



## Summary: Wheelchair Accessible Services (WAS) Fund Reimbursement Types<sup>1</sup>

### Dispatched Trips to Passengers in Wheelchairs (Trips) Reimbursement

- Rates (For trips that begin and end in different zip code zones, the higher rate shall apply):
  - Trips beginning and ending in an urban zip: \$20/trip
  - Trips beginning or ending in a suburban zip: \$30/trip
  - Trips beginning or ending in a rural zip: \$40/trip
  - Additional passenger in a wheelchair: +\$15
- Recipient: Driver
- Eligibility requirements: Contract trips are not eligible for trip reimbursement.

### Shift-Based Reimbursements (shift is defined as lasting 4 or more continuous hours)

- Fuel Costs
  - Rate: \$15/shift
  - Recipient: Driver
  - Eligibility requirements:
    - Limit 1 reimbursement per driver per vehicle per day.
    - Effective Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022: Driver must perform at least 10 trips during the same month in which the shift occurred.
    - Effective Jan. 1, 2023: Driver must perform at least 20 trips during the same month in which the shift occurred.
- Off-Peak Shift
  - Rate: \$45/shift operated between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
  - Recipient: Driver
  - Eligibility requirements:
    - Limit 1 reimbursement per driver per vehicle per day.
    - Effective Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022: Driver must perform at least 10 trips during the same month in which the shift occurred.
    - Effective Jan. 1, 2023: Driver must perform at least 20 trips during the same month in which the shift occurred.
- Additional Shifts
  - Rate: \$30/additional shift within the same 24-hour period after the first shift.
  - Recipient: Vehicle Owner
  - Eligibility requirements:
    - Only the second and third shift performed in the vehicle within a 24-hour period are eligible for this reimbursement; the first shift of the day is not eligible.
    - Limit 2 reimbursements per vehicle per day.
    - The first, second, and third shifts must all be performed by different drivers.
    - Effective Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022: Vehicle must perform at least 10 trips during the same month in which the shift occurred.
    - Effective Jan. 1, 2023: Vehicle must perform at least 20 trips during the same month in which the shift occurred.

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<sup>1</sup> For a complete explanation of the various reimbursement types available and eligibility requirements, please refer to [FOR-HIRE-TRANSPORTATION-01-2022](#) / [FIN-10-3-4-PR](#).

**Vehicle Acquisition, Maintenance and Equipment Reimbursement**

- Rates:

**Maximum Annual Reimbursement Amount:**

Vehicle Age*	Gas Engine	Hybrid Engine	All-Wheel Drive
Up to 6 years	\$6,000	\$7,100	+\$335
7 years	\$4,800	\$4,800	-
8 years	\$3,600	\$3,600	-
9 years	\$2,400	\$2,400	-
10 years	\$1,200	\$1,200	-
11-12 years**	\$1,200	\$1,200	-

\*Based on model year.

\*\* Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City and County temporarily suspended enforcement of the 10-year vehicle age limit for taxis, for-hire vehicles, and TNC vehicles. Enforcement of the vehicle age limit will resume when the taxi or for-hire vehicle medallion, or TNC vehicle endorsement, is renewed in 2023. Vehicle acquisition, maintenance and equipment reimbursements for vehicles aged 11 and 12 years old will be available only while this temporary suspension is in place. As soon as the City and County resume enforcement of vehicle age limits, vehicles over 10 years old will no longer be eligible for vehicle acquisition, maintenance and equipment reimbursement.

- Recipient: Vehicle Owner
- Eligibility Requirements:
  - Receipts are not required for reimbursement.
  - Vehicle owner must submit documentation to confirm vehicle age, engine type, and all-wheel drive status.
  - Effective Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022: To qualify for a quarterly payment, vehicle must perform at least 30 trips during the quarter. To qualify for the maximum annual reimbursement amount, vehicle must perform at least 120 trips during the calendar year.
  - Effective Jan. 1, 2023: To qualify for a quarterly payment, vehicle must perform at least 60 trips during the quarter. To qualify for the maximum annual reimbursement amount, vehicle must perform at least 240 trips during the calendar year.

**Driver Training Reimbursement**

- Rates:
  - Driver time: \$30/hour
  - Course fee: cost
- Recipient: Driver
- Eligibility Requirements:
  - Eligibility limited to WAV vehicle owners and WAV drivers with a current lease agreement to operate a WAV.
  - Limit 1 course per driver per year.
  - Course must be offered by Seattle and King County directly or approved by the Director for reimbursement.