.36	€15.76	2.60%	€15.76	2.60%
Adult	101-110	Single	€16.16	€16.56	2.48%	€16.64	2.97%
Adult	111-120	Single	€16.56	€16.96	2.42%	€17.04	2.90%
Adult	121-140	Single	€17.60	€18.00	2.27%	€18.08	2.73%
Adult	141-150	Single	€18.00	€18.40	2.22%	€18.48	2.67%

STAGE CARRIAGE - CHILD - CASH SINGLE FARES							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Child	0-2	Single	€1.20	€1.25	4.17%	€1.20	0.00%
Child	2-4	Single	€1.20	€1.25	4.17%	€1.20	0.00%
Child	5-6	Single	€1.45	€1.35	-6.90%	€1.40	-3.45%
Child	7-8	Single	€1.65	€1.50	-9.09%	€1.60	-3.03%
Child	9-10	Single	€2.20	€2.00	-9.09%	€2.15	-2.27%
Child	11-12	Single	€2.40	€2.45	2.08%	€2.40	0.00%
Child	13-14	Single	€2.40	€2.50	4.17%	€2.40	0.00%
Child	15-16	Single	€3.30	€3.00	-9.09%	€3.20	-3.03%
Child	17-18	Single	€3.30	€3.20	-3.03%	€3.30	0.00%
Child	19-20	Single	€3.60	€3.30	-8.33%	€3.60	0.00%
Child	21-22	Single	€3.90	€3.60	-7.69%	€3.90	0.00%
Child	23-24	Single	€4.30	€4.00	-6.98%	€4.30	0.00%
Child	25-26	Single	€4.60	€4.50	-2.17%	€4.60	0.00%
Child	27-30	Single	€4.90	€4.80	-2.04%	€4.90	0.00%
Child	31-32	Single	€5.20	€5.20	0.00%	€5.20	0.00%
Child	33-36	Single	€5.70	€5.80	1.75%	€5.70	0.00%
Child	37-38	Single	€6.50	€6.20	-4.62%	€6.50	0.00%
Child	39-42	Single	€6.90	€6.60	-4.35%	€6.90	0.00%
Child	43-46	Single	€7.50	€7.50	0.00%	€7.50	0.00%
Child	47-50	Single	€7.70	€7.80	1.30%	€7.70	0.00%
Child	51-60	Single	€9.00	€8.50	-5.56%	€9.00	0.00%
Child	61-64	Single	€9.20	€8.90	-3.26%	€9.20	0.00%
Child	65 -70	Single	€9.80	€9.60	-2.04%	€9.80	0.00%
Child	71-75	Single	€10.60	€10.20	-3.77%	€10.60	0.00%
Child	76-80	Single	€10.90	€10.50	-3.67%	€10.90	0.00%
Child	81-85	Single	€11.50	€10.80	-6.09%	€11.50	0.00%
Child	86-90	Single	€12.20	€11.40	-6.56%	€12.20	0.00%
Child	91'95	Single	€12.50	€11.70	-6.40%	€12.50	0.00%
Child	96-100	Single	€13.20	€11.90	-9.85%	€12.80	-3.03%
Child	101-110	Single	€13.50	€12.50	-7.41%	€13.50	0.00%
Child	111-120	Single	€13.70	€12.80	-6.57%	€13.70	0.00%
Child	121-140	Single	€14.00	€13.50	-3.57%	€14.00	0.00%
Child	141-150	Single	€14.70	€13.80	-6.12%	€14.70	0.00%

STAGE CARRIAGE - CHILD LEAP FARES							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current Leap Fare	BÉ Proposed Leap Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved Leap Fare	Approved % Increase
Child	0-2	Single	€0.96	€1.00	4.17%	€0.96	0.00%
Child	2-4	Single	€0.96	€1.00	4.17%	€0.96	0.00%
Child	5-6	Single	€1.16	€1.08	-6.90%	€1.12	-3.45%
Child	7-8	Single	€1.32	€1.20	-9.09%	€1.28	-3.03%
Child	9-10	Single	€1.76	€1.60	-9.09%	€1.72	-2.27%
Child	11-12	Single	€1.92	€1.96	2.08%	€1.92	0.00%
Child	13-14	Single	€1.92	€2.00	4.17%	€1.92	0.00%
Child	15-16	Single	€2.64	€2.40	-9.09%	€2.56	-3.03%
Child	17-18	Single	€2.64	€2.56	-3.03%	€2.64	0.00%
Child	19-20	Single	€2.88	€2.64	-8.33%	€2.88	0.00%
Child	21-22	Single	€3.12	€2.88	-7.69%	€3.12	0.00%
Child	23-24	Single	€3.44	€3.20	-6.98%	€3.44	0.00%
Child	25-26	Single	€3.68	€3.60	-2.17%	€3.68	0.00%
Child	27-30	Single	€3.92	€3.84	-2.04%	€3.92	0.00%
Child	31-32	Single	€4.16	€4.16	0.00%	€4.16	0.00%
Child	33-36	Single	€4.56	€4.64	1.75%	€4.56	0.00%
Child	37-38	Single	€5.20	€4.96	-4.62%	€5.20	0.00%
Child	39-42	Single	€5.52	€5.28	-4.35%	€5.52	0.00%
Child	43-46	Single	€6.00	€6.00	0.00%	€6.00	0.00%
Child	47-50	Single	€6.16	€6.24	1.30%	€6.16	0.00%
Child	51-60	Single	€7.20	€6.80	-5.56%	€7.20	0.00%
Child	61-64	Single	€7.36	€7.12	-3.26%	€7.36	0.00%
Child	65 -70	Single	€7.84	€7.68	-2.04%	€7.84	0.00%
Child	71-75	Single	€8.48	€8.16	-3.77%	€8.48	0.00%
Child	76-80	Single	€8.72	€8.40	-3.67%	€8.72	0.00%
Child	81-85	Single	€9.20	€8.64	-6.09%	€9.20	0.00%
Child	86-90	Single	€9.76	€9.12	-6.56%	€9.76	0.00%
Child	91-95	Single	€10.00	€9.36	-6.40%	€10.00	0.00%
Child	96-100	Single	€10.56	€9.52	-9.85%	€10.24	-3.03%
Child	101-110	Single	€10.80	€10.00	-7.41%	€10.80	0.00%
Child	111-120	Single	€10.96	€10.24	-6.57%	€10.96	0.00%
Child	121-140	Single	€11.20	€10.80	-3.57%	€11.20	0.00%
Child	141-150	Single	€11.76	€11.04	-6.12%	€11.76	0.00%

