

2018 airport pick-up charges – ranked by initial pick-up parking fee

Rank	Airport	Initial pick-up parking fee	Fees thereafter	Change since 2017	Notes
1	London Luton	£8 for 30 mins	£9 for 30-45; £13 for 45m-1hr; £17 for 1-2hrs	Up £1 (14%) for 10 mins less	Pick-up zone (not for parking) close to terminal is £3 for 10 mins. Free options available further from the terminal
2	London Stansted	£5.50 for 30 mins	£10 for 1hr; £16.50 for 2 hrs	Up £0.50 (10%)	Based upon Orange Zone which Stansted describes as 'Ideal for picking up passengers arriving to the UK'. Turn up prices quoted, pre-booking available
3	Birmingham	£5.10 for 1hr	£10.20 for 2 hrs	Up £0.20 (4%)	Car Parks 1,2, 3, 4 - No 30 minutes option. Turn-up prices quoted. Other options available
4	Edinburgh	£4 for 15 mins	£7 for 1hr; £9.90 for 1-2hrs; £14.50 for 2hrs	Up £0.10 (2%)	Long stay option - free for 10 minutes, but you must catch a bus to terminal
5=	London Gatwick	£4 for 30 mins	£8 for 31-60 mins; £13 for 1-2hrs	Up £0.20 (5%)	
5=	London Heathrow	£4 for 30 mins	£7.20 for 30m-1hr; £11.50 for 1-2hrs	Up £0.20 (5%)	Short Stay car park for all terminals. Drive-up prices quoted, pre-booking available. Other parking options available
5=	Manchester	£4 for 30 mins	£6.50 for 1 hr; £9.50 for 2 hrs	No change	Turn up and park prices quoted. Pre-booking available. T1 and T3 arrivals prices quoted. Over 2 hours has differing charges
8	East Midlands	£3.50 for 30 mins	£4.50 for 1hr; £9 for 2 hrs	Up £0.50 (16%)	Short stay parking (turn up prices)
9	London City	£3.20 for 10 mins	£7.50 for 10-30 mins; £27.50 for up to 1hr	Up £0.20 (6%)	Short Stay car park closed - new pick up area with new tariffs
10=	Glasgow	£3 for 20 mins	£6 for 1hr; £12 for 2 hrs	Up £1 (50%) for 10 mins more	Advises the use of 'car park 2' (short stay) for pick up where it is longer than 10 minutes. Long stay option available

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10=	Liverpool John Lennon	£3 for 20 mins	£10 for 1 hr; £20 for 2 hrs; £50 a day	No change	Express drop-off and pick-up area. Another drop off 5 mins walk is free for up to 40 mins
12	Aberdeen	£2.50 for 20 mins	£6 for 1 hr; £10.50 for up to 3hrs	Up £0.50 (25%)	Short stay car park - ideal for picking up. Pre-booking options available
13	Southampton	£2 for 10 mins	£3.50 for 10-30 mins; £5.00 for 30-60mins; £7.50 for 1-2 hrs	Up £1 (100%) but reduced elsewhere	Short stay car park (roll up rates)
14=	Belfast International	£1 for 10 mins	£2.50 for 10-20 mins; £3.50 for 20-30 mins; £3.50 for 30-60 mins; £8.00 up to 2 hrs	No change	Short Stay is what airport recommends for greeting arriving passengers
14=	Cardiff	£1 for 10 mins	£2 for 20 mins; £3 for 1 hr; £6 for 2 hrs	No change	Short Stay Car park for picking up
14=	Newcastle	£1 for 10 mins	£3 for 10-30mins; £4.50 for 30-45 mins; £6 for 45-60 mins; £12 for 2 hrs	No change	Short & mid term car park also available
17	Bristol	£1 for 20 mins	£3.50 for 20-30mins; £6 for 30-60mins; £8 for 1-2 hrs	Yes, but after minimum stay	Short Stay & Pick-up is what airport recommends for greeting arriving passengers
	Belfast City	Free for 10 mins	£3 for 10-30 mins; £6 for 30-60 mins; £9 for 1-2hrs	Yes, but after minimum stay	Designed for both drop offs and pick ups
	Leeds Bradford	Free for 1hr	Not specified	No change	Short term and express parking available. Free parking is 3-4 minute walk from terminal - Airport advertises this as ideal for picking up passengers

2018 airport drop-off charges – ranked by initial drop-off fee

Rank	Airport	Initial drop-off fee	Fees thereafter	Price change since 2017	Notes
1	London Stansted	£3.50 for 10 mins	£1 per minute for 10-15 mins; £25 for over 15 mins	No change	Express Set Down
2	Manchester	£3 for 5 mins	£4 for 10 mins	Charging began 2018	Drop off area
3	London Luton	£3 for 10 mins	£1 a minute	No change	Some free for a period drop off available in mid-term car park
4	Liverpool John Lennon	£3 for 20 mins	£10 for 1 hr; £20 for 2 hrs; £50 a day	No change	Express drop-off area. Another drop off 5 mins walk is free for up to 40 mins
5	Leeds Bradford	£3 for 30 mins	£9 for 30-60 mins; £18 for 1-2 hrs	No change	Terminal Front express (Free parking exists for 3-4 mins from terminal)
6=	Birmingham	£2 for 10 mins	£5 for 15 mins; £10 for 15-20 mins	No change	Prices quoted for 'premium set down' by the terminal entrance. New drop off car park exists which offers 30 mins free, with 10 min walk
6=	East Midlands	£2 for 10 mins	£1 for every minute thereafter	No change	Rapid drop off
6=	Glasgow	£2 for 10 mins	£4 for 11-15 mins; £6 for 16-20 mins, £10 for 21-30mins	No change	New drop-off/pick-up
9=	Aberdeen	£2 for 15 mins	£10 for 30 mins; £30 for 1 hr	No change	Express drop-off
9=	Southampton	£2 for 15 mins	Not specified	Up £1 (100%) for 5 mins extra	Priority pick-up and drop off location. Long stay free option provided for 30 mins (with bus needed)
11	Edinburgh	£1 for 5 mins	£3 for 5-10 mins; £5 for 10-20 mins; £7 for 20 mins-1hr; thereafter £9 per hr	No change	Ground floor of multi-story
12=	Belfast International	£1 for 10 mins	£3 for 10-20 mins; £5 for 20-60 mins	No change	Drop off zone
12=	Bristol	£1 for 10 mins	£3 for 10-20 mins; £5 for 20-40 mins	No change	Express drop-off car park
12=	Newcastle	£1 for 10 mins	£3 for 10-30 mins	No change	Express car parking. Medium term offers 15 mins free

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	Belfast City	Free for 10 mins	£3 for 10-30 mins; £6 for 30-60 mins	No change	Drive up charges
	Cardiff	Free for 10 mins	£5 for every 10 mins thereafter	No change	Drop-off zone. Long Stay 1 offers 20 minutes free
	London City	Free drop-off	No waiting - penalty charges issued (not specified)	No change	Terminal forecourt
	London Gatwick	Free drop-off	No waiting	No change	Outside terminal
	London Heathrow	Free drop-off	Police enforcement applies for those waiting	No change	Outside terminal

Data collected by the RAC in June 2018 through research of official airport websites during June 2018. Pick up charges are based on the scenario where drivers park their vehicles and leave them to meet someone in the arrivals area. These typically are referred to as 'short stay' car parks, though some airports may market them differently. Our data is based on parking tariffs which the airports recommend drivers to use to pick-up via their websites.