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CLARIFICATION OF TOLL CHARGES, PASSENGER REIMBURSEMENT TO DRIVERS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CUSTOMER RECEIPTS

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), through the publication of this industry notice, seeks to clarify the procedures to be followed by drivers with regard to the reimbursement of medallion taxicab drivers for toll charges incurred via E-ZPass usage and the issuance of receipts to customers when utilizing the E-ZPass on bridges and tunnels.

Passenger Reimbursement:

The utilization of an E-ZPass tag entitles the user to a 10% discount off the cash toll at all Port Authority facilities (\$1.00 discount off the round trip cash toll at the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge), and \$.50 discount off the cash toll at MTA Bridges and Tunnels facilities (i.e. Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, Queens-Midtown Tunnel, Triborough Bridge).

This discount is to be passed on to the passenger. Passengers cannot be charged an amount in excess of the E-ZPass charge. A driver using E-ZPass and charging a passenger the full cash toll would be in violation of Taxicab Driver's Rule 2-34(a) which prohibits charging a passenger in excess of the approved rate of fare.

Crossing locations and charges:

The following are the current charges/tolls paid by E-ZPass tag holders at Port Authority facilities and MTA Bridges and Tunnels:

Location:	Cash Lane	E-ZPass Lane
Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial Bridge	\$1.75	\$1.25
Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge	\$1.75	\$1.25
Triborough Bridge	\$3.50	\$3.00

Location:	Cash Lane	E-ZPass Lane
Bronx-Whitestone Bridge	\$3.50	\$3.00
Throgs Neck Bridge	\$3.50	\$3.00
Queens-Midtown Tunnel	\$3.50	\$3.00
Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel	\$3.50	\$3.00

Location:	Cash Lane	E-ZPass Lane
Verrazano-Narrows Bridge	\$7.00	\$6.00
Henry Hudson Bridge	\$1.75	\$1.25

You may also visit the Bridges and Tunnels Revised Toll Rates web site at: <http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/bandt/traffic/btmain.htm>

Trip Sheet:

Drivers are also required to record tolls incurred as specified in Driver's Rule 2-28(a) subdivisions (1) through (4). This will assist the driver in maintaining records as well as assisting the E-ZPass tag holder (if not the driver) in maintaining records of charges incurred.

Passenger Receipts:

The passenger is entitled to a receipt for any and all tolls incurred during their ride within a medallion. Drivers shall have present in their medallion taxicab, as specified in Driver's Rule 2-27(a)(5), receipts for passengers. Upon this receipt is to be recorded the toll paid and the location of facility. A standardized receipt form is in the process of being prepared, that will be shared with organizations representing various facets of the industry, which will be asked to produce the receipt pads for distribution to certain drivers. Those drivers who do not have access to these standardized receipts must have available a receipt pad where specific information, i.e. medallion number, toll facility, EZ-Pass toll rate, can be entered.