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Reminder: Financial Incentives Available For Drivers and Owners of Wheelchair Accessible Taxicabs

TIF Driver Incentives

The Taxi Improvement Fund (TIF) is designed to support the use of wheelchair-accessible taxicabs. Drivers enrolled in TIF receive payments of 50 cents for *every* trip completed in a wheelchair-accessible taxicab, regardless of whether the passenger is in a wheelchair. TIF payments are sent to drivers' debit cards every two weeks.

To receive TIF driver payments, you must complete and submit a TIF driver application. The TIF driver application is available on the TLC website at:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/industry/taxi_improvement_fund_driver.shtml.

Wheelchair-accessible taxicab owners may be eligible for additional incentives from the TIF owner program. To receive TIF owner payments, you must complete and submit a TIF owner application. This program requires a separate application, available on the TLC website at:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/industry/taxi_improvement_fund_owner.shtml.

Drivers who own and drive their wheelchair-accessible taxicab must submit *both* the TIF driver application and the TIF owner application.

The TLC will begin counting trips for TIF driver payments when the driver enrolls. For example, if a driver begins driving a wheelchair-accessible vehicle in January but submits the TIF driver application in April, the driver will be paid for trips beginning in April. He or she will not be eligible for TIF driver payments for trips driven before April.

Each bi-weekly payment compensates drivers for trips made during an earlier two week period, with a lag of approximately one month between trip completion and payment. For example, on Friday January 27, 2017, drivers will be paid for trips made between December 17, 2016 and December 30, 2016.

Accessible Dispatch Incentives

The Accessible Dispatch Program allows passengers with wheelchairs or other mobility impairments to request a wheelchair-accessible taxicab for pickup anywhere in Manhattan. Drivers who respond to a request from the Accessible Taxicab Dispatcher will receive the metered fare for the trip plus a dispatch payment to compensate for time spent traveling to the pickup point and assisting the passenger.

Drivers receive these dispatch payments from the medallion owner or agent, and do not currently need to enroll in an additional program to receive payments. Drivers should contact their vehicle owner or agent with questions about dispatch payments.

Program	When are drivers paid?	How much are drivers paid?	Which trips are eligible for payments?	Who pays the drivers?	How do I learn more?
Taxi Improvement Fund	Payments are sent every other Friday to the Bank of America debit card that drivers receive in the mail after enrolling in the program (the pay schedule is located here).	50 cents per trip paid to all drivers enrolled in TIF.	Every trip in a wheelchair accessible taxicab.	Bank of America distributes payments, with approval from the TLC.	Visit the TIF FAQ page or contact the TIF Program Team at TIF@TLC.NYC.GOV or 212.676.1111. For payment questions send an email to TIF@TLC.NYC.GOV .
Accessible Dispatch Program	The owner or agent decides the payment method. Drivers should receive payment once a week for dispatched trips completed in the prior week.	A dispatch payment to compensate drivers for traveling to the passenger pickup point, in addition to the metered fare. The dispatch payment is based on how far the driver drives to reach the passenger pickup location.	All trips dispatched by the Accessible Taxi Dispatcher.	The owner or agent of the vehicle is responsible for making dispatch payments to drivers.	Visit the Accessible Dispatch program page .