

Transport on National Trips FAQs

1. How are drivers who give lifts reimbursed?

If the trip organiser deems their car essential 'trip transport' drivers are reimbursed for 3 people (however many people are in the car) for the miles travelled from the start of their journey to the hut (and back) plus their on-trip mileage. Mileage is paid at 'E band' rate as described on the Website (see '3' below). Drivers of cars not authorised by the organiser don't receive anything from the trip.

2. I have no car, can you help me find a lift and what do I pay?

The trip organiser will try to match people with car spaces to those looking for one. People on a trip pay the banded transport charge for the miles travelled. The charge per mile will vary slightly according to the cost of petrol. The charges range roughly from 3.5% of the cost of a litre of petrol per mile for those on the lowest incomes to 14% for those on the highest incomes. See further '3' below.

3. How does the Trip Transport Calculator (or 'matrix') on the website work?

It is designed to make calculation of car transport rates easy (though it looks intimidating). Because of fluctuating fuel prices, it was decided that each band pays a % of the cost of a litre of petrol (whatever fuel is actually used) per mile travelled, e.g. 'A' band pays 3.5%, 'B' banders pay 4.2% etc., the matrix simply calculates the correct figure according to different petrol prices. For example, if on a trip the average petrol price (to be decided by organiser) is 112p per litre, then the matrix tells you that 'A' banders pay 3.9p per mile, 'B' banders pay 4.6p per mile, etc..

4. What if I am supposed to have 3 passengers but one cancels at the last minute?

You will still be reimbursed for 3.

5. What if I have an extra driver but he/she cancels?

Please contact your trip organiser who will help you try to resolve the problem.

6. What if I need to take out extra car insurance?

This is sometimes possible, please contact your trip organiser.

7. What if I have an MPV?

You may be paid for more than 3, please talk to your trip organiser.

8. What if I am a driver but going somewhere on the way or the way back so need to travel alone?

A transport charge may still be applied, please talk to your trip organiser.

9. How much do i pay if I go by public transport?

As long as the organiser has approved your journey, you pay the banded charge for miles travelled as if by road (into trip funds), and your fare (to the bus/train company). Your fare will then be reimbursed at E band (but you cannot make a profit). See '15' below for a worked example. You may benefit from booking your ticket as early as possible so

please ask your trip organiser to approve this asap.

10. What if I have a lot of gear and can only fit 1 passenger in my car?
You will be reimbursed for 2, sorry!

11. I am nervous about travelling with drivers that i dont know, can I go by train?
Please talk to your trip organiser.

12. What if I cycle?
No transport charge is applied.

13 What if I have a van and can only take 1 passenger?
The trip organiser will decide whether your van is essential trip transport, if so you will be reimbursed for 3. If it is not essential and there is not a reasonable alternative then unfortunately you will only be reimbursed for 2.

14. Can you give a worked example of how the public transport charges work?
Yes, here goes.....: - Alan (A band) goes London to Scotland on train authorised by organiser.

Cost of train fare is 40 pounds return.

A band return mileage would be 37 pounds.

E band return mileage would be 70 pounds.

A bander buys his 40 fare and pays 37 pounds into the trip fund, but is reimbursed his fare up to E band return mileage (70 pounds). Fare is less than 70 pounds so 40 pounds is reimbursed in full. Alan's NET expenditure is 37 pounds. The trip's net gain/loss from Alan's travel is a 3 pound loss.

15.What about regional trips?
.The transport rules have been worked out to ensure that transport costs can be fairly shared on trips. It is highly recommended that regions follow National Trips policies for regional trips. However, under the constitution, regions may adopt their own transport rules if they feel this is necessary.

16. Who wrote these FAQ?
The National Committee are responsible for these FAQ, any and all comments are most welcome and can be sent to National Trip Treasurer (email as per Web-site 'Contacts' section), or contact any member of NC who will pass the comment on. We acknowledge that the FAQ are complicated, but feel the rules are necessary to make trips viable. We keep the situation constantly under review.