STAGE CARRIAGE - STUDENT- CASH SINGLE FARES							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Student	0-2	Single					
Student	2-4	Single					
Student	5-6	Single					
Student	7-8	Single					
Student	9-10	Single					
Student	11-12	Single	€3.90	€3.60	-7.69%	€3.80	-2.56%
Student	13-14	Single	€4.10	€3.80	-7.32%	€3.90	-4.88%
Student	15-16	Single	€4.40	€4.00	-9.09%	€4.20	-4.55%
Student	17-18	Single	€4.80	€4.50	-6.25%	€4.60	-4.17%
Student	19-20	Single	€5.20	€4.80	-7.69%	€5.00	-3.85%
Student	21-22	Single	€5.70	€5.20	-8.77%	€5.50	-3.51%
Student	23-24	Single	€6.20	€5.70	-8.06%	€5.90	-4.84%
Student	25-26	Single	€7.00	€6.50	-7.14%	€6.70	-4.29%
Student	27-30	Single	€7.20	€6.60	-8.33%	€6.90	-4.17%
Student	31-32	Single	€7.30	€6.90	-5.48%	€7.40	1.37%
Student	33-36	Single	€7.40	€7.70	4.05%	€7.50	1.35%
Student	37-38	Single	€7.90	€8.20	3.80%	€8.00	1.27%
Student	39-42	Single	€8.30	€8.80	6.02%	€8.40	1.20%
Student	43-46	Single	€9.90	€9.90	0.00%	€10.00	1.01%
Student	47-50	Single	€10.20	€10.40	1.96%	€10.40	1.96%
Student	51-60	Single	€11.00	€11.30	2.73%	€11.20	1.82%
Student	61-64	Single	€11.50	€11.80	2.61%	€11.70	1.74%
Student	65 -70	Single	€12.50	€12.70	1.60%	€12.70	1.60%
Student	71-75	Single	€13.20	€13.50	2.27%	€13.40	1.52%
Student	76-80	Single	€13.50	€14.00	3.70%	€13.70	1.48%
Student	81-85	Single	€14.00	€14.40	2.86%	€14.20	1.43%
Student	86-90	Single	€14.70	€15.20	3.40%	€14.90	1.36%
Student	91-95	Single	€15.50	€15.60	0.65%	€15.80	1.94%
Student	96-100	Single	€16.00	€15.70	-1.88%	€16.30	1.88%
Student	101-110	Single	€17.00	€16.50	-2.94%	€17.30	1.76%
Student	111-120	Single	€17.50	€17.00	-2.86%	€17.80	1.71%
Student	121-140	Single	€17.80	€18.00	1.12%	€18.10	1.69%
Student	141-150	Single	€18.30	€18.50	1.09%	€18.60	1.64%

STAGE CARRIAGE - STUDENT LEAP FARES							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current Leap Fare	BÉ Proposed Leap Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved Leap Fare	Approved % Increase
Student	0-2	Single					
Student	2-4	Single					
Student	5-6	Single					
Student	7-8	Single					
Student	9-10	Single					
Student	11-12	Single	€3.12	€2.88	-7.69%	€3.04	-2.56%
Student	13-14	Single	€3.28	€3.04	-7.32%	€3.12	-4.88%
Student	15-16	Single	€3.52	€3.20	-9.09%	€3.36	-4.55%
Student	17-18	Single	€3.84	€3.60	-6.25%	€3.68	-4.17%
Student	19-20	Single	€4.16	€3.84	-7.69%	€4.00	-3.85%
Student	21-22	Single	€4.56	€4.16	-8.77%	€4.40	-3.51%
Student	23-24	Single	€4.96	€4.56	-8.06%	€4.72	-4.84%
Student	25-26	Single	€5.60	€5.20	-7.14%	€5.36	-4.29%
Student	27-30	Single	€5.76	€5.28	-8.33%	€5.52	-4.17%
Student	31-32	Single	€5.84	€5.52	-5.48%	€5.92	1.37%
Student	33-36	Single	€5.92	€6.16	4.05%	€6.00	1.35%
Student	37-38	Single	€6.32	€6.56	3.80%	€6.40	1.27%
Student	39-42	Single	€6.64	€7.04	6.02%	€6.72	1.20%
Student	43-46	Single	€7.92	€7.92	0.00%	€8.00	1.01%
Student	47-50	Single	€8.16	€8.32	1.96%	€8.32	1.96%
Student	51-60	Single	€8.80	€9.04	2.73%	€8.96	1.82%
Student	61-64	Single	€9.20	€9.44	2.61%	€9.36	1.74%
Student	65 -70	Single	€10.00	€10.16	1.60%	€10.16	1.60%
Student	71-75	Single	€10.56	€10.80	2.27%	€10.72	1.52%
Student	76-80	Single	€10.80	€11.20	3.70%	€10.96	1.48%
Student	81-85	Single	€11.20	€11.52	2.86%	€11.36	1.43%
Student	86-90	Single	€11.76	€12.16	3.40%	€11.92	1.36%
Student	91-95	Single	€12.40	€12.48	0.65%	€12.64	1.94%
Student	96-100	Single	€12.80	€12.56	-1.88%	€13.04	1.88%
Student	101-110	Single	€13.60	€13.20	-2.94%	€13.84	1.76%
Student	111-120	Single	€14.00	€13.60	-2.86%	€14.24	1.71%
Student	121-140	Single	€14.24	€14.40	1.12%	€14.48	1.69%
Student	141-150	Single	€14.64	€14.80	1.09%	€14.88	1.64%

