



Fares

Determination

**Monthly and annual fares for all operators
providing contracted public transport
services**

Effective from 1st December 2019

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1. Summary

The National Transport Authority (the Authority) has statutory responsibility for securing the provision of public transport services as outlined in the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008. The Act gives the Authority responsibility for setting public transport fares. This fares determination sets out the fares for all the main Public Service Obligation (PSO) services namely bus, rail and Luas as well as services operated by Go Ahead Ireland in Dublin and Go Ahead Ireland in Kildare (Q4 2019), along with Waterford city services operated by Bus Éireann. Where reference is made to Dublin City Bus or Bus Éireann in this document it also includes Go-Ahead Ireland and any other new operator. This fares determination also sets out the fares for the PSO route 139, Maynooth to Blanchardstown, operated by JJ Kavanagh following a tender competition.

The Authority is setting fares for 2020 by way of two fares determinations. The first determination will outline adjustments for all monthly and annual tickets (including taxsaver tickets) with an effective implementation date of 1st December 2019. The second fares determination will address adjustments for all other fares and will be published in March 2020, with changes effective in April 2020.

There are a number of reasons for taking the approach of splitting the fares determination into two constituent parts at this time. Principally, by delaying the process of adjusting a large proportion of fares to April 2020, the Authority will have determined what services to supply in 2020, will know the level of subvention committed by the Exchequer for PSO services, and therefore the revenue requirements for subsidised public transport services. Secondly the Authority, being mindful of prevailing economic conditions both domestically and what may affect our economy as a result of Brexit, wishes to ensure that adjustments in fares can be equitably made for the benefit of the travelling public and operators alike, in light of these circumstances. Furthermore, the introduction of fare adjustments in April 2020 will allow the Authority to have a much clearer indication of the most up to date trends in public transport usage from the preceding year when making its determination.

The BusConnects programme for Dublin will see the transformation of Dublin's bus system, to ensure journeys made by bus will be fast, reliable, punctual, convenient and affordable. Part of the BusConnects plan is revamping of the fare system to provide a simpler fare structure, allowing seamless movement between different transport services without financial penalty. To deliver on this part of the programme, a revised fare structure is required for public transport in the city, which will support seamless movement between different public transport services and modes without a financial penalty. The fares determination, presented in this report in respect of monthly and annual tickets, builds on last year's determination by taking another step toward this new fare structure. To achieve a balanced transition, it is necessary to adjust a number of monthly and annual fares across all operators in Dublin to deliver commonality amongst uni-modal and multi-modal tickets within the Short Hop Zone (SHZ), thereby paving the way for a simplified and easier to understand fares structure.

A summary of the main changes by service:

- **Dublin city bus services operated by Dublin Bus and Go Ahead**
 - Increase Dublin city bus monthly and annual SHZ tickets by 3.6% to achieve a common Dublin city fare across all modes
 - Reduce Dublin city bus/Luas & Irish Rail SHZ monthly and annual tickets for the second successive year by -4.9% to achieve a common Dublin city fare across all modes
 - 0% increase on Dublin city bus/Irish Rail all services, and CIE all services annual tickets
 - Increase Dublin city bus/Luas monthly & annual tickets by 5.9% to achieve a common Dublin city fare across all modes
 - Reduce Dublin city bus/Luas monthly & annual add-on tickets by -9.1%

- **Luas services operated by Transdev**
 - Remove adult and child 30 day zonal tickets to encourage more cost effective leap alternative
 - Adjust student 30 day zonal tickets between 0% and 1.7%
 - Adjust monthly and annual fares by 7.4% to €130 and €1,300 respectively, thus ensuring value for money is maintained within the SHZ
 - Reduce Luas/Dublin city bus monthly & annual add-on tickets by 9.1%

- **Rail Services operated by Iarnród Éireann**
 - 0% increase on Dublin SHZ monthly and annual tickets to achieve a common Dublin city fare across all modes in preparation for BusConnects
 - Reduce Irish Rail/Dublin city bus/Luas monthly & annual tickets for the second successive year by -4.9% to achieve a common Dublin city fare across all modes
 - 0% adjustment on all other multi-modal monthly & annual fares in the SHZ
 - Average reduction of -3.8% for children's intercity tickets in line with NTA policy
 - 0% increase for majority of intercity adult monthly and annual tickets
 - 0% increase across all student monthly intercity tickets
 - 0% increase across all Cork Commuter services

- **Bus services outside Dublin operated in the main by Bus Éireann and Go Ahead**
 - **Eastern Regional Zone**
 - ✓ 0% increase on adult monthly zonal tickets
 - ✓ Reduce adult annual zonal tickets by -4.4% to bring in line with NTA monthly/annual pricing policy
 - ✓ Introduce new monthly zonal tickets for students and children in 2020 to standardise product offering

 - **Regional cities**
 - ✓ Adult annual city tickets reduced by average -1.2%, further aligning monthly/annual product ratio in line with NTA pricing policy
 - ✓ 0% increase across all adult monthly city tickets with the exception of Cork Green Zone, which will be reduced by -5%.

- ✓ Student monthly tickets reduced across all regional cities by average of -6.5% in line with NTA policy on adult/student discount

- **Stage Carriage**
 - ✓ Adult monthly and annual tickets will see no increase in 2020

- **Multi-operator tickets**
 - ✓ 0% increase on Cork Commuter zone Bus Éireann & Irish Rail shared tickets
 - ✓ 0% increase on Bus Éireann & Irish Rail shared annual zonal and all services tickets for second successive year

All individual fares for each of the operators can be found in the Appendices at the end of this report

2. Introduction

2.1 Background

The National Transport Authority (the Authority) has statutory responsibility for securing the provision of public transport services as outlined in the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008. To fulfill this responsibility, the Authority entered into Public Service Contracts with Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann in December 2014 for a period of 5 years. The Authority also entered into a Public Service Contract with Iarnród Éireann in December 2009 for a ten year period. Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann and Iarnród Éireann are 100% owned by Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ). CIÉ is a statutory body with ownership vested in the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport.

The Authority has entered into a contract with Go Ahead Ireland for the provision of bus services in Dublin, with full rollout completed in early 2019. Go Ahead Ireland will also be commencing in Q4 2019 to operate services from Kildare currently operated by Bus Éireann following a tender competition. In Waterford city, Bus Éireann continues to operate city routes under a new contract following a tender competition. The Authority has also entered into a contract with JJ Kavanagh who operates the 139 service between Naas and Blanchardstown.

In June 2019, the Authority, Transdev Dublin Light Rail Limited and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) signed a new contract for operation and maintenance of Luas services. All public transport contracts must, among other things, provide for the “fares to be charged and provision for the variation, including increase or decrease, of fares”. Each year the Authority examines the existing fares and determines the fares to be charged for the following year. This fares determination has been based on the assumption that the amount allocated to the Public Service Obligation (PSO) payments will remain at a similar level in 2020 from that allocated in 2019.

2.2 Determination of fares

This determination will cover the fares for the main Public Service Obligation (PSO) services provided by Dublin Bus, Go-Ahead Ireland, Iarnród Éireann, Transdev, Bus Éireann, Bus Éireann Waterford and JJ Kavanagh.

This determination will address the price of monthly and annual tickets. Adjustments to pre-paid tickets are permissible from 1st December 2019 but for operational reasons the operators may delay the introduction slightly with the agreement of the Authority.

