

Notes for Dial-a-Ride Service Users (Applicable to 5 or more Passengers (Large Group))



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1) Overview

- a) Rehabus Dial-a-Ride Service (DAR), by adopting the public transport concept, provides point-to-point special transport service for eligible persons with disabilities (PWDs)^{Note i} who hold the Hong Kong Identity Cards and have difficulties in using public transport to receive medical treatment, to work, to attend schools/training institutions and to participate in social, recreational and leisure activities. PWDs who are in need of DAR service should be registered as users^{Note ii} first.
- b) To ensure effective use of resources and serve more users in need of the government-subsidized Rehabus service, service will be arranged based on the number of passengers^{Note iii}, trip times and places for boarding or alighting provided at the time of booking. For bookings with 4 or less passengers, please refer to “Notes for Dial-a-Ride Service Users (applicable to 4 or less Passengers (Small Group))” (FED/SG/01e).
- c) Users must comply with the “Rules for Passengers” which is posted inside the compartments. We reserve the rights to terminate the services to any passenger who is causing disturbance or danger to our driver or other passenger(s), or if the passenger does not pay heed to our driver’s warning and keep violating the “Rules for Passengers” without reasonable explanation.

2) Booking procedure for large group (LG) shared-use service

a) Booking Period: 12 months

Example: Users can make bookings on 23 January 2018 for service date on or before 23 January 2019. If the first day of the booking period is a non-working day for our customer service department (i.e. Sunday and public holiday), we will accept bookings on the subsequent working day. For example, 31 December 2017 and 1 January 2018 fall on Sunday and a public holiday respectively, so users can make bookings on 30 December 2017 for service date on or before 30 December 2018 while making bookings on 2 January 2018 for service date on or before 2 January 2019.

b) Booking methods: applicants (i.e. registered “organization” or “individual” users or their representatives, please refer to the registration method set out in Note ii) should provide details of the registered users and the service requested by one of the following means for booking:

- Contact our staff by calling our service hotline at 2817-8154 and select “Dial-a-Ride service” according to the instructions of our voice response system. Office hours are 09:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 16:30 on Monday to Friday, and 09:00 to 12:00 on Saturday (no service on Sunday and public holiday). Calls will be connected to paging service centre when the line is busy or after office hours. Users may leave the names, contact numbers and messages, we will return calls during office hours^{Note iv}. Users should pay attention to calls from telephone number 3143-8154, which is the displayed caller number of our office.
- Complete the “Booking Form for Dial-a-Ride Service (applicable to 5 or more Passengers (Large Group))” (FED/LG/02e) and fax to 2855-7106 or email to rbroutes@rehabociety.org.hk. For users who need to book for 8 or more vehicles on a single day for large-scale activities (e.g. 4 or more vehicles are requested for outward trip and return trip respectively on a single day), a written request stamped with company chop should be submitted together with the completed Booking Form for Dial-a-Ride Service (applicable to LG).

Our staff will contact each user by phone ^{Note iv}, irrespective of the means of application. Once the booking is placed in the system, our staff will check the service quota. The service will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis and the result of the booking will be informed at once. If the service quota for LG is full and the booking is not accepted, users can accept the booking status to be listed as “to be confirmed (stand-by)”, the service may be arranged depending on the actual service availability during scheduling. If users are unwilling to be put on the stand-by list, the bookings will be cancelled immediately.

Once the booking is placed in the system, our staff will provide the user with a “booking reference number” assigned by the computer system ^{Note v}, irrespective of bookings as “accepted” or “to be confirmed (stand-by)”. For enquiry or any change of booking, users just need to provide this booking reference number and our staff can swiftly check the details of the booking concerned for follow-up.

If the required trip has 2 or more stops (i.e. multiple stops), users must confirm the schedule or complete and return “Dial-a-Ride Service Passenger Boarding & Alighting Schedule” (FED/01e) at least 7 working days before the service date. If users fail to submit the exact schedule that will subsequently affect the service arrangement, they will have to pay the surcharges in accordance with “Dial-a-Ride Service Surcharges and Waiving Mechanism” (FED/10).