STAGE CARRIAGE - ADULT - DAY RETURN - CASH FARES							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Adult	0-2	Day Return	€3.90	€4.00	2.6%	€3.90	0.0%
Adult	2-4	Day Return	€3.90	€4.00	2.6%	€3.90	0.0%
Adult	5-6	Day Return	€4.10	€4.10	0.0%	€4.10	0.0%
Adult	7-8	Day Return	€4.80	€4.70	-2.1%	€4.70	-2.1%
Adult	9-10	Day Return	€6.00	€6.00	0.0%	€6.00	0.0%
Adult	11-12	Day Return	€7.60	€7.00	-7.9%	€7.50	-1.3%
Adult	13-14	Day Return	€7.60	€7.30	-3.9%	€7.70	1.3%
Adult	15-16	Day Return	€7.80	€7.80	0.0%	€8.00	2.6%
Adult	17-18	Day Return	€7.80	€8.00	2.6%	€8.10	3.8%
Adult	19-20	Day Return	€8.00	€8.40	5.0%	€8.40	5.0%
Adult	21-22	Day Return	€8.40	€9.20	9.5%	€8.80	4.8%
Adult	23-24	Day Return	€9.40	€10.10	7.4%	€9.80	4.3%
Adult	25-26	Day Return	€10.10	€11.00	8.9%	€10.60	5.0%
Adult	27-30	Day Return	€10.30	€11.20	8.7%	€10.80	4.9%
Adult	31-32	Day Return	€12.00	€12.90	7.5%	€12.60	5.0%
Adult	33-36	Day Return	€12.80	€13.90	8.6%	€13.40	4.7%
Adult	37-38	Day Return	€13.90	€15.00	7.9%	€14.50	4.3%
Adult	39-42	Day Return	€15.10	€16.40	8.6%	€15.80	4.6%
Adult	43-46	Day Return	€16.10	€17.50	8.7%	€16.90	5.0%
Adult	47-50	Day Return	€17.20	€18.60	8.1%	€18.00	4.7%
Adult	51-60	Day Return	€18.00	€19.50	8.3%	€18.50	2.8%
Adult	61-64	Day Return	€19.30	€21.00	8.8%	€20.00	3.6%
Adult	65 -70	Day Return	€20.90	€22.50	7.7%	€21.50	2.9%
Adult	71-75	Day Return	€22.50	€24.50	8.9%	€23.50	4.4%
Adult	76-80	Day Return	€23.00	€25.00	8.7%	€24.00	4.3%
Adult	81-85	Day Return	€23.50	€25.50	8.5%	€24.50	4.3%
Adult	86-90	Day Return	€24.00	€26.00	8.3%	€25.00	4.2%
Adult	91-95	Day Return	€25.50	€27.50	7.8%	€26.50	3.9%
Adult	96-100	Day Return	€27.00	€29.00	7.4%	€28.00	3.7%
Adult	101-110	Day Return	€28.00	€30.50	8.9%	€29.00	3.6%
Adult	111-120	Day Return	€28.50	€31.00	8.8%	€29.50	3.5%
Adult	121-140	Day Return	€29.50	€32.00	8.5%	€30.50	3.4%
Adult	141-150	Day Return	€31.50	€34.00	7.9%	€33.00	4.8%

STAGE CARRIAGE - ADULT - ORDINARY RETURN - CASH							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Adult	0-2	Ordinary return					
Adult	2-4	Ordinary return					
Adult	5-6	Ordinary return					
Adult	7-8	Ordinary return					
Adult	9-10	Ordinary return					
Adult	11-12	Ordinary return	€7.60	€7.60	0.00%	€7.80	2.63%
Adult	13-14	Ordinary return	€7.60	€7.80	2.63%	€7.80	2.63%
Adult	15-16	Ordinary return	€8.00	€8.20	2.50%	€8.20	2.50%
Adult	17-18	Ordinary return	€9.00	€9.20	2.22%	€9.20	2.22%
Adult	19-20	Ordinary return	€9.40	€9.60	2.13%	€9.60	2.13%
Adult	21-22	Ordinary return	€10.10	€10.30	1.98%	€10.30	1.98%
Adult	23-24	Ordinary return	€11.20	€11.50	2.68%	€11.50	2.68%
Adult	25-26	Ordinary return	€12.00	€12.30	2.50%	€12.30	2.50%
Adult	27-30	Ordinary return	€12.80	€13.10	2.34%	€13.10	2.34%
Adult	31-32	Ordinary return	€13.70	€14.00	2.19%	€14.00	2.19%
Adult	33-36	Ordinary return	€15.10	€15.50	2.65%	€15.50	2.65%
Adult	37-38	Ordinary return	€16.20	€16.60	2.47%	€16.60	2.47%
Adult	39-42	Ordinary return	€18.00	€18.50	2.78%	€18.50	2.78%
Adult	43-46	Ordinary return	€19.10	€19.60	2.62%	€19.60	2.62%
Adult	47-50	Ordinary return	€20.40	€20.90	2.45%	€20.90	2.45%
Adult	51-60	Ordinary return	€21.50	€22.00	2.33%	€22.00	2.33%
Adult	61-64	Ordinary return	€23.10	€23.70	2.60%	€23.70	2.60%
Adult	65 -70	Ordinary return	€24.00	€24.60	2.50%	€24.60	2.50%
Adult	71-75	Ordinary return	€25.50	€26.20	2.75%	€26.20	2.75%
Adult	76-80	Ordinary return	€26.50	€27.20	2.64%	€27.20	2.64%
Adult	81-85	Ordinary return	€28.00	€28.70	2.50%	€28.70	2.50%
Adult	86-90	Ordinary return	€28.50	€29.30	2.81%	€29.30	2.81%
Adult	91-95	Ordinary return	€31.00	€31.80	2.58%	€31.80	2.58%
Adult	96-100	Ordinary return	€32.50	€33.30	2.46%	€33.30	2.46%
Adult	101-110	Ordinary return	€34.00	€34.80	2.35%	€34.80	2.35%
Adult	111-120	Ordinary return	€35.00	€36.00	2.86%	€36.00	2.86%
Adult	121-140	Ordinary return	€35.50	€36.40	2.54%	€36.40	2.54%
Adult	141-150	Ordinary return	€35.50	€36.50	2.82%	€36.50	2.82%