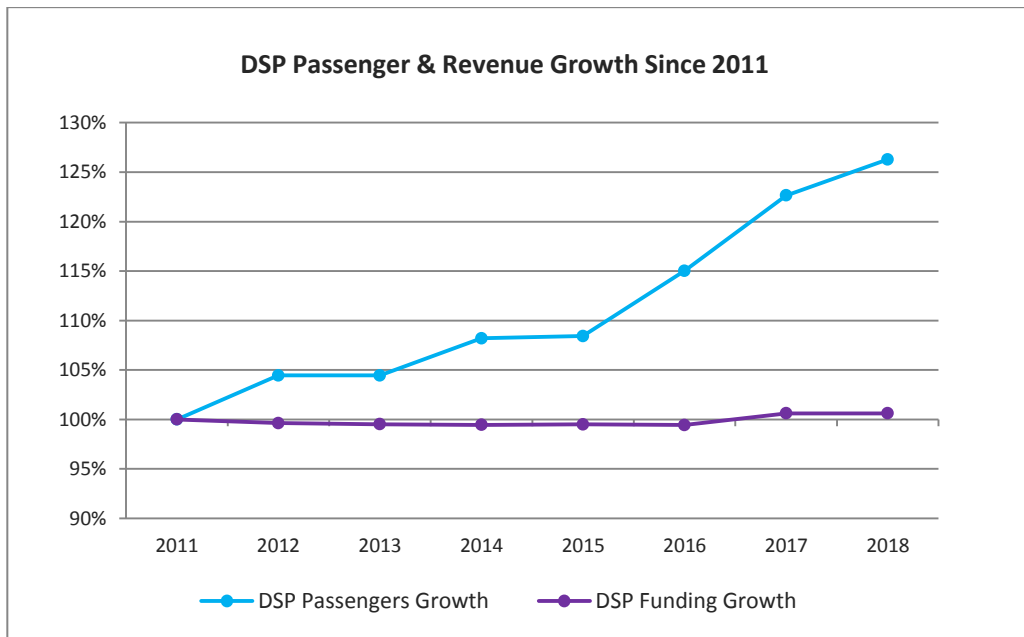
2.3 Factors influencing public transport revenues and expenditure

There are four main sources of income, which support the operation of public transport services. These are:

- Fare Revenue
- PSO Subsidy from the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport
- Free Travel Grant from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection
- Income from ancillary activities such as advertising, car park charges etc.

Passenger fares account for a substantial proportion of the revenue and are dependent on passenger numbers. 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.

The free travel grant from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection is intended to compensate the operators when they carry free travel pass holders. Currently there are more than 1,000,000 people eligible to avail of the Free Travel Scheme (FTS) and the numbers are growing each year at about 2% to 3% per annum. Additionally, the health of the nation is improving allowing those eligible for the FTS to travel more often and take longer journeys. In 2018, almost 50 million journeys were taken by FTS passengers on PSO funded services, an increase of 26% since 2011. The graph below shows the increase in free travel passengers along with the level of funding received between 2011 and 2018.



The level of funding for the scheme was frozen in 2011 at just over €75 million as part of the National Recovery Plan 2011-2014. The steady increase in free travel passenger numbers has not been matched by funding from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP). In 2018 free travel scheme passengers' journeys represented 19% of passengers on PSO supported services and funding was 6% of total costs. Fare paying passengers are the remaining 81% of journeys and their fares fund 63% of costs. This represents an increase of over 37% from 2011. The remaining 31% of costs were funded in 2018 by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, which represents a significant increase in recent years as PSO funding levels have increased.

While the cost of free travel continues to steadily increase in line with other cost increases and the demand for free travel increases, the Authority remains fully committed to supporting the Free Travel Scheme.

Expenditure by public transport operators on the other hand is largely on vehicles, fuel and staff. As passenger numbers grow, additional vehicles are required along with additional staff to drive and maintain the vehicles. Over the past few years a significant number of additional services as well as increased frequency of services on bus and Luas have been introduced to meet additional demand. These additional

services contribute to the operators' expenditures. Over the past year increasing staff costs have also exerted pressure on operators' costs.

2.4 The need for fare adjustments

The Authority has been working over many years now to simplify the fares across bus, rail and light rail services and to introduce a fairer distance based structure. There is still more work to do and this year's fares determination will take another step to achieve these objectives.

Fares determination adjusts fares both upwards and downwards ensuring that the travelling public pays a fare relative to the distance they travel such that the operators are in a position to provide a safe and reliable service. In its decision to implement a two-stage fares determination for 2020, the Authority will initially address adjustments in respect of monthly and annual tickets. There are a number of overriding principles and objectives, which the Authority has taken into account as part of the determination of monthly and annual fares this year, namely;

- The need to simplify the product offering across transport operators, including the removal of pre-paid 30 day products where there is a better value leap alternative
- Incorporating the merger of ticket types fares within the SHZ to facilitate greater interchange in-line with Bus Connects programme
- The need to ensure that ratios between ticket types are in line with NTA policy
- The need to determine common levels of discount for student and children across operators and ticket types, in line with NTA policy
- To implement fare adjustments which are commensurate with wider economic outlook, for example consumer price index (+0.9% to September 2019)
- To take into account overall change in passenger numbers and revenue across the principal operators in 2018/9

This fares determination will result in a significant number of fares being held at 2019 fare levels, with others being either reduced or marginally increased for the aforementioned reasons. As alluded to above, the Authority adjusts fares to ensure that all public transport passengers continue to pay a fare, which reflects the distance travelled the level of service they enjoy and the cost of operating the service. For example, the Authority believes that a commuter purchasing an annual ticket should receive a discount that is comparable to the discount on monthly tickets. This is because those who purchase an annual ticket commit to use public transport for a full year and pay for it in advance. Bus Éireann, in 2013, offered about a 2% discount on an annual ticket relative to 12 monthly tickets. The Authority believes this discount should be closer to 12% and over the past few years have reduced the cost of the annual ticket each year. This has resulted in the cost of a Bus Éireann annual stage carriage ticket in 2020 being on average 7% cheaper than it was in 2014.

Decreases in fares are sometimes required to bring fare bands together and allow for a simpler fare structure and interchange between services and modes, or to ensure appropriate levels of discount according to passenger type. On the other hand, public transport fare increases were deemed necessary in recent years to compensate for the increased operating costs. While passenger numbers have grown since 2014, some minor fares increases are required to:

- restructure and simplify fare structures in preparation for BusConnects in the Dublin area
- contribute to the increased cost for the provision of current services
- contribute to the cost for additional services

2.5 BusConnects

In 2017, the Authority launched BusConnects, a plan to fundamentally transform Dublin's bus system, so that journeys by bus will be fast, reliable, punctual, convenient and affordable. It will enable more people to travel by bus than ever before, and allow bus commuting to become an even more viable and attractive choice for employees, students, shoppers and visitors.

Part of the BusConnects plan is revamping of the fare system to provide a simpler fare structure, allowing seamless movement between different transport services without financial penalty. This will allow passengers to complete their journey by two or more modes of travel in Dublin such as Bus, DART or Luas without financial penalty.

To improve the seamless movement of passengers between different transport services without financial penalty, the Authority has determined that most monthly and annual multi-operator tickets will either have no increase or see reductions this year. This will ensure that multi-operator products such as a monthly Dublin city bus/Luas & Rail ticket will be better value going forward, and make it more cost effective for passengers to use more than one mode of transport to complete their journey.

3. Dublin city bus services

3.1 Introduction

In early September this year, Go Ahead Ireland began providing public transport services to the people of Dublin. Dublin city bus applies to services in Dublin operated by Dublin Bus and Go Ahead Ireland and the fares set out in this determination are the same for both operators. Period tickets valid for one of the operators are also valid for the other operator.

Passenger journeys on public transport in the Dublin area have been growing strongly since 2013. Over the past five years' passenger journey numbers have increased by over 27% with similar increases on bus, heavy rail and light rail. In fact, 48 million additional passenger journeys were taken in 2018 compared to 2013. In order to accommodate these additional passengers on public transport services, along with future growth, the Authority have set out their plan called BusConnects which will improve the bus services within the city and surrounding areas.

In line with the Authority's objective to simplify fares across Operators and in preparation for the introductions of BusConnects, this determination will bring the single operator monthly and annual ticket price on Dublin city bus services into line with common ticket pricing regardless of the mode chosen within Dublin. This determination will also see multi operator period products move to a single price, offering a more simplified ticket offering, and flexibility for passengers who may choose to avail of more than one transport operator for their daily travel needs.