- c) Notification of trip information (i.e. name and contact number of the assigned driver and vehicle registration number): trip information will be notified to users around 4 working days before the service date, users may contact the driver directly on the service day if necessary.
- For bookings involving multiple stops, we will fax the schedule with trip information printed on it to users after scheduling. If users have not yet received the fax before noon on the next working day after scheduling, please contact us.
 - For bookings not involving multiple stops, trip information will be notified to users by phone on the next working day after scheduling ^{Note iv}. If the phone call is unanswered and the contact no. is connected to the voice mail box service, our staff will leave the trip information in the voice mail box for user’s checking at any time.
 - Users may also call our service hotline at 2817-8154 on the next working day after scheduling for trip information.
- d) Change of booking: to minimize the impact on scheduling and the chances of other users enjoying the service, users should avoid making changes on booking after scheduling. For any subsequent changes of booking information (irrespective of bookings as “accepted” or “to be confirmed”) due to particular reasons, users should inform us as soon as possible. The status of the bookings may change from “accepted” to “to be confirmed” due to the change of booking information (such as trip time or number/location of boarding/alighting point) and surcharges may be levied.
- For bookings involving multiple stops, it depends on whether the users have submitted the schedule or not. For users who have submitted the schedule, they should mark the relevant changes clearly on the schedule by following the instructions set out in the section headed “Points to note” contained in “Dial-a-Ride Service Passenger Boarding & Alighting Schedule” (FED/01e). For users who have not yet submitted the schedule, they can call our service hotline at 2817-8154.
 - For bookings not involving multiple stops, users should call our service hotline at 2817-8154.
 - If the service day is a holiday or during non-office hours of our service hotline, users should call at 2816-6701 or emergency pager 7100-0288 for changing or cancelling certain boarding/alighting points. (Our staff will only answer the messages for emergency cases occurred on the service day from the paging service centre. Users may leave the names, contact numbers and booking reference numbers ^{Note iv}.)
- e) Cancellation of booking: regardless of the reasons for cancellation, users should inform us of the cancellation as soon as possible so that the resources released can be re-arranged for other users in need. Our staff will provide the user with a Cancellation Reference Number assigned by the computer system ^{Note vi}. Cancellation of booking may involve surcharges.

- Notification of cancellation before the service date: users should contact our staff by calling our service hotline at 2817-8154 during office hours.
- Cancellation of bookings on service date or after office hours on the day before the service date: users may call at 2816-6701 or emergency pager 7100-0288. (Our staff will only answer the messages for emergency cases occurred on the service day from the paging service centre. Users may leave the names, contact numbers and booking reference numbers ^{Note iv}.)

f) Enquiries on stand-by booking: for various reasons (e.g. re-arrangement of vehicles after cancellation of bookings by successful applicants), some stand-by bookings can be served after re-arrangement. Our staff will contact the users concerned for service confirmation ^{Note iv}. In the event that we are unable to confirm service with such users, service will not be arranged for them but for other suitable users. To check whether the stand-by booking is successful or not, the applicant may call our service hotline at 2817-8154 during office hours 1 working day prior to the service date.

3) Fares and surcharges for LG

Since Rehabus service is subsidized by the government, users should cherish public resources, plan carefully before booking, use services on time and settle service charges within the time frame. Users should also read through the Annex: Procedure for Handling Dial-a-Ride Service Charges (including Fares and Surcharges) and “Dial-a-Ride Service Surcharges and Waiving Mechanism” (FED/10).

a) Fares will be calculated according to the existing calculation method, i.e. fares are being charged on the number of passengers, travel time (minimum 1 hour) and kilometers shown on the meter installed in each vehicle, plus a service charge of HK\$5 per booking:

Charge Table for LG	No. of Passengers	5 ~ 12	13 or above
Hourly Charge (HK\$): minimum 1 hour		\$38	\$58
After 1 hour, charge for every 3 minutes or part thereof (HK\$):		\$1.9	\$2.9
Charge for every kilometer or part thereof (HK\$):		\$1.9	\$2.9
Service charge per booking (HK\$):		\$5	\$5
Plus parking charge and tunnel charge (if applicable, please refer to “Dial-a-Ride Service Passengers Toll Rates of Tunnels & Bridges” (FED/04) for details).			

Example: The number of passengers for the booking of User A is 10, the travel time shown on the meter is 1 hour and 25 minutes, the distance travelled is 70 kilometers, no parking charge and tunnel charge, then the fare would be $\$38 \times 1 + \$1.9 \times (27/3) + \$1.9 \times 70 + \$5 = \$193.1$. The number of passengers for the booking of User B is 14, the travel time shown on the meter is 1 hour and 17 minutes, the distance travelled is 65 kilometers, no parking charge and tunnel charge, then the fare would be $\$58 \times 1 + \$2.9 \times (18/3) + \$2.9 \times 65 + \$5 = \$268.9$.

b) If a user made a booking for a LG trip initially but switched to a SG trip on the service day, regardless of the reasons for that, fare for LG as originally booked would be charged (i.e. charged on the category of 5~12 passengers as shown in the above table) and surcharge might be levied. Service to the user might also be affected due to the overstating of number of passengers (please refer to “Dial-a-Ride Service Surcharges and Waiving Mechanism” (FED/10) and note iii for details). The fare will not be readjusted even if the reason for the decrease in the number of passengers is justified for a waiver under the “Dial-a-Ride Service Surcharges and Waiving Mechanism” and the surcharges are being waived subsequently after the submission of waiver application.

c) Should any special incident happens during a journey, we will try our best to arrange for other vehicle to pick up and transport the affected passengers, please refer to the “Handling of Dial-a-Ride Service Fares Involving Special Incidents” (FED/12) for the fare. No fares will be charged if we fail to transport passengers to destinations due to incidents.



