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London Taxi Sharing Scheme Order 2005

TRANSPORT ACT 1985

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Made **25** August 2005

Coming into force 1 October 2005

Transport for London, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 10 of the Transport Act 1985 ⁽¹⁾ and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation with appropriate bodies appearing to it to represent the owners and drivers of cabs, hereby makes the following Order:—

1 Citation and commencement

This Order may be cited as the London Taxi Sharing Scheme Order 2005 and shall come into force on 1 October 2005.

2 Scheme Order

Transport for London hereby makes the London Taxi Sharing (Fixed Fares) Scheme as set out in the Annex to this Order.

Signed by authority of Transport for London

Peter Hendy

25 August 2005

Managing Director Surface Transport



⁽¹⁾ 1985 c. 67

ANNEX

THE LONDON TAXI SHARING (FIXED FARES) SCHEME 2005

1. Designation of authorised places and interpretation

(1) The places listed as authorised places in the table in Schedule 1 are hereby designated as authorised places for journeys to the corresponding places listed as destinations, within the dates and times specified.

(2) In this Scheme

“authorised place” means any place designated in paragraph 1(1) from which taxis may be hired under the terms of the Scheme;

“exclusive service” means a service other than at separate fares;

“shared service” means a service at separate fares;

“taxi” means a vehicle licensed under section 6 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869;

“public holiday” means Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and any other day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971⁽²⁾ or by Royal Proclamation; and

except where otherwise stated, any reference to a numbered paragraph or Schedule is a reference to the paragraph or Schedule bearing that number in this Scheme.

2 Application

(1) The provisions of this Scheme shall apply to taxis standing for hire or hired at separate fixed fares under this Scheme for a journey from an authorised place to one of the corresponding authorised destinations in the Schedule within the corresponding dates and times.

(2) Subject to paragraph 8, any taxi may at the option of the licensed driver of that vehicle be used for the carriage of passengers at separate fixed fares under the terms of this Scheme.

(3) When a taxi is hired in accordance with this Scheme, the provisions of this Scheme applying to the journey for which it is hired shall apply to any part of that journey outside the London taxi area as they apply to any part within that area.

⁽²⁾ 1971 c. 80.

3 Availability

A taxi shall be available for hire under this Scheme when it is displaying a notice containing the words specified in paragraph 4(1) and it is standing at an authorised place.

4 Signs

- (1) There shall be displayed on any taxi which is standing for hire under this Scheme (in addition to any other sign, mark or notice which is required to be displayed on the taxi) a notice containing the words "Fixed-Fare Shared Taxi".
- (2) If required by Transport for London, there shall be erected at an authorised place a sign approved for that purpose by Transport for London, which describes the nature of this Scheme as it applies to that place.

5 Fares

- (1) The maximum amount payable by a passenger for a shared service under this Scheme shall be the fare specified in Schedule 2 that corresponds with both the fare zone specified for that journey in Schedule 1 and the applicable taxi tariff.
- (2) No fare shall be charged for any child under the age of two years, and no such child shall be counted when calculating the number of people sharing the vehicle.
- (3) For the purpose of computing fares, each child over the age of two years but under the age of ten years shall be charged at half fare.

6 Obligatory hirings

The driver of a taxi available for hire under this Schemes who —

- (a) is not waiting with a person seeking a shared service for another person to offer to share the taxi; and
- (b) would, apart from the Licensed Taxis (Hiring at Separate Fares) (London) Order 1986, be required to accept the hiring,

shall not without reasonable excuse refuse a hiring to three or more persons seeking a shared service to the same destination; but he may, with the agreement of those persons, wait for a reasonable period for further passengers to share the hiring.

7 Arrangements for a shared service

- (1) If a person seeks to hire for a shared service a taxi available for hire under this Scheme and the driver is unable to find other persons to share the hiring within a reasonable time, then no fare or other charge shall be payable and the driver shall be free to seek an alternative hiring provided that the driver and the first mentioned person may continue to wait for other persons to offer to share the taxi for so long as they both agree to do so.
- (2) Before the commencement of any journey from the authorised place by a taxi for the purpose of a shared service, any person may (notwithstanding any earlier agreement) decide not to be carried as a passenger and no fare or other charge shall be payable by that person.

