

April 2017

Minimum rates per musician

## Accompanist Rate

### Rehearsal Pianists

2 hours minimum call      **£78.00**

### Audition Accompanists

3 hours minimum call      **£117.00**

### Dance Class Accompanists and Ballet

School Minimum call 1½ hours      **£58.50**

### Exam Accompanists

Minimum calls

Grade Prep time (mins) Exam Time (mins) Fee

1 – 5	30	30	<b>£39.00</b>
6 – 7	45	45	<b>£58.50</b>
8	60	60	<b>£78.00</b>

**Weekly Rate max 30hrs      £874.50**

### Overtime

Hourly rate of £39.00 payable at time and a half, therefore **£58.50** per hour (or part thereof)

Sundays or Bank Holidays to be paid at double time

# Guidance Notes

The MU's live rates are based on an hourly rate which a self-employed musician needs to charge in order to earn an income, relative to their training, experience and expertise. Individual negotiations can be made based on these minimum rates.

If you are self-employed, you do not have a contract of employment with an employer. You are more likely to be contracted to provide services over a certain period of time for a fee and be in business in your own right. You will also pay your own tax and NI Contributions. You do not have employment rights as such if you are self-employed and can therefore decide how much to charge for your work and how much holiday to give yourself. You do have some legal protection based on the contract of engagement you enter into with the other party. The Equality Act 2010 protects you against discrimination at work and you are entitled to a safe and healthy working environment on your client's premises. Self-employed women who have recently left their jobs may be entitled to Maternity Allowance. ([www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/employment-status](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/employment-status))

## **Distance fees – in respect of time travelled**

£10.00 per hour pro rata. For travel time and mileage - [www.theaa.com](http://www.theaa.com)

## **Fuel fees and travel expenses**

48p per mile

[www.hmrc.gov.uk/rates/travel.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/rates/travel.htm)

## **Standard class rail fare**

[www.thetrainline.co.uk](http://www.thetrainline.co.uk)

## **Congestion/Toll Charges/Parking**

All charges to be paid by the engager

## **Porterage - as per the Non-ABO rate**

Group A £27.10 Electric Guitar; Bass Guitar; Double Bass

Group B £23.40 Bass Sax, Tuba

Group C £18.60 Contra Bassoon; Baritone Sax; French Horn + 1 other brass instrument; Trombone + 1 other brass instrument or bag or mutes; Two Saxes; Cello; Bass Clarinet

Group D - subject to individual negotiation – Kit Drums; Percussion; Harps; Keys

## **Doubling/Trebling/Quadrupling**

15% of fee for each additional instrument

## **Breaks**

Minimum of 15 mins per 2 hours playing

## **Late fees**

Payable when time of return is midnight to 2:00am £24.50

## **Overnight stay**

Payable when return would be after 2:00am £96.50

## **Subsistence**

Payable per day to cover meals and expenses £43.60

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