

Overall Service Arrangements for the Six Major Outlying Island Ferry Routes in the New Five-year Licence Period (2021-2026)

Purpose

This paper reports to the Islands District Council (“IsDC”) the overall service arrangements for the six major outlying island ferry routes (“six major routes”) in the new five-year licence period (i.e. with effect from 1 April 2021).

Background

2. In September 2020, the Transport Department (“TD”) submitted to IsDC an information paper (Paper IDC 114/2020) regarding the tender results of the six major routes (including “Central – Cheung Chau”, “Inter-islands” between Peng Chau, Mui Wo, Chi Ma Wan and Cheung Chau, “Central – Mui Wo”, “Central – Peng Chau”, “Central – Yung Shue Wan” and “Central – Sok Kwu Wan” routes). The paper also provided information on service enhancement and fare arrangements of the six major routes for implementation in the new licence period.

3. Subsequently, TD further reviewed the service levels and new fare concessions with ferry operators and consulted the relevant IsDC Members, rural committee(s) and local representatives again. Having considered the views of various parties and with support, we decided that adjustments should be made to the service levels and fare concession arrangements of the ferry routes for implementation in the new five-year licence period so as to better accommodate the needs of passengers and the operation of ferry services.

Service levels

4. The service level of individual routes will be adjusted under the updated

arrangements as follows starting from the new five-year licence period to cater for passenger and operational needs:

(a) “Central-Cheung Chau” route

Existing sailings	Sailings after adjustment	Reason(s) for adjustment
From Central (on weekdays from Mondays to Saturdays)		
6:20 p.m. (Fast ferries)	Remain unchanged	To cater for needs of passengers leaving from work.
--	An additional fast ferry sailing departing at 6:30 p.m. will be provided. (Only on weekdays from Mondays to Fridays, to be served by 200-seat fast ferries)	To increase the frequency of 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. sailings from every 20-25 minutes to every 10-20 minutes to cater for passenger needs.
From Cheung Chau (on weekdays from Mondays to Saturdays)		
8:10 a.m. (Fast ferries)	8:10 a.m. (To be served by 400-seat fast ferries on weekdays from Mondays to Fridays and 200-seat fast ferries on Saturdays)	To strike a balance between meeting passenger needs and more effective use of resources.
--	An additional fast ferry sailing departing at 4:30 p.m. will be provided. (Only on weekdays from Mondays to Fridays)	To increase the frequency of 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. sailings from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes to cater for passenger needs.

(b) “Inter-islands” route

Existing sailings	Sailings after adjustment	Reason(s) for adjustment
From Chi Ma Wan (daily)		
2:20 p.m. (Cheung Chau-bound) 4:20 p.m. (Cheung Chau-bound) 5:10 p.m. (Mui Wo-bound)	2:15 p.m. (Cheung Chau-bound) 4:15 p.m. (Cheung Chau-bound) 5:05 p.m. (Mui Wo-bound)	Sailings depart 5 minutes earlier to facilitate passenger interchange to Central at Cheung Chau/Mui Wo.
--	An additional sailing departing at 3 p.m. will be provided. (i.e. The sailing departing from Cheung Chau will detour via Chi Ma Wan before arriving Mui Wo and Peng Chau.)	To increase the frequency of sailings to Mui Wo/Peng Chau in the afternoon to cater for passenger needs.
--	An additional sailing departing at 11:05 p.m. will be provided. (i.e. The sailing departing from Cheung Chau will detour via Chi Ma Wan before arriving Mui Wo and Peng Chau, from where it will depart for the last calling point at Mui Wo.)	To increase the frequency of sailings to Mui Wo/Peng Chau at night to cater for passenger needs.

Existing sailings	Sailings after adjustment	Reason(s) for adjustment
From Cheung Chau (daily)		
2:50 p.m. (Mui Wo/Peng Chau-bound)	2:45 p.m. (Mui Wo/Peng Chau-bound via Chi Ma Wan)	To align with the above adjustment.
From Mui Wo (daily)		
--	An additional Cheung Chau-bound direct sailing departing at 5:25 p.m. will be provided. (Only on weekdays from Mondays to Fridays)	To cater for the needs of passengers leaving from work.
11:20 p.m. (To Peng Chau and afterwards returns to the last calling point at Mui Wo)	11:25 p.m. (To Peng Chau and afterwards returns to the last calling point at Mui Wo)	To align with the adjustment of having an additional calling point at Chi Ma Wan at 11:05 p.m.
From Peng Chau (daily)		
11:40 p.m. (To the last calling point at Mui Wo)	11:45 p.m. (To the last calling point at Mui Wo)	To align with the adjustment of having an additional calling point at Chi Ma Wan at 11:05 p.m.