STAGE CARRIAGE - CHILD - CASH DAY RETURN							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Child	0-2	Day Return	€2.40	€2.40	0.0%	€2.30	-4.2%
Child	2-4	Day Return	€2.40	€2.40	0.0%	€2.30	-4.2%
Child	5-6	Day Return	€2.80	€2.80	0.0%	€2.70	-3.6%
Child	7-8	Day Return	€3.30	€3.10	-6.1%	€3.20	-3.0%
Child	9-10	Day Return	€4.20	€4.00	-4.8%	€4.00	-4.8%
Child	11-12	Day Return	€4.60	€4.60	0.0%	€4.50	-2.2%
Child	13-14	Day Return	€4.60	€4.70	2.2%	€4.50	-2.2%
Child	15-16	Day Return	€5.00	€4.80	-4.0%	€5.00	0.0%
Child	17-18	Day Return	€5.00	€4.80	-4.0%	€5.00	0.0%
Child	19-20	Day Return	€5.20	€5.00	-3.8%	€5.20	0.0%
Child	21-22	Day Return	€5.20	€5.30	1.9%	€5.20	0.0%
Child	23-24	Day Return	€5.70	€6.00	5.3%	€5.70	0.0%
Child	25-26	Day Return	€6.60	€6.80	3.0%	€6.60	0.0%
Child	27-30	Day Return	€6.80	€7.20	5.9%	€6.80	0.0%
Child	31-32	Day Return	€7.60	€7.70	1.3%	€7.60	0.0%
Child	33-36	Day Return	€7.80	€8.50	9.0%	€7.80	0.0%
Child	37-38	Day Return	€8.30	€9.10	9.6%	€8.30	0.0%
Child	39-42	Day Return	€9.90	€9.90	0.0%	€9.90	0.0%
Child	43-46	Day Return	€10.10	€10.80	6.9%	€10.10	0.0%
Child	47-50	Day Return	€11.00	€11.70	6.4%	€11.00	0.0%
Child	51-60	Day Return	€11.60	€12.50	7.8%	€11.60	0.0%
Child	61-64	Day Return	€12.70	€13.20	3.9%	€12.70	0.0%
Child	65 -70	Day Return	€13.50	€14.30	5.9%	€13.50	0.0%
Child	71-75	Day Return	€14.30	€15.20	6.3%	€14.30	0.0%
Child	76-80	Day Return	€15.30	€15.60	2.0%	€15.30	0.0%
Child	81-85	Day Return	€16.00	€16.20	1.3%	€16.00	0.0%
Child	86-90	Day Return	€16.20	€17.00	4.9%	€16.20	0.0%
Child	91-95	Day Return	€17.20	€17.60	2.3%	€17.20	0.0%
Child	96-100	Day Return	€17.70	€17.80	0.6%	€17.70	0.0%
Child	101-110	Day Return	€18.50	€18.70	1.1%	€18.50	0.0%
Child	111-120	Day Return	€18.70	€19.20	2.7%	€18.70	0.0%
Child	121-140	Day Return	€18.70	€19.50	4.3%	€18.70	0.0%
Child	141-150	Day Return	€19.20	€20.00	4.2%	€19.20	0.0%

STAGE CARRIAGE - CHILD - ORDINARY RETURN - CASH							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Child	0-2	Ordinary Return					
Child	2-4	Ordinary Return					
Child	5-6	Ordinary Return					
Child	7-8	Ordinary Return					
Child	9-10	Ordinary Return					
Child	11-12	Ordinary Return	€4.60	€4.70	2.2%	€4.60	0.0%
Child	13-14	Ordinary Return	€4.60	€4.70	2.2%	€4.60	0.0%
Child	15-16	Ordinary Return	€5.20	€4.90	-5.8%	€5.20	0.0%
Child	17-18	Ordinary Return	€5.50	€5.50	0.0%	€5.50	0.0%
Child	19-20	Ordinary Return	€5.80	€5.80	0.0%	€5.80	0.0%
Child	21-22	Ordinary Return	€6.70	€6.20	-7.5%	€6.70	0.0%
Child	23-24	Ordinary Return	€7.00	€6.90	-1.4%	€7.00	0.0%
Child	25-26	Ordinary Return	€7.50	€7.40	-1.3%	€7.50	0.0%
Child	27-30	Ordinary Return	€7.70	€7.90	2.6%	€7.70	0.0%
Child	31-32	Ordinary Return	€8.40	€8.40	0.0%	€8.40	0.0%
Child	33-36	Ordinary Return	€9.80	€9.30	-5.1%	€9.80	0.0%
Child	37-38	Ordinary Return	€10.20	€10.00	-2.0%	€10.20	0.0%
Child	39-42	Ordinary Return	€11.50	€11.10	-3.5%	€11.50	0.0%
Child	43-46	Ordinary Return	€12.70	€11.70	-7.9%	€12.70	0.0%
Child	47-50	Ordinary Return	€13.20	€12.50	-5.3%	€13.20	0.0%
Child	51-60	Ordinary Return	€14.00	€13.20	-5.7%	€14.00	0.0%
Child	61-64	Ordinary Return	€15.00	€14.20	-5.3%	€15.00	0.0%
Child	65 -70	Ordinary Return	€15.50	€14.70	-5.2%	€15.50	0.0%
Child	71-75	Ordinary Return	€17.20	€15.70	-8.7%	€17.00	-1.2%
Child	76-80	Ordinary Return	€17.80	€16.30	-8.4%	€17.70	-0.6%
Child	81-85	Ordinary Return	€18.30	€17.20	-6.0%	€18.30	0.0%
Child	86-90	Ordinary Return	€19.10	€17.50	-8.4%	€19.10	0.0%
Child	91-95	Ordinary Return	€19.90	€19.10	-4.0%	€19.90	0.0%
Child	96-100	Ordinary Return	€21.00	€20.00	-4.8%	€21.00	0.0%
Child	101-110	Ordinary Return	€21.50	€21.00	-2.3%	€21.50	0.0%
Child	111-120	Ordinary Return	€22.00	€21.50	-2.3%	€22.00	0.0%
Child	121-140	Ordinary Return	€22.50	€22.00	-2.2%	€22.50	0.0%
Child	141-150	Ordinary Return	€22.80	€22.00	-3.5%	€22.80	0.0%

