

Industry Notice #26-03
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For Immediate Release

Notice: Minimum High-Volume For-Hire Driver Pay Rates to Increase 3.36%
Beginning March 1, 2026

The minimum high-volume for-hire service driver pay rates will increase in accordance with the 2025 annual average increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Pursuant to TLC Rule § 59D-22(a)(4), a 3.36% increase in the minimum per-mile and per-minute rates will be effective beginning March 1, 2026, for all trips dispatched by high-volume for-hire services, currently Lyft and Uber.

Including the utilization rate, the following minimum pay rates will be in effect:

Non-WAV per mile: \$1.283
Non-WAV per minute: \$0.681
WAV per mile: \$1.601
WAV per minute: \$0.681
Out-of-town per mile (non-WAV): \$1.757
Out-of-town per mile (WAV): \$2.193
Out-of-town per minute: \$0.725

Drivers can also visit the [Driver Pay Calculator](#) on TLC's website to check how much they may be entitled to on a trip.

If you have questions about the new fare structure, please contact the TLC's Driver Protection Unit, which investigates pay-related issues, by calling (718) 391-5539 or e-mailing driverprotection@tlc.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission

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