

**2004 No. 441**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**Motor Hackney Carriages (Belfast) (Amendment) By-Laws  
(Northern Ireland) 2004**

*Made* - - - - - *14th October 2004*

*Coming into operation* *1st December 2004*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Article 65(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following By-Laws:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These By-Laws may be cited as the Motor Hackney Carriages (Belfast) (Amendment) By-Laws (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 1st December 2004.

**By-Laws amended**

2. For by-law 26(1) of the By-Laws relating to Motor Hackney Carriages standing or plying for hire made by the Council of the County Borough of Belfast on 4th June 1951(b) there shall be substituted –

“26.—(1) The fares payable for the hire of a Motor Hackney Carriage within the prescribed limits shall be –

(a) where not more than 4 passengers are carried –

(1) <i>Item</i>	(2) <i>Fare Title</i>	(3) <i>Day/ Time</i>	(4) <i>Calculation of fare</i>	(5) <i>Rate</i>
1.	Rate 1	Mon-Fri 06.00-20.00	For the first 1.5 miles (2414 metres) or part thereof, or for the first 10 minutes and 18.75 seconds (618.75 seconds) or part thereof. For every subsequent 160 yards (146.3 metres) or part thereof, or 37.5 seconds or part thereof.	Minimum £2.60 Maximum £2.60  Minimum £0.10 Maximum £0.10

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(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); see Article 2(2) for the definition of “Department”

(b) The relevant amending By-Laws are S.R. 1984 No. 298 and S.R. 2001 No. 198

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2.	Rate 2	Mon-Fri 20.00-24.00 and Sat-Sun 06.00-24.00	For the first 1 mile (1609 metres) or part thereof, or 6 minutes 32 seconds (392 seconds) or part thereof.  For every subsequent 146.7 yards (134.14 metres) or part thereof, or 32.7 seconds or part thereof.	Minimum £2.60 Maximum £2.60  Minimum £0.10 Maximum £0.10
3.	Rate 3	Any Day 24.00-06.00	For the first 0.5 mile (804.6 metres) or part thereof, or 3 minutes 32 seconds (212 seconds) or part thereof.  For every subsequent 135.3 yards (123.72 metres) or part thereof, or 32.7 seconds or part thereof.	Minimum £2.60 Maximum £2.60  Minimum £0.10 Maximum £0.10
4.	Rate 4	20.00 Christmas Eve – 06.00 27 Dec  and 20.00 New Years Eve – 06.00 2 Jan	For the first 1.5 miles (2414 metres) or part thereof, or 10 minutes and 18.75 seconds (618.75 seconds) or part thereof.  For every subsequent 160 yards (146.3 metres) or part thereof, or 37.5 seconds or part thereof.	Minimum £5.20 Maximum £5.20  Minimum £0.20 Maximum £0.20

(b) for each minute or part of a minute during which the taxi is kept waiting by the hirer for the rates described in the Table in sub-paragraph (a) –

Rate 1	minimum	16p
	maximum	16p
Rate 2	minimum	18p
	maximum	18p
Rate 3	minimum	18p
	maximum	18p
Rate 4	minimum	32p
	maximum	32p

(c) additional fare –

(i) for each passenger exceeding 4 carried for the entire distance	minimum	40p
	maximum	40p
(ii) for each piece of luggage carried on the outside of a taxi	minimum	20p
	maximum	20p

In assessing additional fares every child under the age of 6 years and/or one child over 6 years and under 12 years shall be disregarded. Two children between the ages of 6 years and 12 years shall be counted as one passenger.”.

**Revocation**

3. The Motor Hackney Carriages (Belfast) (Amendment) By-Laws (Northern Ireland) 2001(a) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 14th October 2004.

(L.S.)

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(a) S.R. 2001 No. 198

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the By-Laws.)*

These By-Laws amend the Motor Hackney Carriages (Belfast) By-Laws made by the Council of the County Borough of Belfast on 4th June 1951 by revising the rates of fare to be charged.

The fare structure is now made up of 4 different rates which apply at different times of the day and at Christmas and New Year holidays.

The fare charged shall be the sum total of the charges for the individual stages of the journey, which are calculated on distance or time, and such other additional charges as may apply.

The Motor Hackney Carriages (Belfast) (Amendment) By-Laws (Northern Ireland) 2001 are revoked as a consequence of these By-Laws.

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