- d) Surcharges and the waiver: please refer to “Dial-a-Ride Service Surcharges and Waiving Mechanism” (FED/10) for details.
- To urge users to book our service prudently so as to avoid wasting the resources and affecting services to those in need, the three types of existing surcharges are still in use, which are Cancellation Charge, Charge for not providing/changing schedule and Forward Booking Cancellation Charge respectively.
 - If users are eligible to apply for a waiver, applicants should submit a written application for waiving of surcharges together with the supporting documents required by the end of the month in which the payment notice is issued. Users may use “Application Form for Waiving of Dial-a-Ride Service Surcharge” (FED/07e). Late submission will not be considered.
- 4) Other notes for attention
- a) For registered individual DAR service users who are recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, please refer to “Half Fare Concessionary Application Notice” (FEC/01e) for an application form with notes for application.
- b) If you have any enquiries about the service charge, please contact our Accounting Department by calling our service hotline at 2817-8154 during office hours within 7 working days from the service date. Late enquiries will not be entertained.
- c) For any update on personal data (such as name of individual or organization user, correspondence address, contact number or change in condition of disabilities of individual user), please notify us in writing and submit the relevant supporting documents as early as possible by post, fax or email to rbroutes@rehabociety.org.hk. Personal data of the users may be used for the purposes of study, research and development of our services in addition to the processing of the applications. Such data may be transferred to other government departments and bureaus for any matters relating to Rehabus services. Please refer to “Notes about Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance” (FEG/14e) for details.
- d) The notes and terms given above and the relevant booking form are subject to change without prior notice.
- 5) Contact us
- For enquiries, please contact our staff by calling our service hotline at 2817-8154 or visit our website at <http://www.rehabociety.org.hk> (select [Our Services][Transport & Travel][Rehabus Service]).
- Mailing Address^{Note vii}: Rehabus, Room 2, G/F., Lam Tin Complex, 7 Rehab Path, Lam Tin, Kowloon
 - Service Hotline: 2817-8154
 - Fax No.: 2855-7106
 - Email Address:
rbroutes@rehabociety.org.hk: for submitting schedules and booking forms for DAR Service
rehabus@rehabociety.org.hk: for general enquiries about Rehabus services and feedback on service quality (users should not make application or cancellation of service via this email address)

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- i. “Eligible PWD holding Hong Kong Identity Card” refers to:
- any PWD who holds a Hong Kong Identity Card issued under the Registration of Persons Ordinance (Chapter 177), except those who obtained their Hong Kong Identity Card by virtue of a previous permission to land or remain in Hong Kong granted to them and for whom such permission has expired or ceased to be valid;
 - any child with disabilities who is a Hong Kong residents and under 11 years of age;
 - any PWD who holds Certificate of Exemption (<http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/hkid/appforcert.html>).
- ii. Registration procedure for DAR service:
- Individual User: call our service hotline at 2817-8154 for registration. Relatives or other representatives can make registration on behalf of the PWD. Name and HKID card number of the PWD should be provided at the time of registration and an account number will be given to each newly registered user.
[Enhancement of registration mechanism will be announced later: e.g. submission of a copy of “Registration Card for People with Disabilities” by PWD with permanent lower limb mobility disabilities, or submission of a mobility difficulty document signed by recognized professionals within last 6 months.]
 - Organization User: complete and return the Application for Dial-a-Ride Service Account & Monthly Credit Account (FED/08e) in applying for a service account and a monthly credit account. An account number will be given to each newly registered user.
- iii. Mechanism for preventing users from overstating the number of passengers (i.e. SG users falsely claim themselves to be LG users):
- If a user overstates the number of passengers for the first time within a specified one-year period[^], a warning will be issued;
 - If the user commits the act for the second time within the specified one-year period[^], except for the bookings for medical treatment, all other bookings (including bookings which are “accepted” or “to be confirmed” or any subsequent bookings) will be given lowest priority in service arrangement within the specified period.
[^] A one-year period starting from the 1st day of the month after the month in which the first occurrence takes place. For example, the user overstates the number of passengers for the first time concerning the service on 23 February 2018. The one-year period will be from the first day of the next month till the end of the following 12 months, i.e. if the second occurrence takes place during a one-year period between 1 March 2018 and 28 February 2019, except for the bookings for medical treatment, all other DAR bookings for trips required on or before 28 February 2019 (including registered bookings or subsequent bookings) will be given lowest priority in service arrangement.
- iv. According to the workflow, our staff will contact users according to the sequence of messages left in the paging service centre during the working day. Users should pay attention to calls from telephone number 3143-8154, which is the displayed caller number of our office. Contacts would only be made in respect of the transport service arrangement or the follow up of service charges. No solicitation of money would be involved. Users should not disclose any personal data before verifying the identity of the caller so as to guard against loss.
- v. Booking Reference Number of DAR service: the first 3 English characters “DAR” represent “Dial-a-Ride Service”, and the digits stand for the booking date and the sequence of bookings inputted by our staff on that day. For example, the Booking Reference Number of “DAR2018-02-08-0001” represents the first DAR Service booking inputted on 8 February 2018. [Attention: the Booking Reference Number does not relate to the service date.]
- vi. Cancellation Reference Number of DAR service: the first 4 English characters “CDAR” represent “Cancel Dial-a-Ride Service”, and the digits stand for the date on which the booking is cancelled and the sequence of cancellation on that day. For example, the Cancellation Reference Number of “CDAR2018-03-24-0007” represents the 7th cancelled DAR Service booking on 24 March 2018. [Attention: the Cancellation Reference Number does not relate to the service date.]
- vii. Underpaid mail items are subject to surcharge by Hongkong Post. We will not accept underpaid mail items, which will be handled by Hongkong Post. For proper delivery of mail items to us, and to avoid unnecessary delivery delay (e.g. return to the sender), please ensure the mail items bear sufficient postage before posting.