As passenger numbers continue to grow on bus services in the capital, the NTA will provide, subject to available funding, additional and new services on routes operated by Dublin Bus and on those operated by Go Ahead Ireland.

3.2 Determination by the Authority

A number of factors need to be taken into consideration in setting the fares:

- The need to maintain a sufficient level of service frequency
- The need to simplify the fares structure
- The adjustments required under the BusConnects plan
- The effect of the any changes on the public's disposable income and costs
- The PSO budget that is available for 2020

3.3 Monthly and Annual Tickets

The travelwide monthly and annual tickets allow travel on all Dublin city bus PSO services. Since Go Ahead Ireland commenced services earlier this year the travelwide tickets are also valid on all Go Ahead services. The annual ticket offers excellent value at the equivalent of €3.83 per day over the whole year to travel across the entire Dublin city bus network. If the annual ticket is purchased under the tax saver scheme savings of up to 51% can be made, depending on the rate of tax, PRSI and USC one pays, bringing the price of the annual tax saver ticket down to less than €2.00 per day to travel the entire Dublin city bus PSO network.

The Authority has determined that the price of the monthly and annual Adult Dublin city bus only Travelwide tickets will increase by €5.00 per month or €50.00 for the annual ticket. These tickets will still offer excellent value for the regular Dublin city bus passenger in 2020. Prices for 2020 are €145 per month or €1,450 per year, an increase of 3.6%.

There are a number of multi-service monthly and annual tickets available which allow commuters to avail of two or more services such as Dublin city bus, Luas, Iarnród Éireann SHZ rail or regional bus services outside Dublin. As outlined earlier, part of the BusConnects plan is to allow transfer between modes without financial penalty and, in line with this objective, the Authority have determined that over time there will be a common fare for a single service monthly or annual ticket, and a common fare for a multi-service monthly or annual ticket. To move towards achieving this objective, most multi-service monthly and annual tickets will remain at their current price this year. For example, the Dublin city bus and Iarnród Éireann SHZ annual ticket cost €1,800.00 since December 2016 and it remains at that price into 2020. However, the annual Dublin city bus and Luas ticket offers exceptional value at just €1,700 and the Authority has determined that it should increase to €1,800 - an increase of about €1.92 per week. In addition, monthly and annual tickets for all three modes of travel (Dublin city bus/Luas/Irish Rail) will see reductions of -5.9% this year.

Commuters travelling into Dublin may also avail of the Iarnród Éireann intercity add-on, which allows travel on the Luas Red Line between Heuston Station and Dublin Connolly station or George's Dock, and on Dublin Bus route 145 from Heuston to the City Centre. This existing add-on ticket will remain available in 2020 and will see a reduction of -9.1% i.e. €4.00 per month or €40.00 per annum, on top of reductions already implemented this year.

3.4 Summary

The fares determined in this section for this year cover Dublin city bus, which includes all PSO services operated by Dublin Bus and Go Ahead Ireland. Monthly and annual tickets can be used on all Dublin city bus services.

Changes implemented will bring about marginal fare increases of 0.9% across all monthly and annual tickets, with all adjustments for the purposes of moving to common fares, or product ratio alignment.

3.5 Headline changes

- Increase Dublin city bus monthly and annual SHZ tickets by 3.6% to achieve a common Dublin city fare across all modes
- Reduce Dublin city bus/Luas & Irish Rail SHZ monthly and annual tickets for the second successive year by -4.9% to achieve a common Dublin city fare across all modes
- 0% increase on Dublin city bus/Irish Rail all services, and CIE all services annual tickets
- Increase Dublin city bus/Luas monthly & annual tickets by 5.9% to achieve a common Dublin city fare across all modes
- Reduce Dublin city bus/Luas monthly & annual add-on tickets by -9.1%

Detailed fare tables are available in Appendix B - Luas fares

4. Luas

4.1 Introduction

Luas currently has two tram lines, the green line which runs from Brides Glen to Broombridge and the red line which runs from the Point in the Docklands to Tallaght with a spur to Citywest and a spur to Connolly rail station.

Luas is one of the great success stories in transport. Since the first line began operations in 2004, passenger numbers have grown each year apart from 2008 and 2009 during the height of the recession, and during 2016 when a partial close down of the red line to allow Luas Cross City works and industrial action saw passenger numbers drop by just 1.6%. Passenger journey numbers have grown by a remarkable 52% since 2010. With the opening of the St. Stephen's Green to Broombridge section of the green line in December 2017, passenger journey numbers have continued to grow further in 2018 and in 2019 have reached an unprecedented 41.8 million passenger journeys for Luas trips in one year.

While passenger numbers have grown in most years, passenger revenue has not always been enough to cover all of the operational costs, resulting in Luas operations suffering a deficit in revenue between 2011 and 2013. To fund these deficits, the RPA (now TII) have used their accumulated cash reserve, with the approval of the Authority. Funding is also required for vehicle and infrastructure asset renewal.

Luas operations returned a surplus in 2014 for the first time in three years, helped by strong passenger numbers. Since 2014, Luas has continued to generate an operating surplus and these funds contribute towards the costs of Luas infrastructure improvement works.

The payments that TII receive from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection for carrying people with free travel passes has been frozen for the past 7 years at 2010 levels and this is resulting in fare paying passengers partially subsidising those with free travel passes.

In 2004, when Luas services began, the Luas operated as a premium product, with fares to match, reflecting the level of traffic priority given to Luas. Over the past 14 years Luas fares have seen moderate increases in comparison to other forms of public transport. Bus and heavy rail fares had annual fare increases in excess of 5% for a number of years while Luas fares increased by an average of closer to 2%. This has resulted in current Luas fares being somewhat cheaper than other forms of public transport especially for longer journeys. With the proposed BusConnects plan, which envisages greater movement of passengers between different transport services without penalty, it will be necessary to bring Dublin city bus and Luas fares closer together for journeys of similar length. This will not occur in one year but rather will be a gradual process over time.

4.2 Determination by the Authority

As with Dublin city bus a number of factors need to be taken into consideration in setting the fares:

- The need to maintain a sufficient level of service frequency
- The need to simplify the fares structure
- That any surplus operations surplus contribute to future Luas development and operating costs
- The adjustments required under the BusConnects plan
- The desire to bring Luas fares in line with equivalent fares on other services

4.3 Pre-Paid 30 Day tickets

Pre-paid tickets have generally offered good value compared to cash fares over the years. With the introduction of Leap, and the associated discounts available, the pre-paid tickets for Adults are no longer providing best value. The use of these tickets is falling off and over time they will all be withdrawn, with the Authority having determined that this process would commence on 1st December 2019 with the withdrawal of the Adult and Child 30 day tickets across all zones. Passengers are encouraged to switch to leap fares, which for adults are cheaper for all zones, and equally as cost effective for children's travel.

This year these pre-paid student fares on 30 day tickets will increase by between 1.3% and 1.7% for travel between 2 to 8 zones. Student 30 day tickets for travel in 1 zone will remain at current prices. Even after these increases are applied, the fares will still offer better value than the Leap caps. As the student pre-paid fares are discounted, many student passengers will find that these pre-paid tickets still offer good value.

4.4 Iarnród Éireann Dublin Bus/Luas add-on

Iarnród Éireann intercity customers purchasing rail tickets can opt for a Dublin Bus/Luas add-on to their rail ticket. This add-on entitles them to travel on the Luas Red Line between Heuston Station and Dublin Connolly station or George's Dock, and on Dublin Bus route 145 to the City Centre. The monthly and annual Iarnród Éireann intercity add-on ticket will see a reduction of -9.1% i.e. €4.00 per month or €40.00 per annum, on top of reductions already implemented this year.