8 Cessation of availability

If —

- (a) a person at any time seeks to hire for an exclusive service a taxi available for hire under this Scheme;
- (b) the driver is not waiting with a person seeking a shared service for another person to offer to share the taxi; and
- (c) the driver either—
 - (i) would, apart from the Licensed Taxis (Hiring at Separate Fares) (London) Order 1986, be required to accept the hiring; or
 - (ii) accepts the hiring although not required to do so,

then that taxi shall thereupon cease to be available for hire under this Scheme until the expiry of that hiring.

9 Luggage

The driver shall not refuse to carry in his taxi the luggage of a passenger if the luggage can be accommodated safely within the luggage compartment of the taxi with the luggage of other passengers already accepted by him.

10 Route to be followed

The driver shall determine the route taken by the taxi and the order in which passengers are set down, but he shall not unreasonably prolong the journey of any passenger.

SCHEDULE 1**AUTHORISED PLACES, DESTINATIONS AND FARE ZONES
FOR FIXED-FARE SHARED SERVICES**

Paragraphs 1, 2 and 5

Authorised place	Destination(s)	Applicable dates and times	Fare Zone
Taxi rank at Wimbledon Station, London SW19	Outside Gate 4 of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London SW19	During the period of tennis tournaments at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, all day	A
Taxi boarding point ⁽¹⁾ on Augustus Road, London SW19	Outside Gate 4 of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London SW19	During the period of tennis tournaments at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, all day	A
Taxi boarding point ⁽¹⁾ outside Gate 4 of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London SW19	Wimbledon Station, London SW19; Southfields Station, London SW18	During the period of tennis tournaments at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, all day	A
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Addresses in Postal District W1 North of Oxford St (including addresses on Oxford St); addresses in the area bounded by Edgware Road, Church St NW8, Lisson Grove, Rossmore Road, Park Road, Allsop Place, York Terrace, Upper Harley Street, Marylebone Road, Euston Road, Tottenham Court Road inclusive	Monday-Friday excluding public holidays, all day	D

¹ These points may be designated as taxi ranks in additional Orders

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Authorised place	Destination(s)	Applicable dates and times	Fare Zone
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Addresses in Postal District W1 South of Oxford St (excluding addresses on Oxford St)	Monday-Friday excluding public holidays, all day	E
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Addresses in Postal District SW1; Waterloo Station; addresses in the area bounded by the River Thames, Waterloo Bridge, Waterloo Road, Baylis Road, Lower Marsh, Westminster Bridge Road and Westminster Bridge inclusive	Monday-Friday excluding public holidays, all day	F
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Addresses in Postal District WC1; addresses on Euston Road East of Tottenham Court Road; Euston, Kings Cross and St Pancras Stations	Monday-Friday excluding public holidays, all day	F
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Addresses in Postal District WC2	Monday-Friday excluding public holidays, all day	F
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Addresses in postal districts EC1, EC2, EC3 and EC4; addresses in the area bounded by London Bridge, Duke Street Hill, Tooley Street, Bermondsey Street, Thomas Street, Bedal Street, Borough High Street, Southwark Street, Blackfriars Bridge and the River Thames inclusive; addresses in Pentonville Road, Islington High Street, Upper Street south of Islington Green and Islington Green inclusive and the Business Design Centre, Islington N1	Monday-Friday excluding public holidays, all day	H
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Lords Cricket Ground, St Johns Wood	During the period of cricket matches at Lords, all day	D

