
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 588

The London Cab Order 1980

1. This Order may be cited as the London Cab Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 18th May 1980.

2. In this Order a reference to the principal Order is a reference to the London Cab Order 1934⁽¹⁾.

3. For paragraphs 40 and 41 of the principal Order (which prescribe the scales of fares and extra charges payable for the hiring of a motor cab) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

“40.—(1) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) below, the fare payable for the hiring of a motor cab shall be according to the following scale:—

- (a) a hiring charge of 30p, and
- (b) in respect of any part of the hiring during which the cab travels at a speed exceeding 7.16 miles an hour, at the rate of 10p for 420 yards (384.05 metres) or, if the fare shown on the meter is £2.90 or more, thereafter at the rate of 10p for 280 yards (256.03 metres), and
- (c) in respect of any part of the hiring during which the cab is stationary or travels at a speed not exceeding 7.16 miles an hour, at the rate of 10p for 2 minutes or, if the fare shown on the meter is £2.90 or more, thereafter at the rate of 10p for 1 minute and 20 seconds.

(2) In any case where the fare according to the scale prescribed in sub-paragraph (1) above is less than 50p the fare payable shall be 50p, and in any other case where the fare exceeds a multiple of 10p by a sum which is less than 10p the fare payable shall be next higher multiple of 10p.

(3) Where a motor cab is fitted with a taximeter which is not capable of recording automatically the fare payable according to the scale prescribed in sub-paragraph (1) above, the fare payable—

- (a) where the fare shown on the meter does not exceed—
 - (i) in the case of an electro-mechanical meter, £5; or
 - (ii) in the case of an electronic meter, £6.90

shall, if a notice containing the relevant extract of the appropriate Schedule to this Order is kept prominently displayed in the cab in such a manner as to be clearly legible by the hirer, be, as respects a fare shown on the meter, the figure in the column headed 'New fare charge' opposite to the figure in the column headed 'Shown on meter', and otherwise shall be the fare shown on the meter;

- (b) where the fare shown on the meter—
 - (i) in the case of an electro-mechanical meter, exceeds £5 but does not exceed £9.95; or
 - (ii) in the case of an electronic meter, exceeds £6.90 but does not exceed £9.90

shall, if a notice in the terms set out in the appropriate Schedule to this Order is available on request by the hirer from the driver of the motor cab, be, as respects a fare shown on the meter, the figure in the column headed 'New fare charge' opposite to the figure in the column headed 'Shown on meter', and otherwise shall be the fare shown on the meter;

⁽¹⁾ the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1975/1216; 1979/706.

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- (c) where the fare shown on the meter exceeds £9.90 shall, as respects the amount by which the fare shown exceeds the highest multiple of £10 in that fare, be the fare payable under the foregoing provisions of this sub-paragraph and in addition £12.50 shall be payable as respects each multiple of £10 in the fare shown on the meter;
- (d) where the meter would have recorded a fare of £10 or more but is not capable of recording such a fare, shall be the fare payable under the aforesaid provisions and in addition £16.60 shall be payable in respect of each occasion that the meter has recorded the maximum sum that it is capable of recording.

(4) In sub-paragraph (3) above 'the appropriate Schedule', in relation to a fare shown on a taximeter, means —

- (a) in the case of an electro-mechanical meter, Schedule E; and
- (b) in the case of an electronic meter, Schedule F.

41.—(1) In addition to the fare payable for the hiring of a motor cab as provided in the last preceding paragraph, extra charges in accordance with the following scales shall be payable by the hirer for the carriage of additional passengers or of luggage, such extra charges to be for the whole of the journey for which the additional passengers or the luggage are carried, that is to say:—

(a) for each additional passenger beyond one carried in the cab provided that for the purpose of computing this extra charge an infant in arms shall not count as a passenger, and two children under 10 years of age shall count as one passenger;	10p
(b) for luggage carried on the driving platform of the cab, for each article or package	5p
(c) for luggage carried inside the cab, for each article or package exceeding two feet in length other than an article of personal wear or use ordinarily carried on the person or in the hand.	5p

- (a) (2) In addition to the fare payable for the hiring of a motor cab as provided in the last preceding paragraph, the following extra charges shall be payable by the hirer for the whole of the journey to which the hiring relates, that is to say:—

(i) for a hiring which commences or terminates between the hours of 8 p.m. on 24th December and 6 a.m. on 26th December	£1
(ii) for any other hiring which commences or terminates between the hours of 8 p.m. on the day preceding a public holiday and 6 a.m. on the day following that holiday	50p
(iii) for any hiring, not falling within (i) or (ii) above, which commences or terminates between the hours of 8 p.m. on a Saturday and 6 a.m. on a Monday	50p
(iv) for any hiring, not falling within (i), (ii) or (iii) above, which commences or terminates between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. or at any other time on a Saturday	30p

- (b) In this sub-paragraph the expression 'public holiday' means 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).

(3) The extra charges prescribed in this paragraph which are payable by the hirer shall either be recorded on the dial of the taximeter (starting afresh if the total amount of the charges exceeds the maximum which the taximeter is capable of recording) or, if the taximeter is not capable of recording the said extra charges, computed in accordance with a notice which is kept prominently displayed in the cab in such a manner as to be clearly legible by the hirer and which sets out the said extra charges.

(4) Nothing in this paragraph shall compel the driver of a motor cab to permit the carriage inside the cab of any article or package which is of such bulk, amount or kind that the carrying of such article or package, or its placing in or removal from the cab, would be likely to cause damage to the cab or its fittings.”

4. In paragraph 42 of the principal Order (which relates to motor cabs hired for the carriage of luggage or animals unaccompanied by passengers) the words “and animals” shall be omitted.

5. For Schedule E to the principal Order (which prescribes increase of fares) there shall be substituted Schedules E and F as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

W. S. I. Whitelaw
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