4.5 Luas only monthly and annual tickets

The Authority has a policy of consolidating and rationalising tickets so as to reduce the array of ticket options and to offer customers a clear, concise and easy to understand choice. Over the past number of years', we moved towards a single monthly and annual ticket for all Luas services similar to that offered by Dublin city bus. During that process, the cost of the monthly and annual all zones ticket remained at the January 2013 price. The first increase in those tickets for four years was applied in December 2016. However, these monthly and annual tickets are excellent value especially in comparison to other operator's monthlies and annuals. The Authority has determined that these tickets will increase by 7.4% on 1 December 2019 bringing them to €130 for the monthly and €1,300 for an annual ticket.

These tickets are available to employees under the tax saver scheme. Under this scheme, depending on the level of tax, PRSI and USC one pays, the ticket can actually cost approximately €600, which is the equivalent of about €11.55 per week. For the regular commuter that would work out at just over €1.00 per trip which is excellent value. In fact, many commuters travelling even short trips on Luas would benefit in financial terms with an annual tax saver ticket.

4.6 Multi-service monthly and annual tickets

There are a number of multi-service monthly and annual tickets available which allow commuters avail of two or more services such as Dublin city bus, Luas, Iarnród Éireann SHZ rail or Bus Éireann/Go Ahead. As outlined earlier, part of the BusConnects plan is to allow transfer between modes without financial penalty and, in line with this objective, the Authority have determined that over time there will be a common fare for a single service monthly or annual ticket, and a common fare for a multi-service monthly or annual ticket. To move towards achieving this objective, most multi-service monthly and annual tickets will remain at their current price this year. For example, the Dublin city bus and Iarnród Éireann SHZ annual ticket cost €1,800.00 since December 2016 and it remains at that price into 2020. However, the annual Dublin city bus

and Luas ticket offers exceptional value at just €1,700 and the Authority has determined that it should increase to €1,800 - an increase of about €1.92 per week. In addition, monthly and annual tickets for all three modes of travel (Dublin city bus/Luas/Irish Rail) will see reductions of 5.9% this year.

Commuters travelling into Dublin may also avail of the Iarnród Éireann intercity add-on, which allows travel on the Luas Red Line between Heuston Station and Dublin Connolly station or George's Dock, and on Dublin Bus route 145 from Heuston to the City Centre. This existing add-on ticket will remain available in 2020 and will see a reduction of -9.1% i.e. €4.00 per month or €40.00 per annum, on top of reductions already implemented this year.

4.7 Summary

Changes implemented will bring about 0.2% fare increases on average across monthly and annual tickets, with all adjustments for the purposes of moving to common fares, or product ratio alignment.

4.8 Headline Changes

- Remove adult and child 30 day zonal tickets to encourage more cost effective leap alternative
- Adjust student 30 day zonal tickets between 0% and 1.7%
- Adjust monthly and annual fares by 7.4% to €130 and €1,300 respectively, thus ensuring value for money is maintained within the SHZ
- Reduce Luas/Dublin city bus monthly & annual add-on tickets by 9.1%

Detailed fare tables are available in Appendix B - Luas fares

5. Iarnród Éireann

5.1 Introduction

Iarnród Éireann operates heavy rail services across most of Ireland. Their services are broken down into commuter services, DART services and intercity services. In 2018 Iarnród Éireann carried 47.96 million passenger journeys across all services, a record number of passenger journeys slightly higher than the previous peak in 2007.

During the ten year period between 2008 and 2018, passenger numbers dropped to just 36.74 million in both 2012 and 2013 before recovering over the next 5 years. Passenger journey numbers grew by 8% in 2016 and by 6% in 2017. In 2018, passenger journeys continued to grow by a further 5.4% on the previous year.

5.2 Determination by the Authority

A number of factors need to be taken into consideration setting the fares for 2019:

- The need to maintain a sufficient level of service frequency
- The need to simplify the fares structure
- That rail operations returned an operating deficit each year between 2010 and 2017
- The PSO budget that is available in 2020
- The adjustments required under the BusConnects plan
- The need to continue to introduce a distance based fare structure

5.3 Monthly and Annual Tickets - SHZ and Intercity

Iarnród Éireann has a large range of monthly and annual tickets both for use on their own services and a number of multi-operator services. This includes monthly and annual tickets which allow commuters to avail of two or more services such as Dublin city bus, Luas, Iarnród Éireann SHZ rail or Bus Éireann/Go Ahead. As outlined earlier, part of the BusConnects plan is to allow transfer between modes without financial penalty and, in line with this objective, the Authority have determined that over time there will be a common fare for a single service monthly or annual ticket, and a common fare for a multi-service monthly or annual ticket. The current Iarnród Éireann SHZ annual ticket cost €1,540 and this is at the higher end of single service tickets. To this end the Authority determined in 2018 that this ticket should reduce in price to €1,450 or by 5.8%. This year the Authority has determined that this ticket should remain at the current price point of €1,450 for the reasons outline above.

To move towards achieving the objective of a common fare for a multi-service monthly and annual ticket, most of them will remain at their current price this year. For example, the Dublin city bus and Iarnród Éireann SHZ annual ticket cost €1,800.00 since December 2016 and it remains at that price into 2020. In addition, monthly and annual tickets for all three modes of travel (Dublin city bus/Luas/Irish Rail) will see reductions of 5.9% this year from €2,050 down to €1,950, a saving of €100.

Commuters travelling into Dublin may also avail of the Iarnród Éireann intercity add-on, which allows travel on the Luas Red Line between Heuston Station and Dublin Connolly station or George's Dock, and on Dublin Bus route 145 from Heuston to the City Centre. This existing add-on ticket will remain available in

2020 and will see a reduction of -9.1% i.e. €4.00 per month or €40.00 per annum, on top of reductions already implemented this year.

Intercity Adult monthly and annual point to point tickets did not increase last year, and the Authority has in the main determined that those tickets should not increase again this year. Many of the commuters who purchase monthly and annual tickets from these zones are travelling into the capital city and may have to use another form of public transport to reach their destination. Intercity student monthly tickets will also remain static in 2020. InterCity Child monthly fares will see reductions of -3.8% to allow for ticket adult/child discounts in line with NTA policy.

It should be remembered that Adult monthly and annual tickets can be purchased under the tax saver scheme and where this is done, savings of between 30% and 52% can be made depending on the level of tax, PRSI and USC that you pay. In the case of a SHZ annual ticket which allows unlimited travel in the Dublin short hop zone at a cost of €1,450 in 2020, one can save up to 52% or almost €750 under the tax saver scheme with the result that the ticket can cost as little as €700 net after tax, PRSI and USC. That works out at less than €14 per week for the entire Iarnród Éireann SHZ travel.

5.4 Cork Monthly and Annual Fares

Monthly and annual fares for the Cork rail commuter from Midleton and Cobh will see no increases in 2020 after slight increases last year.

5.5 Multi-Service tickets – Cork area

Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann offer combined rail and bus services in the Cork area. The rail services are from Cobh and Midleton, and the bus services are the Bus Éireann Cork city services. With the expansion of the Cork city bus fare zone in December 2017, this has increased the scope of this ticket and makes it excellent value. Passengers boarding at all stations along the Cobh/Midleton rail line (excluding Midleton) have the option to use either bus or rail to undertake their journey. For consistency, it is proposed that this combined ticket would be extended to cover the PSO bus services to Midleton also, thus giving customers the option to use bus or rail between Cork and Midleton, in addition to unlimited travel within the Cork City Red Zone.

Last year, for the first time in four years, the Authority increased the fares on these combined tickets slightly for the first time in four years, and they will remain at the current price points for 2020.

5.6 Summary

This year, the Authority has continued some alignment of fares in preparation for BusConnects. A large number of fares will however remain at 2019 levels, with reductions for all mode operator tickets within the SHZ. Intercity fares will see reductions on average of -1% for Adults and children, with Cork Commuter fares also being held.