STAGE CARRIAGE -STUDENT - RETURN FARES							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Student	0-2	Return					
Student	2-4	Return					
Student	5-6	Return					
Student	7-8	Return					
Student	9-10	Return					
Student	11-12	Return	€7.30	€6.60	-9.6%	€7.00	-4.1%
Student	13-14	Return	€7.30	€6.80	-6.8%	€7.00	-4.1%
Student	15-16	Return	€7.60	€7.00	-7.9%	€7.30	-3.9%
Student	17-18	Return	€7.70	€7.40	-3.9%	€7.40	-3.9%
Student	19-20	Return	€7.80	€7.70	-1.3%	€7.70	-1.3%
Student	21-22	Return	€8.10	€8.20	1.2%	€8.20	1.2%
Student	23-24	Return	€9.00	€9.20	2.2%	€9.10	1.1%
Student	25-26	Return	€9.70	€9.80	1.0%	€9.80	1.0%
Student	27-30	Return	€10.00	€10.50	5.0%	€10.20	2.0%
Student	31-32	Return	€10.90	€11.20	2.8%	€11.10	1.8%
Student	33-36	Return	€11.60	€12.40	6.9%	€11.80	1.7%
Student	37-38	Return	€12.50	€13.30	6.4%	€12.70	1.6%
Student	39-42	Return	€14.00	€14.80	5.7%	€14.20	1.4%
Student	43-46	Return	€15.30	€15.60	2.0%	€15.60	2.0%
Student	47-50	Return	€16.00	€16.70	4.4%	€16.30	1.9%
Student	51-60	Return	€17.50	€17.60	0.6%	€17.60	0.6%
Student	61-64	Return	€18.20	€19.00	4.4%	€18.50	1.6%
Student	65 -70	Return	€19.00	€19.60	3.2%	€19.30	1.6%
Student	71-75	Return	€20.80	€21.00	1.0%	€21.00	1.0%
Student	76-80	Return	€21.30	€21.80	2.3%	€21.70	1.9%
Student	81-85	Return	€21.80	€23.00	5.5%	€22.20	1.8%
Student	86-90	Return	€23.70	€23.40	-1.3%	€23.50	-0.8%
Student	91-95	Return	€24.50	€25.50	4.1%	€24.90	1.6%
Student	96-100	Return	€25.00	€26.70	6.8%	€25.50	2.0%
Student	101-110	Return	€25.50	€28.00	9.8%	€26.00	2.0%
Student	111-120	Return	€26.50	€28.70	8.3%	€27.00	1.9%
Student	121-140	Return	€27.50	€29.20	6.2%	€28.00	1.8%
Student	141-150	Return	€27.50	€29.20	6.2%	€28.00	1.8%

STAGE CARRIAGE - ADULT 10 JOURNEY							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Adult	0-2	10 Journey	€17.70	€18.00	1.7%	€18.50	4.5%
Adult	2-4	10 Journey	€18.20	€18.00	-1.1%	€18.50	1.6%
Adult	5-6	10 Journey	€18.70	€18.50	-1.1%	€19.60	4.8%
Adult	7-8	10 Journey	€20.40	€21.00	2.9%	€21.40	4.9%
Adult	9-10	10 Journey	€29.30	€27.00	-7.8%	€30.00	2.4%
Adult	11-12	10 Journey	€34.80	€32.00	-8.0%	€35.40	1.7%
Adult	13-14	10 Journey	€36.30	€33.50	-7.7%	€37.00	1.9%
Adult	15-16	10 Journey	€37.40	€35.00	-6.4%	€38.10	1.9%
Adult	17-18	10 Journey	€37.40	€36.00	-3.7%	€39.20	4.8%
Adult	19-20	10 Journey	€37.90	€37.50	-1.1%	€39.70	4.7%
Adult	21-22	10 Journey	€38.90	€40.00	2.8%	€40.80	4.9%
Adult	23-24	10 Journey	€42.90	€44.00	2.6%	€45.00	4.9%
Adult	25-26	10 Journey	€45.90	€47.00	2.4%	€48.10	4.8%
Adult	27-30	10 Journey	€49.00	€50.00	2.0%	€51.40	4.9%
Adult	31-32	10 Journey	€53.50	€54.50	1.9%	€56.10	4.9%
Adult	33-36	10 Journey	€56.50	€57.50	1.8%	€59.30	5.0%
Adult	37-38	10 Journey	€57.50	€59.00	2.6%	€60.30	4.9%
Adult	39-42	10 Journey	€60.60	€62.00	2.3%	€63.60	5.0%
Adult	43-46	10 Journey	€60.60	€66.00	8.9%	€63.50	4.8%
Adult	47-50	10 Journey	€62.60	€68.00	8.6%	€65.50	4.6%
Adult	51-60	10 Journey	€63.00	€68.50	8.7%	€66.00	4.8%
Adult	61-64	10 Journey	€64.00	€69.50	8.6%	€67.00	4.7%
Adult	65 -70	10 Journey	€65.00	€70.50	8.5%	€68.00	4.6%
Adult	71-75	10 Journey	€67.00	€72.50	8.2%	€70.00	4.5%
Adult	76-80	10 Journey	€68.00	€73.50	8.1%	€71.00	4.4%
Adult	81-85	10 Journey	€69.70	€75.50	8.3%	€73.00	4.7%
Adult	86-90	10 Journey	€71.20	€77.00	8.1%	€74.50	4.6%
Adult	91-95	10 Journey	€74.70	€81.00	8.4%	€78.00	4.4%
Adult	96-100	10 Journey	€77.70	€84.00	8.1%	€81.50	4.9%
Adult	101-110	10 Journey	€79.80	€86.50	8.4%	€83.50	4.6%
Adult	111-120	10 Journey	€81.30	€88.00	8.2%	€85.00	4.6%
Adult	121-140	10 Journey	€83.00	€90.00	8.4%	€87.00	4.8%
Adult	141-150	10 Journey	€83.80	€90.50	8.0%	€87.50	4.4%

