

## TAXI FARE REVIEW



The Authority is currently undertaking a review of the National Maximum Taxi Fare and has now issued a draft proposal. We would like to hear your views on the proposed changes to the fares and the fare structure. **The public consultation has commenced and will be open until 5pm, Tuesday 9th December 2014.**

You can make a submission online by clicking on [nationaltransport.ie](http://nationaltransport.ie) to visit the Public Consultations section, or writing to us at:

**Maximum Fares 2014**  
National Transport Authority,  
Dún Scéine,  
Harcourt Lane,  
Dublin 2



The proposed changes to the fare are as follows

1. We propose to reduce the initial charge to €3.60 on the Standard Rate and to €4.00 on the Premium Rate with the allocated distance and time to be amended to 500 metres or 85 seconds;
2. We propose to remove Tariff C from the fare card in both the Standard and Premium Rates, combined with a rebalancing of the remaining Tariff A and Tariff B;
3. Tariff A under the Standard Rate (up to 15km or 43mins) to be adjusted to €1.10 per kilometre or €0.39 per minute;
4. Tariff A under the Premium Rate (up to 15km or 43mins) to be adjusted to €1.40 per kilometre or €0.49 per minute;
5. Tariff B under the Standard Rate (up to 15km or 43mins) to be adjusted to €1.40 per kilometre or €0.49 per minute;
6. Tariff B under the Premium Rate (up to 15km or 43mins) to be adjusted to €1.70 per kilometre or €0.62 per minute; and
7. The special Premium Rate that applies during a four day period over Christmas and New Year is proposed to be amended such that the Premium Rate applies with an additional 25% added to Tariff A and Tariff B

Other charges and extras remained unaltered from the current maximum fares order.

The table below represents the proposed amendments set out in tabular form:

	Standard Rate (08.00h-20.00h)	Premium Rate (20.00h - 08.00h) + Sundays + Public holidays*
Initial Charge Distance Allowance = 500 metres Time Allowance = 85 seconds	<b>€3.60</b>	<b>€4.00</b>
Tariff A (up to 15km or 43mins)	€1.10 per km or €0.39 per min	€1.40 per km or €0.49 per min
Tariff A (over 15km or 43mins)	€1.40 per km or €0.49 per min	€1.75 per km or €0.62 per min

\*A special premium rate is proposed to apply between 20.00h Christmas Eve to 08.00h St. Stephen's Day and 20.00h New Year's Eve to 08.00h New Year's Day. During these periods it is proposed that the Premium Rate applies with an additional 25% added to Tariff A and Tariff B.

Overall, these changes increase fares by approximately 4% on average, and reduce the initial charge which then has a correspondingly smaller distance/time allowance included. Following the conclusion of this public consultation, a decision will be made by the Board of the National Transport Authority. Any changes to the fare will be introduced by way of a new Maximum Fares Order in early 2015.

## WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE GRANT 2014 CLOSING DATES



**Closing date for Applications 28 November 2014**  
**Closing date for the Scheme 24 December 2014**

July 2014 saw the start of a grant scheme for the purchase of or conversion to wheelchair accessible vehicles. Grants range from €10,000 for a new vehicle to €3,000 for a five year old vehicle.

By 1 November, we had issued 229 Conditional Grant Letters – over 50% for proposed new vehicles.

The Grant operates on a first come, first served basis and funding is coming to an end. If you want to apply for the grant, you must submit your completed application form for consideration by 28 November 2014.

If you have already applied and received a Conditional Grant Letter, you need to finalise the vehicle suitability test and licensing process as soon as possible. A vehicle licence must be granted to you by 24 December 2014 in order to obtain your Grant.

As usual all details are available in the Taxi Section on [nationaltransport.ie](http://nationaltransport.ie)

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING BOOK YOUR DECEMBER / JANUARY VEHICLE INSPECTIONS EARLY!



Remember, even if your vehicle is inspected prior to 24 December, your new licence period will start from the date of expiry of your old licence, so there is no disadvantage to early inspection.

Make sure to book your December and early January vehicle inspections as soon as possible to avoid the Christmas closures and late renewal fees.

## COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY

**APRIL TO OCTOBER**  
(FIRST MONTHS OF  
2014 REGULATIONS)

### CONSUMER COMPLAINTS\*

Driver  
Conduct  
**278**

Fares  
**201**

SPSV Hire  
**70**

Vehicle  
Condition  
**28**

### COMPLIANCE ACTIONS

Fixed  
Payment  
Offences  
**976**

including

Driver To  
Vehicle Link  
**520**

No Valid  
SPSV Licence  
**86**

Convictions  
**32**

\*from November 2014, an additional category of complaint of 'identification and general appearance' will be included, which was previously included within the category of 'vehicle condition'.

## NEWS ITEM

Drivers of SPSVs are reminded to maintain high standards of vehicle cleanliness at all times. All SPSVs are required to be in 'good and clean condition'. The interior of vehicles must be free of 'dust, dirt, grime, refuse, litter, objectionable matter or unpleasant smell'. Regulations also prohibit the carriage of any 'highly inflammable, dangerous or offensive articles' in SPSVs.

# REVIEW OF SPSV REGULATIONS

The Authority is undertaking a review of the Small Public Service (Reform and Consolidation) Regulations 2014 and has issued a proposal for new regulations.

We would like to hear your views on the proposed changes. A copy of the regulations and related guidance can be read and downloaded from the Authority's website at [nationaltransport.ie](http://nationaltransport.ie)



## WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS MAY BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Online at the Consultations section of [nationaltransport.ie](http://nationaltransport.ie)
2. By email to [SPSVRegs@nationaltransport.ie](mailto:SPSVRegs@nationaltransport.ie) or
3. By post to SPSV Regulations 2014, National Transport Authority, Dún Scéine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2.

All submissions must include the subject of the submission, the full name and address of the person making the submission and, where relevant, the name of the body or organisation represented. The Authority may publish all submissions received.

Closing date for receipt of submissions is 5pm on Tuesday, 09 December 2014.

## THE TRANSPORT FOR IRELAND PEOPLE'S AWARDS 2014



Win an iPad by nominating your public transport superstars – the Transport for Ireland People's Awards 2014 give you the opportunity to nominate someone who makes a positive difference to your Public Transport trip.

Entries accepted in story form, photo or video – before 17th November.

For more information, visit: [submit.independent.ie/transport-for-ireland-people-s-awards-2014.html](http://submit.independent.ie/transport-for-ireland-people-s-awards-2014.html)

## KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED



Keep yourself informed by visiting our website regularly for the latest SPSV news. For further information on any matter relating to SPSV's please contact:

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