5.7 Headline changes

- 0% increase on Dublin SHZ monthly and annual tickets to achieve a common Dublin city fare across all modes in preparation for BusConnects
- Reduce Irish Rail/Dublin city bus/Luas monthly & annual tickets for the second successive year by -4.9% to achieve a common Dublin city fare across all modes
- 0% adjustment on all other multi-modal monthly & annual fares in the SHZ
- Average reduction of -3.8% for children's intercity tickets in line with NTA policy
- 0% increase for majority of intercity adult monthly and annual tickets
- 0% increase across all student monthly intercity tickets
- 0% increase across all Cork Commuter services

Detailed fare tables are available in Appendix B - Luas fares

6. Bus Services outside Dublin

6.1 Introduction

Public Service Obligation (PSO) services are provided primarily by Bus Éireann 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:
 - Eastern Region 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

Go Ahead Ireland successfully tendered to operate a number of routes from Co Kildare to Dublin city which are currently operated by Bus Éireann, which will commence in Q4 2019. When Go Ahead commences operations on routes 120, 123, 124, 126 and 130 in 2019, the only change the passengers will notice is that it will be a different bus and driver. Fares will be the same as when operated by Bus Éireann and any monthly or annual ticket purchased when Bus Éireann were operating the route will be valid when Go Ahead operate the route. Stops and routes will also be the same. Where reference is made to Bus Éireann in this chapter it also includes Go-Ahead Kildare.

6.2 Determination by the Authority

This determination will address the price of bus fares for PSO services outside Dublin for prepaid tickets including monthly and annual tickets. The determined fares will be permissible from 1st December 2019. All other fares will be published in the second iteration of this year's fares determination in March 2020.

In 2017, the Authority in conjunction with Bus Éireann carried out a review of all Bus Éireann fares. Following this review, significant changes were made to the fare structure. The most significant of which was to extend the city fare zones in Cork, Limerick and Galway, and most recently in Waterford. These changes have ensured that many commuters who previously lived outside former city centre areas but who commuted within the city every day are now able to avail of lower city fares relative to higher stage carriage fares they previously paid.

Another significant change, which has happened in the last year, is the roll out of Leap ticketing machines on all Bus Éireann PSO buses nationwide. Now all Bus Éireann passengers who pay for their travel by cash are paying almost 43% more than those passengers who pay using credit on their Leap card. Leap cards can be both purchased on-line and topped up on-line and in selected Payzone outlets nationwide.

6.3 Regional City Fares

Passenger numbers on Bus Éireann regional city services have invariably seen ‘double digit’ year on year growth in 2019, bolstered by boundary changes and service expansion. Accordingly, the Authority has determined that following marginal fare increases last year, adult monthly tickets should remain at current prices this year, while annual products will see slight reductions of approximately -1%, principally to bring these products closer to NTA policy in relation to monthly/annual ratios.

Student monthly tickets will see reductions of approximately -6.5% to allow for the recommended 30% adult/student discount to be achieved on these products. These recommendations follow through for children’s monthly tickets which will largely remain at current price levels other than for the Green Zone in Cork which will see the newly introduced fare last year reduced to €100.

6.4 Eastern Region Leap Zone Fares

Adjustments to fares in the eastern region Leap zone for 2020 are generally aimed at bringing the fares closer to the recommended ratios as outlined above. This process was initiated last year and is fully implemented in this determination. Adult monthly tickets were increased slightly last year, and following on strong passenger growth the Authority has determined that these fares will remain the same this year. Adult annual tickets are then reduced by -4.4% to achieve recommended NTA pricing ratios.

The changes above for adult annual tickets now means that all five zonal fares are on average -8% cheaper than they were when first introduced in 2013. The Authority have a policy of ensuring that those passengers who commit to a public transport operator for a full year get good value, and in many cases annual tickets have had no increase over the past five years.

Bus Éireann were also asked to rectify an inconsistency in their product offering on city services whereby students and children will now also be able to avail of monthly zonal tickets for the first time. The Authority has determined that the appropriate fares should be in line with NTA policy incorporating average discounts of 30% for students and 50% for children from equivalent adult fares.

6.5 Stage carriage monthly and annual fares

Stage Carriage fares are those fares which apply on the PSO network operated by Bus Éireann and Go Ahead (from Q4 2019) outside of the regional cities, including the Dublin commuter area.

In general, public transport operators offer a discount on the annual fare compared to 12 monthly fares. For example, Luas, Dublin city 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 allows for annual leave etc. The stage carriage annual ticket has traditionally been linked to their 10 journey weekly ticket resulting in it costing up to 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.

Adjustments since 2014 have resulted in the annual fare being reduced to 10.5 times the monthly fare in 2019, with adjustments this year maintaining that progress. This year, passengers will see no increase for both monthly and annual stage carriage tickets, maintaining savings made following reductions over the

previous two successive years. The changes applied since 2013 results in the average annual fare being 9.2% cheaper in 2020 when compared to 2014, with some of the fares being up to 25% cheaper than the 2014 version.

Many passengers who commute on Bus Éireann should now consider the financial benefits of purchasing an annual ticket, especially for employees who can avail of the tax saver scheme. Buying the tickets through this scheme means that customers can make savings from 30% to 50% of the total cost of the tickets, depending on their particular tax circumstances. There are tax savings for employers as well.

6.6 Multi-Operator tickets – Cork area

Bus Éireann and Iarnród Éireann offer combined rail and bus services in the Cork area. The rail services are from Cobh and Midleton, and the bus services are the Bus Éireann Cork city services. With the expansion of the Cork city bus fare zone in December 2017, this has increased the scope of this ticket and makes it excellent value. Passengers boarding at all stations along the Cobh/Midleton rail line (excluding Midleton) have the option to use either bus or rail to undertake their journey. For consistency, it was determined that this combined ticket would be extended to cover the PSO bus services to Midleton also, thus giving customers the option to use bus or rail between Cork and Midleton, in addition to unlimited travel within the Cork City Red Zone.

In 2019, these fares were increased marginally for the first time in four years. The Authority has determined that they will remain at these prices in 2020, namely €145 for the monthly ticket, €1,450 for an annual ticket and €110 for a student monthly.

6.7 Summary

Following the fares determination last year which since some significant changes such as the extension of the Waterford city fare zone area, introduction of Leap products in Cork city, student Leap products in some of the regional cities etc., this year's determination has focussed on improving the product offering and achieving even better value for regular passengers.

A large number of fares have either been reduced or had no increase for the second, or in some cases the third year, in a row while most single stage carriage fares remain at their current fare. By adjusting fares to ensure the passenger gets good value, some fares are cheaper now than they were in December 2013, some five years ago.

Significant changes have applied to many of the Bus Éireann/Go Ahead fares over the past two or three years and almost all of these changes will benefit the passenger financially with Bus Éireann/Go Ahead offering better value to its customers.

6.8 Headline Changes

- **Eastern Regional Zone**
 - ✓ 0% increase on Adult monthly zonal tickets
 - ✓ Reduce Adult annual zonal tickets by -4.4% in line with NTA policy
 - ✓ Introduce new monthly zonal tickets for students and children in 2020 to standardise product offering

- **Regional cities**
 - ✓ Adult annual city tickets reduced by average -1.2%, further aligning monthly/annual product ratio in line with NTA pricing policy
 - ✓ 0% increase across all Adult monthly City tickets with the exception of Cork Green Zone, which will be reduced by -5%.
 - ✓ Student monthly tickets reduced across all regional cities by average of -6.5% in line with NTA policy on adult/student discount

- **Stage Carriage**
 - ✓ Adult monthly and annual tickets will see no increase in 2020

- **Multi-operator tickets**
 - ✓ 0% increase on Cork Commuter zone Bus Éireann & Irish Rail shared tickets
 - ✓ 0% increase on Bus Éireann & Irish Rail shared annual zonal and all services tickets for second successive year

Detailed fare tables are available in Appendix D - Bus fares outside Dublin

7. Route 139 - Naas - Blanchardstown

7.1 Introduction

Route 139 Naas to Blanchardstown via Maynooth and Leixlip is provided under a public service contract to the Authority. The route is operated by JJ Kavanagh & Sons Ltd. on behalf of the Authority following a competitive tender competition where the most “economically-advantageous” service was selected.