(c) “Central – Mui Wo” route

Existing sailings	Sailings after adjustment	Reason(s) for adjustment
From Central (on weekdays from Mondays to Saturdays)		
9:10 a.m. (Fast ferries)	9 a.m. (Fast ferries)	To align with the adjustment of Central-bound ordinary ferry sailing departing at 9:30 a.m. by fast ferry sailing

Existing sailings	Sailings after adjustment	Reason(s) for adjustment
		departing at 9:40 a.m..
5:10 p.m. (Fast ferries)	5:20 p.m. (Fast ferries)	To align with time of passengers leaving from work.
8:30 p.m. (Ordinary ferries)	8:35 p.m. (Fast ferries charged at the ordinary ferry level)	To provide passengers with a balanced mix of fast ferry and ordinary ferry sailings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m..
From Mui Wo (on weekdays from Mondays to Saturdays)		
--	An additional fast ferry sailing departing at 7:20 a.m. will be provided.	To increase the frequency of 7 a.m. to 8:05 a.m. sailings from every 10-40 minutes to every 10-30 minutes to cater for passenger needs.
8:30 a.m. (Fast ferries)	8:30 a.m. (To be served by 400-seat fast ferries)	To cater for passenger needs.
9:30 a.m. (Ordinary ferries)	9:40 a.m. (Fast ferries charged at the ordinary ferry level)	To provide passengers with a balanced mix of fast ferry and ordinary ferry sailings from 8:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m..
9:30 p.m. (Ordinary ferries)	Remain unchanged	To cater for passenger needs.
10:40 p.m. (Fast ferries)	Remain unchanged	To cater for passenger needs.

(d) “Central-Peng Chau” route

Existing sailings	Sailings after adjustment	Reason(s) for adjustment
From Central (on weekdays from Mondays to Saturdays)		
--	An additional fast ferry sailing departing at 7:30 p.m. will be provided.	To increase the frequency of 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. sailings from every 40 minutes to every 30 minutes to cater for passenger needs.
7:40 p.m. (Fast ferries)	8 p.m. (Fast ferries)	
From Peng Chau (on Sundays and public holidays)		
--	An additional fast ferry sailing departing at 5:30 a.m. will be provided.	To enhance the service in early mornings on Sundays and public holidays.

“Peng Chau – Hei Ling Chau” special departures

Existing sailings	Sailings after adjustment	Reason(s) for adjustment
From Peng Chau (on weekdays from Mondays to Saturdays)		
8:10 p.m.	8 p.m.	To align with the adjustment of sailings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. of “Central-Peng Chau” route.
From Hei Ling Chau (on weekdays from Mondays to Saturdays)		
8:20 p.m.	8:10 p.m.	To align with the above adjustment.

(e) “Central- Yung Shue Wan” route

Existing sailings	Sailings after adjustment	Reason(s) for adjustment
From Central (on weekdays from Mondays to Saturdays)		
--	An additional fast ferry sailing departing at 9 p.m. will be provided.	To increase the frequency of 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. sailings from every 30-60 minutes to

Existing sailings	Sailings after adjustment	Reason(s) for adjustment
		every 30 minutes to cater for passenger needs.
From Yung Shue Wan (on weekdays from Mondays to Saturdays)		
--	An additional fast ferry sailing departing at 6:40 p.m. will be provided.	To increase the frequency of 6:20 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. sailings from every 20-40 minutes to every 20 minutes to cater for passenger needs.

(f) “Central- Sok Kwu Wan” route

On Sundays and public holidays, additional ferry sailings will continue to be provided according to passenger needs.

