



Fares Determination

Cork City Bus Fare Capping Addendum

May 2026

Introduction

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has statutory responsibility for setting public transport fares on contracted Public Service Obligation (PSO) services as outlined in the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008. This is normally done via a Fares Determination.

This document is an Addendum to the 2025 Fares Determination¹ and should be read in conjunction with it. The purpose of this Addendum is to align stage carriage Leap Card and cash fares on Cork commuter bus services with Cork city bus services, and to set the daily and weekly capping rates which will apply on Cork city bus services.

Stage Carriage

The 2025 Fares Determination set out a flat 90-minute fare on Cork city bus services of Leap Adult €1.70, Young Adult €0.85 and Child €0.55 / Cash Adult €2.40 and Child €0.80. Adjustments are required to fares on stage carriage routes which enter and operate in Cork city to avoid instances where passengers travel on stage carriage services within Cork city at a different fare to city bus services.

Where stage carriage bus services permit passengers to board and alight within the Cork city area, any journeys made within the city will be charged at the same rate as Cork city bus services (i.e. Leap Adult €1.70). The Leap fare on these longer distance stage carriage services will not be a TFI 90-minute fare due to technical limitations.

These revised fares are currently scheduled for implementation in Summer 2026.

Fare Capping

This Addendum will introduce a Cork city bus only Leap Card daily (24 hour) and weekly (7 day) cap. The daily cap equates to three singles while the weekly cap equates to four times the daily cap. Once passengers reach the cap value in a given day or week, they will not be charged further for subsequent journeys on the Cork city bus network. The daily and weekly caps provide excellent value for passengers making multiple and / or interchangeable trips on the Cork city bus network. They are currently scheduled for implementation in Summer 2026 in conjunction with the TFI 90-minute fare on Cork city bus services.

It is intended that capping will extend to the Cork commuter rail network subject to technical capability in a subsequent Fares Determination. See Appendix for a full list of services on which Leap fare capping will apply.

Table 1. Cork City Bus Leap Capping Rates

Bus Only Leap Capping - Cork City		
Passenger type	Ticket Type	NTA Approved Cap
Adult	Daily	€5.10
Young Adult & Student	Daily	€2.55
Child	Daily	€1.65
Adult	Weekly	€20.40
Young Adult & Student	Weekly	€10.20
Child	Weekly	€6.60

¹ National Transport Authority, (2025), Fares Determination <https://www.nationaltransport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-Fares-determination-Cork-and-DCOM-Child.pdf>

Appendix

Table 2. List of Cork City bus services operated by Bus Éireann

Route Number	Route Description
31	Parnell Place – Knockraha
201	Cork University Hospital (CUH) – Boherboy Road
202	Hollyhill – Mahon Point
202A	Hollyhill – Mahon Point
203	Manor Farm – Parklands
205	Munster Technological University (MTU) – Kent Station
206	Grange – South Mall
207	Donnybrook – Glenheights
207A	Glenthorn – Merchants Quay
208	Ashmount – Curraheen
209	Lotamore – St. Patrick Street
209A	Connolly Road – City Centre
212	Kent Station – Mahon Point
213	Black Ash – St. Patrick Street
214	Cork University Hospital (CUH) – Glyntown
215	Mahon Point – Cloghroe
215A	Mahon Point – South Mall
216	Cork University Hospital (CUH) – Monkstown
219	Munster Technological University (MTU) – Mahon Point
220	Ovens – Fort Camden
220A	South Mall – Fountainstown via Carrigaline
220C	Crosshaven – Munster Technological University (MTU)
220X	Ovens – Crosshaven
223	South Mall – Haulbowline
223X	South Mall – Haulbowline
225	Kent Station – Haulbowline
225L	Carrigaline – Haulbowline