Annex: Procedure for Handling Dial-a-Ride Service Charges (including Fares and Surcharges)

Individual User:

- a) Fares: Payment shall be made immediately by cash or by Octopus after receiving the service, and our drivers will issue a receipt at once.
- b) Surcharges: If the service required involves surcharges, users will receive a payment notice for surcharges in the middle of the following month. User should settle the payment before due date*.

Organization User:

- a) Fares: Payment can be made immediately by cash or by Octopus after receiving the service, and our drivers will issue a receipt at once. For users who have applied for a monthly credit account, the Kilometer Record Sheet can be obtained from our drivers for reference. Organization user on monthly payment term will receive a monthly invoice for the services of the whole month in the middle of the following month. After receiving the invoice, user should settle the payment before due date*.
- b) Surcharges: If the service required involves surcharges, user will receive a payment notice for surcharges (together with the monthly invoice) in the middle of the following month. User should settle the payment before due date*.

* Work Flow of Handling Payment on Monthly Term and Surcharges:

Deadline	Parties	Action
On or before the 15th day of the first month following the month in which the service is provided	Accounting Department	Send out (i) invoice and (ii) payment notice for surcharges to users using DAR service in the previous month and the due date would be the 28th day of the following month. Any user who fails to pay the charges by the due date will have to pay a 10% overdue charge. (Postmark date on the envelope will be regarded as date of receipt.)
Before the due date on the 28th day of the second month following the month in which the service is provided	Users [#]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment by cash will be accepted at our office. • Post (i) a cheque together with (ii) the bottom part of the invoice or the payment notice for surcharges to the Accounting Department at Rehabus.
	Accounting Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official receipt will be issued to user immediately after the cash payment is made. • For users who post a cheque for payment, official receipt will be posted to those users after the payment has been processed.
On or before the 10th day of the third month following the month in which the service is provided	Accounting Department	Users who fail to make payment will receive a reminder requesting for payment of fares, 10% overdue charge and surcharges concerned (if applicable) before the 26th day of the month, otherwise all Rehabus services (including DAR, Scheduled Route and Pooled Dial-a-Ride services) to those users will be suspended starting from the 1st day of the following month.
By the end of the third month following the month in which the service is provided	Accounting Department	Users who fail to make payment will receive Service Suspension Notices which notifying them of the suspension of all Rehabus services from the 1st day of the following month. The monthly credit accounts of such organization users will also be cancelled.
	Users	For users who settle the payment after suspension of services, their services as originally booked would be resumed on the 10th working day after the payment is settled.

Important Notes:

a) Payment methods:

- By cash;
- By cheque (payable to “The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation”).

b) Retain payment record: users should retain their own payment records and proofs of payment (e.g. cheque numbers and copies), as well as the receipts issued by us. Users may be required to provide payment record for confirmation of payment.

c) In the event that the invoice or payment notice for surcharges are not received before the 20th day of the month following the month in which the service is provided, or the receipt is not received within 1 month after payment, please contact our Accounting Department staff by calling 2817-8154 or by sending email to rbaccount@rehabociety.org.hk.