Following an analysis of public transport in the north Kildare/west Dublin area, the Authority concluded that there was a demand for a bus service that would link significant population and activity centres such as Naas, Maynooth and Blanchardstown. The 139 offers a convenient way for students in Blanchardstown IT and NUI Maynooth to get to campus. It also offers a public transport alternative for shoppers in places like Leixlip who want to go to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, where it interconnects with over a dozen Dublin City Bus services.

7.2 Determination by the Authority

When the route was launched in March 2018, Adult and Child Leap and cash fares were available along the route. As part of the service travels along the same route as Dublin city bus services, the fares on that section of common route are the same for both services, with fares on other parts of the route being set on according to a distance based structure. As the service has gained patronage, demand became evident for other ticketing options. Accordingly, the Authority subsequently introduced monthly and annual tickets on Route 139 services. These products cover the entire route regardless of boarding or alighting point and are based on cash rather than Leap fares.

7.3 7-day, monthly & annual Leap products

Taking into account that these tickets have only recently been launched, the Authority has determined that these fares will remain unchanged in 2020, at €170 for a monthly ticket and €1,700 for an annual ticket. These tickets are also available to employees under the taxsaver scheme, and where this is done, savings of between 30% and 52% can be made depending on the level of tax, PRSI and USC that you pay. If the annual ticket is purchased under the taxsaver scheme savings of up to 52% can be made, bringing the price of the annual taxsaver ticket down to less than €2.25 per day for the average commuter.

7.4 Multi-operator tickets

In a move to further enhance integrated movement of passengers between different modes, the Authority will introduce a new annual add-on ticket for the Dublin region. This ticket will allow commuters who already have an annual ticket for a service starting outside the Dublin area, such as an Iarnród Éireann intercity annual ticket, a Bus Éireann point to point or eastern region zone annual ticket which brings them into the city, to then use either the entire Luas network or the Dublin city bus network of services. The creation and formulation of this ticket has involved a significant amount of work on behalf of the Authority and Operators alike during 2019, with further technical aspects to be addressed. For these reasons, this ticket has been deferred, with an anticipated launch dependent upon delivery of a new taxsaver application, in late 2020.

Detailed fare tables are available in Appendix D - Bus fares outside Dublin

8. Appendices - Detailed Fare tables

Appendix A - Dublin city bus Fares

Dublin city bus

Dublin city bus Leap fares					
Passenger type	Ticket Type	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Travelwide (Bus Only)	Monthly	€140.00	€145.00	3.6%
Adult	Travelwide (Bus Only)	Annual	€1,400.00	€1,450.00	3.6%

Multi Operator

Multi Operator Leap fares					
Passenger type	Ticket Type	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Dublin City Bus & Irish Rail Short Hop Zone	Annual	€1,800.00	€1,800.00	0.0%
Adult	Dublin City Bus, Luas & Irish Rail Short Hop Zone	Annual	€2,050.00	€1,950.00	-4.9%
Adult	Dublin City Bus & Luas	Annual	€1,700.00	€1,800.00	5.9%
Adult	Irish Rail - All Services (Dublin City Bus & Irish Rail)	Annual	€5,540.00	€5,540.00	0.0%
Adult	CIE - All Services (Dublin City Bus, Irish Rail & Bus Éireann)	Annual	€6,530.00	€6,530.00	0.0%

Multi Operator Leap fares					
Passenger type	Ticket Type	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Dublin City Bus & Irish Rail Short Hop Zone	Monthly	€180.00	€180.00	0.0%
Adult	Dublin City Bus, Luas & Irish Rail Short Hop Zone	Monthly	€205.00	€195.00	-4.9%
Adult	Dublin City Bus & Luas	Monthly	€170.00	€180.00	5.9%

Add-On Tickets

Dublin city bus - Add On Tickets					
Passenger type	Ticket Type	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Dublin Bus/Luas Add-on to Irish Rail	Monthly	€44.00	€40.00	-9.1%
Adult	Dublin Bus/Luas Add-on to Irish Rail	Annual	€440.00	€400.00	-9.1%

Appendix B - Luas fares

Luas

Luas Leap fares					
Passenger type	Ticket Type	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Luas All Zones	Monthly	€121.00	€130.00	7.4%
Adult	Luas All Zones	Annual	€1,210.00	€1,300.00	7.4%

Luas Pre Paid fares					
Passenger type	Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	1	30 Day	€66.00	Dis-continued	-
Adult	2	30 Day	€82.00	Dis-continued	-
Adult	3 & 4	30 Day	€97.00	Dis-continued	-
Adult	5-8	30 Day	€106.00	Dis-continued	-
Student	1	30 Day	€47.00	€47.00	0.0%
Student	2	30 Day	€58.00	€59.00	1.7%
Student	3 & 4	30 Day	€68.00	€69.00	1.5%
Student	5-8	30 Day	€75.00	€76.00	1.3%
Child	1-3	30 Day	€32.00	Dis-continued	-
Child	4-8	30 Day	€38.00	Dis-continued	-

Multi Operator

Multi Operator Leap Fares					
Passenger type	Ticket Type	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Luas & Dublin city bus	Monthly	€170.00	€180.00	5.9%
Adult	Luas & Irish Rail SHZ Annual	Monthly	€180.00	€180.00	0.0%
Adult	Luas, Dublin City Bus & Irish Rail SHZ	Monthly	€205.00	€195.00	-4.9%
Adult	Luas & Dublin City bus	Annual	€1,700.00	€1,800.00	5.9%
Adult	Luas & Irish Rail SHZ	Annual	€1,800.00	€1,800.00	0.0%
Adult	Luas, Dublin City Bus & Irish Rail SHZ	Annual	€2,050.00	€1,950.00	-4.9%
Adult	Irish Rail all services & Luas	Annual	€5,540.00	€5,540.00	0.0%

Add-On Tickets

Luas - Add On Tickets					
Passenger type	Ticket Type	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Dublin Bus/Luas Add-on to Irish Rail	Monthly	€44.00	€40.00	-9.1%
Adult	Dublin Bus/Luas Add-on to Irish Rail	Annual	€440.00	€400.00	-9.1%

Appendix C - Rail fares

Iarnród Éireann Dublin Short Hop Zone

Iarnród Éireann's Dublin Short Hop Zone Leap fares - Monthly					
Passenger type	Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Rail Only - SHZ	Monthly	€145.00	€145.00	0.0%
Adult	Rail & Dublin City Bus - SHZ	Monthly	€180.00	€180.00	0.0%
Adult	Rail & Luas - SHZ	Monthly	€180.00	€180.00	0.0%
Adult	Rail, Dublin City Bus & Luas - SHZ	Monthly	€205.00	€195.00	-4.9%
Student	Rail Only - SHZ	Monthly	€100.00	€100.00	0.0%

Iarnród Éireann's Dublin Short Hop Zone Leap fares - Annual					
Passenger type	Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Rail Only - SHZ	Annual	€1,450.00	€1,450.00	0.0%
Adult	Rail & Dublin City Bus - SHZ	Annual	€1,800.00	€1,800.00	0.0%
Adult	Rail & Luas - SHZ	Annual	€1,800.00	€1,800.00	0.0%
Adult	Rail, Dublin City Bus & Luas - SHZ	Annual	€2,050.00	€1,950.00	-4.9%

