

Wheelchair Accessible Services (WAS) Fund Reimbursement Types

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
- Frequency of reimbursement: Twice a month or monthly (depending on association)
- 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
 - Frequency of reimbursement: Monthly
 - Eligibility requirements:
 - Limit 1 reimbursement per driver per vehicle per day
 - 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
 - Frequency of reimbursement: Monthly
 - Eligibility requirements:
 - Limit 1 reimbursement per driver per vehicle per day
 - 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
 - Frequency of reimbursement: Monthly
 - 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 be performed by different drivers
 - Effective Jan. 1, 2023: Vehicle must perform at least 20 trips during the same month in which the shift occurred

Vehicle Acquisition, Maintenance and Equipment (VAME) Reimbursement

Maximum Annual Reimbursement by Vehicle Age and Type

| 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 | - |

*Based on model year

**Eligible vehicles for WAS Fund VAME Reimbursements follow the vehicle age limits stated in proposed [for-hire legislation](#)

- Recipient: Vehicle Owner
- Frequency of reimbursement: Quarterly
- 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, 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. Drivers who complete 240 trips for the calendar year and had one or more quarters with fewer than 60 trips shall receive a reimbursement payment for the difference at the end of the 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

More information regarding Wheelchair Accessible Services can be found at the [Taxicabs, For-hire, and TNCs](#) website.