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## LUAS FARES TO INCREASE BY AN AVERAGE OF 5.5% FROM MONDAY, 5 JANUARY 2009

RPA today announced Luas fare increases which will come into effect from Monday, 5 January 2009.

The main fare changes are as follows:

- Single fares will increase by 10c, except for short trips within one zone, e.g. Heuston to Connolly no increase.
- Return fares will increase by 20c, except for short trips within one zone, e.g. Heuston to Connolly 10c increase.

There will be no increase in child fares for the fourth year running.

- Adult 7 Day fares will increase by an average of €1.
- Adult 30 Day fares will increase by an average of €3.80
- Student 7 Day fares will increase by an average of €0.90
- Student 30 Day fares will increase by an average of €2.70
- BIK or TaxSaver ticket prices will increase by an average of €4 per month or €40 per year.

- Luas Smartcard fares will increase by an average of 3.5%. Despite this increase the average adult can save up to 18% per trip over single tickets.
- The fare increase will come into effect on Monday the 5th of January 2009.
- Luas tickets bought from Ticket Agents will increase by an average of 10%. This is the first increase in this category of tickets since January, 2007.

RPA Chief Executive, Frank Allen, said that the fare increases are expected to have a net revenue effect of 5.5% which is needed to cover the costs associated with continuing to provide a high quality service.

“Luas will be five years old in 2009 and this increase will allow us to improve and maintain the quality of the service to our customers in the coming year and build a good foundation for the future”. RPA will take delivery of new trams in 2009 that will allow Luas to respond to passenger demand, said Mr. Allen.

Details are available on [www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie).

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