

Taxi licensing fees and charges 2026-27

Many thanks for your interest in completing our Taxi licensing fees and charges 2026-27 survey.

Once you have completed the survey, please return it to our Customer Service Centre in person or via post at the following address:

Communications Team, Customer Service Centre, Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY.

The survey closes on Sunday 14 December 2025. Any responses received after this date will not be considered.

If you are in need of any further assistance, please email us at communications@cambridge.gov.uk. Or call our Customer Service Centre and ask for the Communications Team on 01223 457000 (open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5.15pm).

Background information

Cambridge City Council review the fees and charges set for Hackney Carriage (taxi) and private hire licensing in Cambridge every year, and hold a consultation on proposed changes. The council are required to consult on any changes by law.

The proposed fees and charges have taken into consideration specific officers' roles and the cost of their time involved in the issuing and processing of applications, in addition to the administration and monitoring of compliance with conditions.

Where changes to fees are indicated, these have been made with reference to the costs involved in the work required, rather than taking a standardised approach.

How fees and charges have been calculated

Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Cambridge City Council has the authority to impose specific fees for taxi and private hire licences.

No profit can be made from licence fees and the council must carry forward any surplus costs associated, but can also recover any shortages.

We need to demonstrate that the fees we charge for such licences have been set in accordance with the law and best practice.

These fees help us pay for things like issuing licenses, managing them, checking they're used properly, and enforcing the rules.

Fees need to be set, so as to avoid either a surplus or a shortfall where possible. If necessary, we can alter the fees in the coming years to achieve and maintain a correct balance.

Have your say

You can have your say on the proposals until Sunday 14 December 2025.

Next steps

Fees and charges agreed during the Licensing Committee meeting will come into effect from 1 April 2026.

Personal data

We will submit your input to Cambridge City Council's online participation platform. If you want to receive updates relevant to your input by email, please fill out the following fields on this page and we

will create an account for you. Your data will not be public and will only be used by Cambridge City Council. If you do not agree for us to use your personal data in this way, you can leave them empty.

First name(s) (optional)

Last name (optional)

Email address (optional)

☐ By checking this box I consent to my data being used to create an account on Cambridge City Council's participation platform.

1. Are you responding on behalf of a business or community group? (mandatory)

**Choose as many as you like*

- ☐ Business
- ☐ Community group
- ☐ None of the above

2. What is the name of your business or community group? (optional)

3. What is your postcode? (mandatory)

We may use postcode information to invite you to take part in consultations that particularly affect your local area, such as consultations about children's play areas in your local park or community centres in your local area. We may also use it to help us to analyse the results of consultations, for example to find out what residents in a particular ward think about a particular proposal for the city. - If you are answering on behalf of a business or community group, please use the postcode connected to the business or community group.

4. What is your year of birth? (optional)

We may use this information to help us to analyse the results of consultations to find out what residents in different age groups think about a proposal for the city.

5. Are you a student? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes - Full-time
- ☐ Yes - Part-time
- ☐ No

6. What is your ethnic group? (optional)

We may use information on your ethnicity to help us to carry out consultations to understand the needs of minority ethnic groups in the city. It will also help us to analyse the results of consultations to find out what residents in different ethnic groups think about a proposal for the city.

**Only choose one option.*

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| ☐ Arab | ☐ Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi |
| ☐ Asian or Asian British: Chinese | ☐ Asian or Asian British: Indian |
| ☐ Asian or Asian British: Pakistani | ☐ Asian or Asian British: Any other Asian background (please give details) |
| ☐ Black or Black British: African | ☐ Black or Black British: Caribbean |
| ☐ Black or Black British: Any other Black background (please give details) | ☐ Mixed: White and Asian |
| ☐ Mixed: White and Black African | ☐ Mixed: White and Black Caribbean |
| ☐ Mixed: Any other mixed background (please give details) | ☐ White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British |
| ☐ White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller | ☐ White: Irish |
| ☐ White: Roma | ☐ White: Any other White background (please give details) |
| ☐ Any other ethnic group (please give details) | |

If 'Any other ethnic group (please give details)', please specify

7. Do you currently have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more? (optional)

We may use information on any disability you may have to help us to target consultations on proposals that may particularly affect residents with a disability, such as consultations on Shopmobility or accessibility of public toilets. We may also use it to help us to carry out consultations to understand the needs of disabled people in the city, or to analyse the results of consultations, for example to find out what disabled residents think about a proposal for the city.

**Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8. What is your current total annual household income, including pay, benefits, pensions and investments? (optional)

We may use information about your household income to help us find out what residents with different levels of incomes think about our services or facilities. We will not use the data for any other purposes.

**Only choose one option.*

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| ☐ Less than £10,000 | ☐ £10,000 to £19,999 |
| ☐ £20,000 to £29,999 | ☐ £30,000 to £39,999 |
| ☐ £40,000 to £49,999 | ☐ £50,000 to £59,999 |
| ☐ £60,000 to £69,999 | ☐ £70,000 to £79,999 |
| ☐ £80,000 to £89,999 | ☐ £90,000 to £99,999 |
| ☐ £100,000 to £119,999 | ☐ £120,000 or more |

Fees and Charges	Current Charges 2025/26 £	Proposed Charges 2026/27 £
Drivers		
Disclosure & Barring Service Check (DBS) *	49.50	49.50
Knowledge Test (New Applicants)	100.00	105.00
New Licence Fee	310.00	300.00
Annual Renewal Fee	200.00	225.00
3 Yearly Renewal Fee	305.00	270.00
Replacement Badges	28.00	30.00
DVLA Data Check *	6.75	6.85
DVLA Data Check for 3 year licence *	20.25	20.55
Knowledge Test Retest	80.00	75.00
Vehicles		
Hackney Carriage Licence (new)	310.00	300.00
Private Hire Licence (new)	260.00	250.00
Hackney Carriage Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (new)	155.00	150.00
Private Hire Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (new)	130.00	125.00
Hackney Carriage Zero Emission Vehicle (new)	0.00	0.00
Private Hire Zero Emission Vehicle (new)	0.00	0.00
Hackney Carriage Licence (Renewal)	235.00	215.00
Private Hire Licence (Renewal)	220.00	200.00
Hackney Carriage Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (renewal) **	117.50	107.50
Private Hire Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (renewal) **	110.00	100.00
Hackney Carriage Zero Emission Vehicle (renewal) **	0.00	0.00
Private Hire Zero Emission Vehicle (renewal) **	0.00	0.00

Replacement Plate HCV	45.00	45.00
Replacement Plate PHV	50.00	50.00
Change of Ownership	100.00	100.00
Crest - self adhesive	18.00	20.00
Crest - magnetic	20.00	23.00
Non - Driver Proprietor	30.00	35.00
Non - Driver Proprietor renewal ***		45.00
Change of Vehicle registration PHV	50.00	50.00
Change of Vehicle registration HCV	45.00	45.00
Operators Licence		
Private Hire Operators Licence (New)	315.00	416.00
Private Hire Operators Licence (Renewal - 1 Year)	300.00	365.00
Private Hire Operators Licence (renewal - 5 Year)	1165.00	1370.00
Other charges		
Replacement Licence	28.00	24.00
Change of Details	25.00	25.00

* Externally set fees and charges

** Dependent on funding

*** New fee 2026



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Instructions

- Write as **clearly** as you can— these forms might be scanned
- Write your answers in the same language as this form

1. Which of the following best describes you?

**Choose as many as you like*

- ☐ Licensed driver
- ☐ Vehicle proprietor
- ☐ Member of the public

2. Do you object to the proposed changes?

**Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

3. If you object, please tell us why. (optional)