Fare concessions

5. To alleviate the burden of travelling expenses on daily commuters using the outlying ferry services, apart from continuous provision of the existing fare concessions (including monthly tickets and holiday return tickets), the two operators will provide new fare concessions including student monthly tickets and multi-ride tickets during the new five-year licence period.

Student monthly tickets

6. After listening to the views of local representatives, the two ferry operators have undertaken to expedite arrangements for providing student monthly ticket concessions, with a view to early introduction of concessions before the commencement of the new five-year licence period.

Multi-ride tickets

7. The two ferry operators will introduce concessionary multi-ride tickets for “Central – Cheung Chau”, “Central – Mui Wo”, “Central – Peng Chau”, “Central – Yung Shue Wan” and “Central – Sok Kwu Wan” ferry services starting from the new five-year licence period. Multi-ride tickets valid for 20 or 12 single trips within 30 days will be provided for “Central – Cheung Chau” and “Central – Mui Wo” routes; and multi-ride tickets valid for 20 single trips within 30 days will be provided for “Central – Peng Chau”, “Central – Yung Shue Wan” and “Central – Sok Kwu Wan” routes. Details of the new fares of the above ferry routes after introduction of multi-ride ticket concessions are set out in **Appendix**.

8. Members are invited to note the updated service levels and fare concessions of the six major routes for implementation in the new five-year licence period.

Transport Department

November 2020

New fares of Six Major Outlying Islands Ferry Services
(with effect from 1 April 2021)

“Central – Cheung Chau” route

	Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays			Sundays and public holidays		
	Ordinary Ferry Service		Fast Ferry Service	Ordinary Ferry Service		Fast Ferry Service
	Ordinary Class	Deluxe Class		Ordinary Class	Deluxe Class	
<u>Single Journey</u>						
Adult	\$14.2	\$22.3	\$28.1	\$21.2	\$32.5	\$40.7
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	\$7.1	\$11.2	\$14	\$10.6	\$16.2	\$20.3
Passenger aged 65 or above	\$7.1	\$11.2	\$14	\$10.6	\$16.2	\$20.3
Passenger with disabilities	\$7.1	\$11.2	\$14	\$10.6	\$16.2	\$20.3
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
<u>Holiday Return Ticket</u> (The first trip must start from Cheung Chau)						
Adult	--	--	--	\$28.4	\$44.6	\$56.2
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	--	--	--	\$14.2	\$22.4	\$28
Passenger aged 65 or above	--	--	--	\$14.2	\$22.4	\$28
Passenger with disabilities	--	--	--	\$14.2	\$22.4	\$28
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	--	--	--	Free	Free	Free
<u>Monthly Ticket</u>						
Monthly Ticket	\$558.6	--	--	\$558.6	--	--
Student Monthly Ticket	\$391	--	--	\$391	--	--
Multi-ride Ticket (20 trips)	\$272	--	--	--	--	--
Multi-ride Ticket (12 trips)	\$163.2	--	--	--	--	--
Bicycle (per bicycle)	\$23.6	--	--	\$23.6	--	--
Freight (per cubic metre)	\$215.9	--	--	\$215.9	--	--

“Peng Chau – Mui Wo – Chi Ma Wan – Cheung Chau” route

<u>Passenger</u>	<u>Single Journey</u>
Adult	\$14
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	\$7
Passenger aged 65 or above	\$7
Passenger with disabilities	\$7
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	Free
<u>Bicycle</u>	
Per bicycle	\$15.3

Freight (per cubic metre)