Intercity

Iarnród Éireann's Intercity Fares					
Passenger type	Intercity Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	A	Monthly	€129.00	€130.00	0.8%
Adult	B	Monthly	€178.00	€178.00	0.0%
Adult	C	Monthly	€202.00	€202.00	0.0%
Adult	D	Monthly	€237.00	€237.00	0.0%
Adult	E	Monthly	€264.00	€264.00	0.0%
Adult	F	Monthly	€329.00	€329.00	0.0%
Adult	G	Monthly	€362.00	€362.00	0.0%
Adult	H	Monthly	€392.00	€392.00	0.0%
Adult	J	Monthly	€437.00	€437.00	0.0%
Adult	K	Monthly	€496.00	€496.00	0.0%
Adult	L	Monthly	€505.00	€505.00	0.0%
Adult	M	Monthly	€633.00	€633.00	0.0%
Adult	N	Monthly	€790.00	€790.00	0.0%
Adult	P	Monthly	€907.00	€907.00	0.0%
Adult	R	Monthly	€967.00	€967.00	0.0%
Adult	S	Monthly	€1,050.00	€1,050.00	0.0%
Adult	T	Monthly	€1,140.00	€1,140.00	0.0%

Adult	U	Monthly	€1,235.00	€1,235.00	0.0%
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Iarnród Éireann's Intercity Fares					
Passenger type	Intercity Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	A	Annual	€1,290.00	€1,300.00	0.8%
Adult	B	Annual	€1,780.00	€1,780.00	0.0%
Adult	C	Annual	€2,020.00	€2,020.00	0.0%
Adult	D	Annual	€2,370.00	€2,370.00	0.0%
Adult	E	Annual	€2,640.00	€2,640.00	0.0%
Adult	F	Annual	€3,290.00	€3,290.00	0.0%
Adult	G	Annual	€3,620.00	€3,620.00	0.0%
Adult	H	Annual	€3,920.00	€3,920.00	0.0%
Adult	J	Annual	€4,370.00	€4,370.00	0.0%
Adult	K	Annual	€4,960.00	€4,960.00	0.0%
Adult	Iarnród Éireann All Services ticket	Annual	€5,120.00	€5,120.00	0.0%

Iarnród Éireann's Intercity Fares					
Passenger type	Intercity Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Student	A	Monthly	€91.00	€91.00	0.0%
Student	B	Monthly	€122.00	€122.00	0.0%
Student	C	Monthly	€133.00	€133.00	0.0%
Student	D	Monthly	€178.00	€178.00	0.0%
Student	E	Monthly	€194.00	€194.00	0.0%
Student	F	Monthly	€241.00	€241.00	0.0%
Student	G	Monthly	€260.00	€260.00	0.0%
Student	H	Monthly	€265.00	€265.00	0.0%
Student	J	Monthly	€302.00	€302.00	0.0%
Student	K	Monthly	€357.00	€357.00	0.0%
Student	L	Monthly	€394.00	€394.00	0.0%
Student	M	Monthly	€453.00	€453.00	0.0%
Student	N	Monthly	€555.00	€555.00	0.0%
Student	P	Monthly	€647.00	€647.00	0.0%
Student	R	Monthly	€690.00	€690.00	0.0%
Student	S	Monthly	€750.00	€750.00	0.0%
Student	T	Monthly	€813.00	€813.00	0.0%
Student	U	Monthly	€882.00	€882.00	0.0%

Iarnród Éireann's Intercity Fares					
Passenger type	Intercity Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Child	A	Monthly	€48.00	€48.50	1.0%
Child	B	Monthly	€71.00	€72.00	1.4%
Child	C	Monthly	€86.00	€84.80	-1.4%
Child	D	Monthly	€107.00	€108.00	0.9%
Child	E	Monthly	€116.00	€117.00	0.9%
Child	F	Monthly	€146.00	€147.00	0.7%
Child	G	Monthly	€159.00	€158.40	-0.4%
Child	H	Monthly	€165.00	€166.00	0.6%
Child	J	Monthly	€185.00	€187.00	1.1%
Child	K	Monthly	€228.00	€226.40	-0.7%
Child	L	Monthly	€244.00	€246.50	1.0%
Child	M	Monthly	€288.00	€254.80	-11.5%
Child	N	Monthly	€360.00	€313.20	-13.0%
Child	P	Monthly	€414.00	€356.40	-13.9%
Child	R	Monthly	€441.00	€389.60	-11.7%
Child	S	Monthly	€479.00	€424.80	-11.3%
Child	T	Monthly	€520.00	€470.80	-9.5%
Child	U	Monthly	€563.00	€547.60	-2.7%

Multi Operator

Iarnród Éireann Integrated Tickets					
Passenger type	Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Iarnród Éireann & Dublin City Bus	Annual	€5,540.00	€5,540.00	0.0%
Adult	Iarnród Éireann & Bus Éireann	Annual	€5,540.00	€5,540.00	0.0%
Adult	Iarnród Éireann & Luas	Annual	€5,540.00	€5,540.00	0.0%
Adult	CIÉ All Services - Iarnród Éireann, Dublin City Bus & Bus Éireann	Annual	€6,530.00	€6,530.00	0.0%

Iarnród Éireann & Bus Éireann Integrated Bus & Rail Tickets					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Dublin/Kilcock - IÉ SHZ / BÉ Red Zone	Annual	€1,800.00	€1,800.00	0.0%
Adult	Dublin/Enfield - IÉ Zone D / BÉ Blue Zone	Annual	€2,690.00	€2,690.00	0.0%
Adult	Dublin/Mullingar - IÉ Zone G / BÉ Yellow Zone	Annual	€3,720.00	€3,720.00	0.0%

Iarnród Éireann Cork Commuter

Iarnród Éireann's Cork Cobh Midleton fares - Monthly					
Passenger type	Intercity Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	A	Monthly	€66.00	€66.00	0.0%
Adult	B	Monthly	€89.25	€89.25	0.0%
Adult	D	Monthly	€121.70	€121.70	0.0%
Student	A	Monthly	€35.50	€35.50	0.0%
Student	B	Monthly	€47.65	€47.65	0.0%
Student	D	Monthly	€71.00	€71.00	0.0%
Child	A	Monthly	€25.15	€25.15	0.0%
Child	B	Monthly	€32.65	€32.65	0.0%
Child	D	Monthly	€48.65	€48.65	0.0%

Iarnród Éireann's Cork Cobh Midleton fares - Annual					
Passenger type	Intercity Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	A	Annual	€660.00	€660.00	0.0%
Adult	B	Annual	€892.50	€892.50	0.0%
Adult	D	Annual	€1,217.00	€1,217.00	0.0%

Iarnród Éireann & Bus Éireann Integrated Bus & Rail Tickets					
Passenger type	Intercity Zone	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Cobh/Midleton Line & Cork City/Suburban Services	Monthly	€145.00	€145.00	0.0%
Student	Cobh/Midleton Line & Cork City/Suburban Services	Monthly	€110.00	€110.00	0.0%
Adult	Cobh/Midleton Line & Cork City/Suburban Services	Annual	€1,450.00	€1,450.00	0.0%

Add-On Tickets

Iarnród Éireann - Add On Tickets					
Passenger type	Ticket Type	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Dublin Bus/Luas Add-on to Irish Rail	Monthly	€44.00	€40.00	-9.1%
Adult	Dublin Bus/Luas Add-on to Irish Rail	Annual	€440.00	€400.00	-9.1%

Appendix D - Bus fares outside Dublin

Regional City fares

Regional City Commuter - Monthly Leap fares					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Cork City - Red Zone	Monthly	€84.50	€84.50	0.0%
Adult	Cork City - Green Zone	Monthly	€195.00	€185.00	-5.1%
Adult	Limerick City - Red Zone	Monthly	€74.50	€74.50	0.0%
Adult	Galway City - Red Zone	Monthly	€74.50	€74.50	0.0%
Adult	Waterford City (Route 360)	Monthly	€67.50	€67.50	0.0%
Student	Cork City - Red Zone	Monthly	€67.50	€67.50	0.0%
Student	Cork City - Green Zone	Monthly	€156.00	€146.00	-6.4%
Student	Limerick City - Red Zone	Monthly	€59.50	€52.00	-12.6%
Student	Galway City - Red Zone	Monthly	€59.50	€52.00	-12.6%
Student	Waterford City (Route 360)	Monthly	€52.50	€52.00	-1.0%
Child	Cork City - Red Zone	Monthly	€42.00	€42.00	0.0%
Child	Cork City - Green Zone	Monthly	€117.00	€100.00	-14.5%
Child	Limerick City - Red Zone	Monthly	€36.00	€36.00	0.0%
Child	Galway City - Red Zone	Monthly	€36.00	€36.00	0.0%
Child	Waterford City (Route 360)	Monthly	€32.50	€32.50	0.0%