STAGE CARRIAGE Child - 10 Journey							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Child	0-2	10 Journey	€10.60	€10.70	0.9%	€10.60	0.0%
Child	2-4	10 Journey	€10.90	€10.80	-0.9%	€10.90	0.0%
Child	5-6	10 Journey	€11.20	€11.00	-1.8%	€11.20	0.0%
Child	7-8	10 Journey	€12.20	€12.40	1.6%	€12.20	0.0%
Child	9-10	10 Journey	€16.50	€16.40	-0.6%	€16.50	0.0%
Child	11-12	10 Journey	€19.70	€20.20	2.5%	€19.70	0.0%
Child	13-14	10 Journey	€20.80	€21.00	1.0%	€20.80	0.0%
Child	15-16	10 Journey	€22.40	€21.60	-3.6%	€22.40	0.0%
Child	17-18	10 Journey	€22.40	€21.60	-3.6%	€22.40	0.0%
Child	19-20	10 Journey	€22.70	€22.60	-0.4%	€22.70	0.0%
Child	21-22	10 Journey	€23.30	€23.40	0.4%	€23.30	0.0%
Child	23-24	10 Journey	€25.50	€25.60	0.4%	€25.50	0.0%
Child	25-26	10 Journey	€27.00	€27.70	2.6%	€27.00	0.0%
Child	27-30	10 Journey	€29.00	€29.70	2.4%	€29.00	0.0%
Child	31-32	10 Journey	€30.00	€30.70	2.3%	€30.00	0.0%
Child	33-36	10 Journey	€30.50	€31.30	2.6%	€30.50	0.0%
Child	37-38	10 Journey	€31.00	€31.80	2.6%	€31.00	0.0%
Child	39-42	10 Journey	€32.00	€34.70	8.4%	€32.00	0.0%
Child	43-46	10 Journey	€34.50	€35.40	2.6%	€34.50	0.0%
Child	47-50	10 Journey	€34.50	€37.00	7.2%	€34.50	0.0%
Child	51-60	10 Journey	€34.50	€37.50	8.7%	€34.50	0.0%
Child	61-64	10 Journey	€37.00	€40.00	8.1%	€37.00	0.0%
Child	65 -70	10 Journey	€40.00	€43.50	8.8%	€40.00	0.0%
Child	71-75	10 Journey	€40.20	€44.00	9.5%	€40.20	0.0%
Child	76-80	10 Journey	€40.80	€44.50	9.1%	€40.80	0.0%

STAGE CARRIAGE STUDENT- 10 Journey							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Student	0-2	10 Journey	€15.40	€14.40	-6.5%	€15.60	1.3%
Student	2-4	10 Journey	€15.80	€14.40	-8.9%	€15.80	0.0%
Student	5-6	10 Journey	€16.00	€14.80	-7.5%	€16.20	1.3%
Student	7-8	10 Journey	€18.10	€16.60	-8.3%	€18.20	0.6%
Student	9-10	10 Journey	€24.50	€22.50	-8.2%	€24.80	1.2%
Student	11-12	10 Journey	€29.00	€26.50	-8.6%	€29.40	1.4%
Student	13-14	10 Journey	€29.50	€27.00	-8.5%	€29.90	1.4%
Student	15-16	10 Journey	€31.00	€28.50	-8.1%	€31.40	1.3%
Student	17-18	10 Journey	€32.50	€29.50	-9.2%	€32.90	1.2%
Student	19-20	10 Journey	€34.00	€31.00	-8.8%	€33.50	-1.5%
Student	21-22	10 Journey	€36.00	€33.00	-8.3%	€34.50	-4.2%
Student	23-24	10 Journey	€38.00	€35.00	-7.9%	€38.00	0.0%
Student	25-26	10 Journey	€40.50	€37.40	-7.7%	€41.00	1.2%
Student	27-30	10 Journey	€43.00	€40.00	-7.0%	€43.50	1.2%
Student	31-32	10 Journey	€47.50	€43.50	-8.4%	€47.50	0.0%
Student	33-36	10 Journey	€49.00	€46.00	-6.1%	€49.50	1.0%
Student	37-38	10 Journey	€50.00	€47.00	-6.0%	€50.50	1.0%
Student	39-42	10 Journey	€52.50	€49.50	-5.7%	€53.00	1.0%
Student	43-46	10 Journey	€53.50	€54.50	1.9%	€54.00	0.9%
Student	47-50	10 Journey	€54.00	€55.00	1.9%	€54.50	0.9%
Student	51-60	10 Journey	€55.00	€59.50	8.2%	€55.50	0.9%
Student	61-64	10 Journey	€56.50	€61.50	8.8%	€57.00	0.9%
Student	65 -70	10 Journey	€58.00	€63.00	8.6%	€57.50	-0.9%
Student	71-75	10 Journey	€60.20	€65.00	8.0%	€59.50	-1.2%
Student	76-80	10 Journey	€61.20	€66.00	7.8%	€60.00	-2.0%
Student	81-85	10 Journey	€62.50	€68.00	8.8%	€62.00	-0.8%
Student	86-90	10 Journey	€64.00	€70.00	9.4%	€63.00	-1.6%
Student	91-95	10 Journey	€67.00	€73.00	9.0%	€66.00	-1.5%
Student	96-100	10 Journey	€69.50	€76.00	9.4%	€69.00	-0.7%
Student	101-110	10 Journey	€71.50	€78.50	9.8%	€70.50	-1.4%
Student	111-120	10 Journey	€73.00	€80.00	9.6%	€72.00	-1.4%
Student	121-140	10 Journey	€74.50	€81.50	9.4%	€73.50	-1.3%
Student	141-150	10 Journey	€75.00	€82.00	9.3%	€74.00	-1.3%