Peng Chau

\$72	Mui Wo		
\$81.1	\$72	Chi Ma Wan	
\$89.9	\$81.1	\$72	Cheung Chau

“Central – Mui Wo” route

	Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays			Sundays and public holidays		
	Ordinary Ferry Service		Fast Ferry Service	Ordinary Ferry Service		Fast Ferry Service
	Ordinary Class	Deluxe Class		Ordinary Class	Deluxe Class	
<u>Single Journey</u>						
Adult	\$16.6	\$27.5	\$32.8	\$24.6	\$40.3	\$47.1
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	\$8.3	\$13.7	\$16.4	\$12.3	\$20.1	\$23.6
Passenger aged 65 or above	\$8.3	\$13.7	\$16.4	\$12.3	\$20.1	\$23.6
Passenger with disabilities	\$8.3	\$13.7	\$16.4	\$12.3	\$20.1	\$23.6
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
<u>Holiday Return Ticket</u> (The first trip must start from Mui Wo)						
Adult	--	--	--	\$33.2	\$55	\$65.6
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	--	--	--	\$16.6	\$27.4	\$32.8
Passenger aged 65 or above	--	--	--	\$16.6	\$27.4	\$32.8
Passenger with disabilities	--	--	--	\$16.6	\$27.4	\$32.8
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	--	--	--	Free	Free	Free
<u>Monthly Ticket</u>						
Monthly Ticket	\$581.7	--	--	\$581.7	--	--
Student Monthly Ticket	\$407.1	--	--	\$407.1	--	--
Multi-ride Ticket (20 trips)	\$318	--	--	--	--	--
Multi-ride Ticket (12 trips)	\$190.8	--	--	--	--	--
Bicycle (per bicycle)	\$22.5	--	--	\$22.5	--	--
Freight (per cubic metre)	\$206.4	--	--	\$206.4	--	--

“Central – Peng Chau” route

	Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays		Sundays and public holidays	
	Ordinary Ferry Service	Fast Ferry Service	Ordinary Ferry Service	Fast Ferry Service
<u>Single Journey</u>				
Adult	\$16.6	\$31.0	\$23.9	\$45.6
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	\$8.3	\$15.5	\$11.9	\$22.8
Passenger aged 65 or above	\$8.3	\$15.5	\$11.9	\$22.8
Passenger with disabilities	\$8.3	\$15.5	\$11.9	\$22.8
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	Free	Free	Free	Free
<u>Holiday Return Ticket (The first trip must start from Peng Chau)</u>				
Adult	--	--	\$33.2	\$62
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	--	--	\$16.6	\$31
Passenger aged 65 or above	--	--	\$16.6	\$31
Passenger with disabilities	--	--	\$16.6	\$31
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	--	--	Free	Free
<u>Monthly Ticket</u>				
Monthly Ticket	\$626	--	\$626	--
Student Monthly Ticket	\$438	--	\$438	--
Multi-ride Ticket (20 trips)	\$322	--	--	--
Bicycle (per bicycle)	\$13	--	\$13	--
Freight (per cubic metre)	\$120.5	--	\$120.5	--

Peng Chau – Hei Ling Chau special departures

Single Journey

Adult	\$15.7
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	\$7.8
Passenger aged 65 or above	\$7.8
Passenger with disabilities	\$7.8
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	Free

“Central – Yung Shue Wan” route

	Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays	Sundays and public holidays
<u>Single Journey</u>		
Adult	\$18.6	\$25.9
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	\$9.3	\$12.9
Passenger aged 65 or above	\$9.3	\$12.9
Passenger with disabilities	\$9.3	\$12.9
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	Free	Free
<u>Holiday Return Ticket (The first trip must start from Yung Shue Wan)</u>		
Adult	--	\$37.2
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	--	\$18.6
Passenger aged 65 or above	--	\$18.6
Passenger with disabilities	--	\$18.6
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	--	Free
Monthly Ticket	\$719	
Student Monthly Ticket	\$503	
Multi-ride Ticket (20 trips)	\$361	
Bicycle (per bicycle)	\$13.0	
Freight (per cubic metre)	\$120.5	

“Central – Sok Kwu Wan” route

	Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays	Sundays and public holidays
<u>Single Journey</u>		
Adult	\$23.1	\$32.5
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	\$11.5	\$16.2
Passenger aged 65 or above	\$11.5	\$16.2
Passenger with disabilities	\$11.5	\$16.2
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	Free	Free
<u>Holiday Return Ticket (The first trip must start from Sok Kwu Wan)</u>		
Adult	--	\$46.2
Child (aged 3 years old or above and under 12 years old)	--	\$23.0
Passenger aged 65 or above	--	\$23.0
Passenger with disabilities	--	\$23.0
Child under 3 years old (accompanied by adult)	--	Free
Monthly Ticket		
Monthly Ticket	\$766	
Student Monthly Ticket	\$536	
Multi-ride Ticket (20 trips)	\$448	
Bicycle (per bicycle)	\$13	
Freight (per cubic metre)	\$120.5	