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Authorised place	Destination(s)	Applicable dates and times	Fare Zone
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Oval Cricket Ground, Vauxhall	During the period of cricket matches at the Oval, all day	G
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Chelsea Flower Show	During the period of the Chelsea Flower Show, all day	F
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Earls Court Exhibition Centre; Olympia Exhibition Centre	During the period of events at the appropriate venue, all day	F
Taxi rank at Paddington Station, London W2	Outside Gate 4 of the All England Tennis Club, London SW19	During the period of tennis tournaments at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, all day	J
Taxi boarding point outside Buckingham Palace	Addresses in Postal District SW1	Days of Garden Parties and similar events at Buckingham Palace, all day	B
Taxi boarding point outside Buckingham Palace	Waterloo Station; addresses in the area bounded by the River Thames, Waterloo Bridge, Waterloo Road, Baylis Road, Lower Marsh, Westminster Bridge Road and Westminster Bridge inclusive	Days of Garden Parties and similar events at Buckingham Palace, all day	C
Taxi boarding point outside Buckingham Palace	Addresses in Postal District W1 South of Oxford St (including addresses on Oxford St)	Days of Garden Parties and similar events at Buckingham Palace, all day	C

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Authorised place	Destination(s)	Applicable dates and times	Fare Zone
Taxi boarding point outside Buckingham Palace	Addresses in Postal District W1 North of Oxford St (excluding addresses on Oxford St); Paddington and Marylebone Stations; addresses in the area bounded by Bayswater Road, Lancaster Terrace, Westbourne Terrace, Craven Road, Praed Street, Edgware Road, Church St NW8, Lisson Grove, Rossmore Road, Park Road, Allsop Place, York Terrace, Upper Harley Street, Marylebone Road, Euston Road, Tottenham Court Road inclusive.	Days of Garden Parties and similar events at Buckingham Palace, all day	D
Taxi boarding point outside Buckingham Palace	Addresses in Postal District WC2	Days of Garden Parties and similar events at Buckingham Palace, all day	C
Taxi boarding point outside Buckingham Palace	Addresses in Postal District WC1; addresses on Euston Road East of Tottenham Court Road; Euston, Kings Cross and St Pancras Stations	Days of Garden Parties and similar events at Buckingham Palace, all day	D
Taxi boarding point outside Buckingham Palace	Addresses in postal districts EC3 and EC4; addresses in the area bounded by Bishopsgate, Worship Street, City Road, Chiswell Street, Beech Street, Aldersgate Street, Clerkenwell Road inclusive.	Days of Garden Parties and similar events at Buckingham Palace, all day	D

SCHEDULE 2**FARES FOR FIXED-FARE SHARED SERVICE**

Paragraph 5

(1) Maximum amount payable by each passenger in a shared service shall be the amount specified in the following table.

Fare Zone (Specified in Schedule 1)	Applicable taxi tariff		
	1	2	3
A	£2.00	£2.00	£2.00
B	£2.50	£3.00	£3.50
C	£3.00	£3.50	£4.00
D	£4.00	£4.50	£5.00
E	£4.50	£5.00	£6.00
F	£6.00	£7.00	£9.00
G	£7.00	£8.00	£9.50
H	£7.50	£8.50	£10.00
J	£10.00	£11.50	£14.00

(2) The applicable taxi tariffs shall be determined as follows:

- (a) taxi tariff 1 applies to any journey which commences between the hours of 6 am and 8 pm, on any day except a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday;
- (b) taxi tariff 2 applies to any journey that commences on a Saturday or Sunday (other than a public holiday) between the hours of 6 am and 8 pm, or on any day (other than a public holiday) between the hours of 8 pm and 10 pm; and
- (c) taxi tariff 3 applies to any journey that commences between 10 pm on any day and 6 am on the following day or at any time on a public holiday.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order contains in its Annex London Taxi Sharing Scheme for fixed fares. The Scheme only applies to specified journeys undertaken by taxis standing for hire or hired at the authorised places designated in paragraph 1(1) of the Scheme.

Taxis available for hire under the Scheme are to display a sign containing the words "Fixed-Fare Shared Taxi" (paragraphs 3 and 4). The fares payable are specified in paragraph 5 and Schedules 1 and 2.

Paragraphs 6 to 10 contain supplementary provisions relating to obligatory hirings, arrangements for a shared service, cessation of availability for hire, luggage, and route to be followed.