

# TRANSPORT

## Briefing

[Front page](#)[News & analysis](#)[Intelligence & resources](#)[Agenda & monitors](#)[Power 200](#)[Subscribe](#)[About](#)[News](#)[Analysis](#)

## TfL uses new powers to increase penalty fares

Posted 16/02/12

Transport for London is increasing the penalty charge for travelling without a valid ticket on its services from £50 to £80 weekend in an effort to deter and reduce fare evasion.

The increase in penalties, effective from Sunday 19 February, will cover all of TfL's services in the capital, including London Underground Overground, London buses, DLR and Tramlink. TfL says this rise will increase the deterrent effect of the penalty charge and points out that evasion across all modes of transport is estimated to have lost it around £63m last year.

TfL has been granted powers to increase penalty fares following Royal Assent for The Greater London Authority Act 1999 and the Transport for London and Croydon Tramlink (Penalty Fares) Orders 2011. Under the new provisions, penalty fares will increase from £50 to £80 although they will be reduced to £40 if payment is received within 21 days. The Penalty Fares increase came into effect on 2 January 2012 and will be implemented from the 19 February 2012.

Steve Burton, director of community safety, enforcement and policing at TfL, said: "While the level of fare evasion on the network is low, it costs Londoners millions of pounds every year. We therefore need to make the penalty charge more effective and the early payment rules encourage prompt payment."

[News index](#)[Front page](#)[Front page](#)[News & analysis](#)[Intelligence & resources](#)[Agenda & monitors](#)[Power 200](#)[Subscribe](#)[About](#)

Transport Briefing is published by [Acumen Intelligence Ltd](#). Unless otherwise specified all content © Acumen Intelligence 2012.

We've been writing about transport infrastructure since 2002 - we also produce the [Crossrailnews](#) and [HS2 News](#) websites.

Contact Transport Briefing: email [editor@transportbriefing.co.uk](mailto:editor@transportbriefing.co.uk) or telephone 01225 460181. Follow us on Twitter [@transportb](#).