STAGE CARRIAGE ADULT - Monthly							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current Fare	BÉ Proposed Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved Fare	Approved % Increase
Adult	0-2	Monthly	€70.80	€70.20	-0.8%	€72.10	1.8%
Adult	2-4	Monthly	€72.80	€70.20	-3.6%	€72.10	-1.0%
Adult	5-6	Monthly	€74.80	€72.15	-3.5%	€76.40	2.1%
Adult	7-8	Monthly	€81.60	€81.90	0.4%	€83.40	2.2%
Adult	9-10	Monthly	€117.20	€105.30	-10.2%	€117.00	-0.2%
Adult	11-12	Monthly	€139.20	€124.80	-10.3%	€138.00	-0.9%
Adult	13-14	Monthly	€145.20	€130.65	-10.0%	€144.30	-0.6%
Adult	15-16	Monthly	€149.60	€136.50	-8.8%	€148.50	-0.7%
Adult	17-18	Monthly	€149.60	€140.40	-6.1%	€152.80	2.1%
Adult	19-20	Monthly	€151.60	€146.25	-3.5%	€154.80	2.1%
Adult	21-22	Monthly	€155.60	€156.00	0.3%	€159.10	2.2%
Adult	23-24	Monthly	€171.60	€171.60	0.0%	€175.50	2.3%
Adult	25-26	Monthly	€183.60	€183.30	-0.2%	€187.50	2.1%
Adult	27-30	Monthly	€196.00	€195.00	-0.5%	€200.40	2.2%
Adult	31-32	Monthly	€214.00	€212.55	-0.7%	€218.70	2.2%
Adult	33-36	Monthly	€226.00	€224.25	-0.8%	€231.20	2.3%
Adult	37-38	Monthly	€230.00	€230.10	0.0%	€235.10	2.2%
Adult	39-42	Monthly	€242.40	€241.80	-0.2%	€248.00	2.3%
Adult	43-46	Monthly	€242.40	€257.40	6.2%	€247.50	2.1%
Adult	47-50	Monthly	€250.40	€265.20	5.9%	€255.00	1.8%
Adult	51-60	Monthly	€252.00	€267.15	6.0%	€257.00	2.0%
Adult	61-64	Monthly	€256.00	€271.05	5.9%	€261.00	2.0%
Adult	65 -70	Monthly	€260.00	€274.95	5.8%	€265.00	1.9%
Adult	71-75	Monthly	€268.00	€282.75	5.5%	€273.00	1.9%
Adult	76-80	Monthly	€272.00	€286.65	5.4%	€276.50	1.7%
Adult	81-85	Monthly	€278.80	€294.45	5.6%	€284.50	2.0%
Adult	86-90	Monthly	€284.80	€300.30	5.4%	€290.50	2.0%
Adult	91-95	Monthly	€298.80	€315.90	5.7%	€304.00	1.7%
Adult	96-100	Monthly	€310.80	€327.60	5.4%	€317.50	2.2%
Adult	101-110	Monthly	€319.20	€337.35	5.7%	€325.50	2.0%
Adult	111-120	Monthly	€325.20	€343.20	5.5%	€331.50	1.9%
Adult	121-140	Monthly	€332.00	€351.00	5.7%	€339.00	2.1%
Adult	141-150	Monthly	€335.20	€352.95	5.3%	€341.00	1.7%

