



Merseytravel

Specification Requirements for the Provision of Subsidised Bus Services

In addition to the detail set out in Merseytravel's Conditions of Contract for Subsidised Bus Services, and to the individual requirements stipulated on the Route/Timetable documents of:

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this schedule contains the general specification which set out Merseytravel's minimum requirements under the Contract(s) concerning the route and stopping places, timing and capacity, vehicle features and passenger facilities, fare levels and fare stages and other such details as may be prescribed.

1. Route and Timetable

- (a) The specified route(s) and timetable(s) is(are) detailed on the individual tender specification document(s).
- (b) All designated Stopping places must be observed.
- (c) Intermediate timing points will be the timed locations as shown in the timetable unless otherwise agreed after the tender stage.
- (d) Fare stages may also be agreed after the tender stage. Relevant fare tables will be forwarded to the successful Bus Operator on award.
- (e) The use of Merseytravel Bus Stations is subject to the Operating Agreement.

2. Capacity and Vehicle Type

The Service operated by the Bus Operator should meet the minimum requirements as outlined on the individual tender specification document(s).

3. Christmas, New Year, Bank and Public Holidays

The current Service levels required by Merseytravel under this Contract are:

<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Normal service until 2030 hours</i>
<i>Christmas Day (Public Holiday)</i>	<i>No service</i>
<i>Boxing Day (Bank Holiday)</i>	<i>Sunday service from 1000 hours</i>
<i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>Normal service until 2030 hours</i>
<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Sunday service from 1000 hours</i>
<i>All other Bank/Public Holidays</i>	<i>Normal Sunday Service</i>

Unless a lesser specification is already defined on the tender specification.

Merseytravel may wish to negotiate changes to the public holiday specifications during the life of the Contract.

4. Other Requirements / Special Conditions

- (a) The vehicle(s) used on this (these) contract(s) must be suitable for the route(s) specified in the route description(s).
- (b) Any additional requirements will be noted on the individual tender specification document(s).

5. **Vehicle Engine**

The engine(s) of the vehicle(s) used on this Contract must be of the minimum standard as noted on the individual tender specification document(s) and not as set out in the Conditions of Contract.

6. **Fare Levels**

The fares to be charged should not exceed Merseytravel's maximum scale as specified by the Supervising Officer.

One child under five years may travel free with a fare-paying passenger, pass-holders being deemed to be a fare-paying passenger.

Young persons aged 5 to 18 years inclusive shall be carried at a charge of no more than half the adult fare (after allowing for rounding to the nearest penny) payable for journeys wholly within the area bounded by Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Knowsley and Wirral MBCs at any time.

The maximum fare scale may be varied from time to time by Merseytravel in accordance with the Conditions of Contract.

7. **Ticket Machines**

Operators must have ETMs capable of supporting the following technologies:

- ITSO 2.1.4 (or any subsequent version of the specification) certified – supporting as a minimum:
 - ITSO card media
 - Acceptance of ENCTS concessionary cards
 - TYP16 and TYP22 product acceptance
 - HOPS transaction messaging
 - Processing of hotlists and actionlists including support for POST sets
 - Collection of ITSO products via ATT15
- Contactless EMV (cEMV) certification
- Mobile data connectivity (3G) for provision of real time data feed
- Location awareness via built-in GPS
- Paper ticket printer
- Schedule Adherence
- Traffic Light Priority

8. **Mileage**

Please note that the mileage figure on the tender specification document is an actual figure for the period of operation rather than an annual one. An annual contract price should be submitted.