Regional City Commuter - Annual Leap fares					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Cork City - Red Zone	Annual	€885.00	€875.00	-1.1%
Adult	Cork City - Green Zone	Annual	€1,950.00	€1,920.00	-1.5%
Adult	Limerick City - Red Zone	Annual	€780.00	€770.00	-1.3%
Adult	Galway City - Red Zone	Annual	€780.00	€770.00	-1.3%
Adult	Waterford City (Route 360)	Annual	€706.00	€700.00	-0.8%

Stage Carriage - Eastern Region Zone

Eastern Regional Zone Fares (Dublin Commuter) - Monthly Leap zonal ticket					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Red Zone 1	Monthly	€148.00	€148.00	0.0%
Adult	Green Zone 2	Monthly	€184.00	€184.00	0.0%
Adult	Blue Zone 3	Monthly	€234.00	€234.00	0.0%
Adult	Yellow Zone 4	Monthly	€262.00	€262.00	0.0%
Adult	Orange Zone 5	Monthly	€277.00	€277.00	0.0%
Child	Red Zone 1	Monthly	-	€82.00	-
Child	Green Zone 2	Monthly	-	€102.00	-
Child	Blue Zone 3	Monthly	-	€121.00	-
Child	Yellow Zone 4	Monthly	-	€153.00	-
Student	Red Zone 1	Monthly	-	€112.00	-
Student	Green Zone 2	Monthly	-	€138.00	-
Student	Blue Zone 3	Monthly	-	€184.00	-
Student	Yellow Zone 4	Monthly	-	€205.00	-
Student	Orange Zone 5	Monthly	-	€215.00	-

Eastern Regional Zone Fares (Dublin Commuter) - Annual Leap zonal ticket					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Red Zone 1	Annual	€1,548.00	€1,480.00	-4.4%
Adult	Green Zone 2	Annual	€1,925.00	€1,840.00	-4.4%
Adult	Blue Zone 3	Annual	€2,448.00	€2,340.00	-4.4%
Adult	Yellow Zone 4	Annual	€2,738.00	€2,620.00	-4.3%
Adult	Orange Zone 5	Annual	€2,895.00	€2,770.00	-4.3%

Stage Carriage

Stage Carriage - Monthly					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	0-6	Monthly	€66.60	€66.60	0.0%
Adult	7-8	Monthly	€77.70	€77.70	0.0%
Adult	9-10	Monthly	€96.20	€96.20	0.0%
Adult	11-12	Monthly	€118.40	€118.40	0.0%
Adult	13-14	Monthly	€122.10	€122.10	0.0%
Adult	15-16	Monthly	€129.50	€129.50	0.0%
Adult	17-18	Monthly	€133.20	€133.20	0.0%
Adult	19-20	Monthly	€148.00	€148.00	0.0%
Adult	21-22	Monthly	€155.40	€155.40	0.0%
Adult	23-24	Monthly	€170.20	€170.20	0.0%
Adult	25-26	Monthly	€185.00	€185.00	0.0%
Adult	27-30	Monthly	€188.70	€188.70	0.0%
Adult	31-32	Monthly	€214.60	€214.60	0.0%
Adult	33-36	Monthly	€229.40	€229.40	0.0%
Adult	37-38	Monthly	€240.50	€240.50	0.0%
Adult	39-42	Monthly	€255.30	€255.30	0.0%
Adult	43-46	Monthly	€259.00	€259.00	0.0%
Adult	47-60	Monthly	€266.40	€266.40	0.0%
Adult	61-70	Monthly	€273.80	€273.80	0.0%
Adult	71-80	Monthly	€284.90	€284.90	0.0%
Adult	81-90	Monthly	€296.00	€296.00	0.0%
Adult	91-100	Monthly	€314.50	€314.50	0.0%
Adult	101-120	Monthly	€325.60	€325.60	0.0%
Adult	121-150	Monthly	€344.10	€344.10	0.0%

Stage Carriage - Annual					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	0-6	Annual	€702.00	€702.00	0.0%
Adult	7-8	Annual	€819.00	€819.00	0.0%
Adult	9-10	Annual	€1,014.00	€1,014.00	0.0%
Adult	11-12	Annual	€1,248.00	€1,248.00	0.0%
Adult	13-14	Annual	€1,287.00	€1,287.00	0.0%
Adult	15-16	Annual	€1,365.00	€1,365.00	0.0%
Adult	17-18	Annual	€1,404.00	€1,404.00	0.0%
Adult	19-20	Annual	€1,560.00	€1,560.00	0.0%
Adult	21-22	Annual	€1,638.00	€1,638.00	0.0%
Adult	23-24	Annual	€1,794.00	€1,794.00	0.0%
Adult	25-26	Annual	€1,950.00	€1,950.00	0.0%
Adult	27-30	Annual	€1,989.00	€1,989.00	0.0%
Adult	31-32	Annual	€2,262.00	€2,262.00	0.0%
Adult	33-36	Annual	€2,418.00	€2,418.00	0.0%
Adult	37-38	Annual	€2,535.00	€2,535.00	0.0%

Adult	39-42	Annual	€2,691.00	€2,691.00	0.0%
Adult	43-46	Annual	€2,730.00	€2,730.00	0.0%
Adult	47-60	Annual	€2,808.00	€2,808.00	0.0%
Adult	61-70	Annual	€2,886.00	€2,886.00	0.0%
Adult	71-80	Annual	€3,003.00	€3,003.00	0.0%
Adult	81-90	Annual	€3,120.00	€3,120.00	0.0%
Adult	91-100	Annual	€3,315.00	€3,315.00	0.0%
Adult	101-120	Annual	€3,432.00	€3,432.00	0.0%
Adult	121-150	Annual	€3,627.00	€3,627.00	0.0%

Multi Operator

Bus Éireann & Iarnród Éireann Integrated Bus & Rail Tickets					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Dublin/Kilcock - IÉ SHZ / BÉ Red Zone	Annual	€1,800.00	€1,800.00	0.0%
Adult	Dublin/Enfield - IÉ Zone D / BÉ Blue Zone	Annual	€2,690.00	€2,690.00	0.0%
Adult	Dublin/Mullingar - IÉ Zone G / BÉ Yellow Zone	Annual	€3,720.00	€3,720.00	0.0%

Multi Operator tickets - Cork					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Cork- Midleton/Cobh Irish Rail + BÉ Cork city & suburban bus services	Monthly	€145.00	€145.00	0.0%
Adult	Cork- Midleton/Cobh Irish Rail + BÉ Cork city & suburban bus services	Annual	€1,450.00	€1,450.00	0.0%
Student	Cork- Midleton/Cobh Irish Rail + BÉ Cork city & suburban bus services	Monthly	€110.00	€110.00	0.0%

Multi Operator tickets - Nationwide					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	Irish Rail & Bus Éireann - All services	Annual	€5,540.00	€5,540.00	0.0%
Adult	Irish Rail + Dublin City Bus + Bus Éireann - All Services	Annual	€6,530.00	€6,530.00	0.0%

Appendix E - Route 139 fares

Route 139 Leap Tickets

JJK PSO Route 139 Leap Fares					
Passenger type	Fare stage/route	Fare / product type	Current Fare	NTA Approved Fare	NTA Approved % Change
Adult	PSO 139	Monthly	€170.00	€170.00	0.0%
Adult	PSO 139	Annual	€1700.00	€1700.00	0.0%