STAGE CARRIAGE ADULT - Annual							
Fare type	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Adult	0-2	Annual	€796.50	€738.00	-7.3%	€795.50	-0.1%
Adult	2-4	Annual	€819.00	€738.00	-9.9%	€795.50	-2.9%
Adult	5-6	Annual	€841.50	€758.50	-9.9%	€842.80	0.2%
Adult	7-8	Annual	€918.00	€861.00	-6.2%	€920.20	0.2%
Adult	9-10	Annual	€1,318.50	€1,107.00	-16.0%	€1,290.00	-2.2%
Adult	11-12	Annual	€1,566.00	€1,312.00	-16.2%	€1,522.20	-2.8%
Adult	13-14	Annual	€1,633.50	€1,373.50	-15.9%	€1,591.00	-2.6%
Adult	15-16	Annual	€1,683.00	€1,435.00	-14.7%	€1,638.30	-2.7%
Adult	17-18	Annual	€1,683.00	€1,476.00	-12.3%	€1,685.60	0.2%
Adult	19-20	Annual	€1,705.50	€1,537.50	-9.9%	€1,707.10	0.1%
Adult	21-22	Annual	€1,750.50	€1,640.00	-6.3%	€1,754.40	0.2%
Adult	23-24	Annual	€1,930.50	€1,804.00	-6.6%	€1,935.00	0.2%
Adult	25-26	Annual	€2,065.50	€1,927.00	-6.7%	€2,068.30	0.1%
Adult	27-30	Annual	€2,205.00	€2,050.00	-7.0%	€2,210.20	0.2%
Adult	31-32	Annual	€2,407.50	€2,234.50	-7.2%	€2,412.30	0.2%
Adult	33-36	Annual	€2,542.50	€2,357.50	-7.3%	€2,549.90	0.3%
Adult	37-38	Annual	€2,587.50	€2,419.00	-6.5%	€2,592.90	0.2%
Adult	39-42	Annual	€2,727.00	€2,542.00	-6.8%	€2,734.80	0.3%
Adult	43-46	Annual	€2,727.00	€2,706.00	-0.8%	€2,730.50	0.1%
Adult	47-50	Annual	€2,817.00	€2,788.00	-1.0%	€2,816.50	0.0%
Adult	51-60	Annual	€2,835.00	€2,808.50	-0.9%	€2,838.00	0.1%
Adult	61-64	Annual	€2,880.00	€2,849.50	-1.1%	€2,881.00	0.0%
Adult	65 -70	Annual	€2,925.00	€2,890.50	-1.2%	€2,924.00	0.0%
Adult	71-75	Annual	€3,015.00	€2,972.50	-1.4%	€3,010.00	-0.2%
Adult	76-80	Annual	€3,060.00	€3,013.50	-1.5%	€3,053.00	-0.2%
Adult	81-85	Annual	€3,136.50	€3,095.50	-1.3%	€3,139.00	0.1%
Adult	86-90	Annual	€3,204.00	€3,157.00	-1.5%	€3,203.50	0.0%
Adult	91-95	Annual	€3,361.50	€3,321.00	-1.2%	€3,354.00	-0.2%
Adult	96-100	Annual	€3,496.50	€3,444.00	-1.5%	€3,504.50	0.2%
Adult	101-110	Annual	€3,591.00	€3,546.50	-1.2%	€3,590.50	0.0%
Adult	111-120	Annual	€3,658.50	€3,608.00	-1.4%	€3,655.00	-0.1%
Adult	121-140	Annual	€3,735.00	€3,690.00	-1.2%	€3,741.00	0.2%
Adult	141-150	Annual	€3,771.00	€3,710.50	-1.6%	€3,762.50	-0.2%

STAGE CARRIAGE - Bus Éireann Town Service Cash Fares							
Town Service	Fare stage	Fare type	Current cash Fare	BÉ Proposed cash Fare	Proposed % Increase	Approved cash Fare	Approved % Increase
Athlone	Adult	Single	€1.60	€1.70	6.25%	€1.70	6.25%
Athlone	Child	Single	€1.05	€1.00	-4.76%	€1.00	-4.76%
Balbriggan	Adult	Single	€1.60	€1.70	6.25%	€1.70	6.25%
Balbriggan	Child	Single	€0.95	€1.00	5.26%	€1.00	5.26%
Drogheda	Adult	Single	€1.70	€1.70	0.00%	€1.70	0.00%
Drogheda	Child	Single	€1.15	€1.00	-13.04%	€1.00	-13.04%
Dundalk	Adult	Single	€1.70	€1.70	0.00%	€1.70	0.00%
Dundalk	Child	Single	€1.15	€1.00	-13.04%	€1.00	-13.04%
Navan	Adult	Single	€1.70	€1.70	0.00%	€1.70	0.00%
Navan	Child	Single	€1.15	€1.00	-13.04%	€1.00	-13.04%
Sligo	Adult	Single	€1.70	€1.70	0.00%	€1.70	0.00%
Sligo	Child	Single	€1.15	€1.00	-13.04%	€1.00	-13.04%

Integrated Bus Éireann / Iarnród Éireann tickets			Iarnród Éireann only	Bus Éireann only	Integrated Bus Éireann / Iarnród Éireann tickets
<u>Dublin/Kilcock</u>	IÉ Zone B	BÉ Red Zone	€1,690.00	€1,652.00	€1,860.00
<u>Dublin/Enfield</u>	IÉ Zone D	BÉ Blue Zone	€2,290.00	€2,469.00	€2,715.00
<u>Dublin/Mullingar</u>	IÉ Zone G	BÉ Yellow Zone	€3,440.00	€2,857.00	€3,785.00

Multi Operator tickets - Nationwide					
Ticket Type	Current	Requested	Requested % increase	Approved Fares	% Increase
Iarnród Éireann & Bus Éireann - All services	€5,280.00	€5,490.00	4.0%	€5,440.00	3.0%
Iarnród Éireann + Dublin Bus + Bus Éireann - All Services	€6,220.00	€6,470.00	4.0%	€6,400.00	2.9%

Multi Operator tickets - Cork area					
Bus Éireann / Iarnród Éireann Cork commuter tickets	Current	Requested	Requested % increase	Approved Fares	% Increase
Adult Monthly Cobh Line & Cork City Services	€138.00	€138.00	0.0%	€138.00	0.0%
Adult Monthly Midleton Line & Cork City Services	€149.00	€138.00	-7.4%	€138.00	-7.4%
Adult Annual Cobh Line & Cork City Services	€1,380.00	€1,380.00	0.0%	€1,380.00	0.0%
Adult Annual Midleton Line & Cork City Services	€1,490.00	€1,380.00	-7.4%	€1,380.00	-7.4%
Student Monthly Cobh Line & Cork City Services	€109.00	€109.00	0.0%	€109.00	0.0%
Student Monthly Midleton Line & Cork City Services	€122.00	€109.00	-10.7%	€109.00	-10.7%