

57824 Taxi & PHC Licensing Fees (2025/26)

I am writing to make a formal request for information held by Edinburgh Council regarding taxi and Private Hire Car (PHC) licensing fees for the 2025/26 period.

I request access to the following information:

Detailed breakdown of all licence fees for vehicles, drivers, and operators, including:

- a. The methodology used to calculate fees.
- b. Individual cost components (e.g., inspections, administration, enforcement, compliance).
- c. Any supporting financial records, spreadsheets, or analyses.

Internal documentation relating to the determination or review of these fees, including:

- a. Reports, briefing notes, or memos.
- b. Meeting minutes where licensing fees were discussed or approved.
- c. Correspondence with external consultants, trade associations, or other councils regarding fees.

Policies, guidance, or procedures used to set, approve, or review licensing fees.

Any consultation documents with stakeholders concerning the 2025/26 licensing fees.

The Council considers all fees for licensing on an annual basis and makes any adjustment required as part of the annual budget setting in February each year. The current fees were considered by the Council at its meeting on 20 February 2025. The relevant committee papers are published on our website at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=150&MId=7296>

Please refer to 'Item 4.1 – Council Budget Reports'

The current fee structure took effect from 1 April 2025. The next consideration of fees will take place in advance of the budget setting in February 2026.

In addition to the annual budget setting process, the Council's Regulatory Committee agrees individual fees or changes to the fee structure when required. In case of the latter, a full stakeholder consultation is carried out in order to inform the Committee decision. No such consultation was required in respect of Taxi and PHC fees for 2025/26.

(All Regulatory Committee papers are published at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteId=144>)

The information you have sought regarding Licensing income from, and costs associated with, Taxi and PHC licensing, is available as part of the report to Regulatory Committee on 29 September 2025. This is published at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=144&MId=7823&Ver=4>

Please refer to 'Item 8.1 - Licensing Income 2023/24 and 2024/25'.