

2022 airport drop-off charges – ranked by initial drop-off fee

Analysis by the RAC

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Airport	2022 initial fee	2022 thereafter charge	2019 initial fee	Initial fee change since 2019 (+£)	Notes
London Stansted	£7 for 15 minutes	£25 for more than 15 minutes	£4 for 10 minutes	£3	Express set-down
London Heathrow	£5	Not mentioned, £80 PCN applies for non-payment	Free	£5	Terminal forecourt
London Gatwick	£5 for 10 minutes	£1 per minute thereafter up to 20 mins; £25 for 30 minutes	Free	£5	Terminal forecourt
London Luton	£5 for 10 minutes	£1 per minute thereafter	£4 for 13 minutes	£1	Drop-off zone
Bristol	£5 for 10 minutes	£7 for 10-20 minutes; £10 for 20-40 minutes	£1 for 10 minutes	£4	Drop and Go
Leeds Bradford	£5 for 10 minutes	£7 for 10-20 minutes; £9 for 20-30 minutes	£3 for 30 minutes	£2	Pick Up & Drop Off car park
London Southend	£5 for 10 minutes	£7 for 11-30 minutes	£3 for 10 minutes	£2	Short-stay car park
East Midlands	£5 for 15 minutes	£1 for every minute thereafter	£3 for 10 minutes	£2	Rapid drop-off
Manchester	£5 for 5 minutes	£6 for 10 minutes; £25 for over 10 minutes	£3 for 5 minutes	£2	Terminal forecourt
Liverpool John Lennon	£4 for 10 minutes	£10 for 20 minutes; £25 for 1 hour	£3 for 20 minutes	£1	Express drop-off & pick-up
Edinburgh	£4 for 10 minutes	£8 for 10-15 minutes; £15 for 15-30 minutes	£2 for 5 minutes	£2	Ground floor of the multi-storey car park
Glasgow	£4 for 10 minutes	£6 for 11-15 minutes; £10 for 16-20 minutes; £15 for 20-30 minutes	£2 for 10 minutes	£2	Express drop-off & pick-up
Newcastle	£4 for 10 minutes	£6 for 30 minutes	£2 for 10 minutes	£2	Express car park
Aberdeen	£4 for 10 minutes	£10 for 30 minutes	£2 for 10 minutes	£2	Express drop-off
Doncaster-Sheffield	£4 for 10 minutes	Not specified	£3 for 15 minutes	£1	Express drop-off
Southampton	£4 for 20 minutes	Not listed	£2 for 15 minutes	£2	Express drop-off
Birmingham	£3 for 15 minutes	£8 for 15-20 minutes; £13 for 20-25 minutes; £18 for 25-30 minutes	£3 for 15 minutes	£0	Premium set down
Exeter	£3 for 30 minutes	£5 for 1 hour	New listing for 2022	NEW	Car Park P1
Belfast International	£1 for 10 minutes	£3 for 10-20 minutes; £5 for 20-60 minutes	£1 for 10 minutes	£0	Drop-off zone
London City	Free drop-off	No waiting - penalty charges issued (not specified)	Free	£0	Forecourt
Belfast City	Free for 10 minutes	£3 for 10-30 minutes; £6 for 30-60 minutes	Free	£0	Short Stay Drive-Up
Cardiff	Free for 5 minutes	£3 for every 5 minutes thereafter	Free for 10 minutes	£0	Drop off zone

Notes for those analysing the data

1. Drop-off data based upon nearest drop-off point to terminal building. These areas go under different names but are listed. We know that all airports offer either free or differently priced alternatives in mid or long-stay car parks with connecting bus or shuttle services.
2. Red in 2022 denotes changes in charges. Green represents no change in charges
3. Figures correct as of 16 August 2022; 2019 figures correct in August 2019
4. Airports selected on the total passenger numbers for calendar year 2019 (more recent data is available but impacted by falling travellers during COVID). All listed airports had over 1 million passengers in 2019 as outlined in table 8 in the CAA datasets <https://www.caa.co.uk/data-and-analysis/uk-aviation-market/airports/uk-airport-data/uk-airport-data-2019/annual-2019/>
5. The RAC started recording prices in 2016. For ease of reference, we are only comparing 2022 and 2019 prices.