National Gig Rate

April 2020

MU Standard Contract: L1 and L2

Minimum rates per musician

For casual engagements for groups performing in pubs and clubs of up to 3 hours: £128.00

For casual engagements for groups performing at functions of up to 4 hours: £170.50

Overtime

Hourly rate of £42.50 payable at time and a half, therefore £63.75 per hour (or part thereof)

Setting up time

The engagement is payable at the full hourly rate from whatever time the musician is required to have his/her instruments and equipment set up.
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 National Insurance contributions. You do not have employment rights as such if you are self-employed as you are your own boss and can therefore decide how much to charge for your work and how much holiday to give yourself. You do have some legal protection. You must not be discriminated against 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.

Distance fees – in respect of time travelled
£10.50 per hour pro rata.
For travel time and mileage: www.theaa.com

Fuel fees and travel expenses
51p per mile
http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/rates/travel.htm

Standard class rail fare
www.thetrainline.co.uk

Congestion/Toll Charges/Parking
All charges to be paid by the engager

Porterage
Group A £29.83 Electric guitar (incl amp); Bass guitar (incl amp); Double bass
Group B £25.76 Bass sax, Tuba
Group C £20.53 Contra bassoon; Baritone sax; French horn + 1 other brass instrument; Trombone + 1 other brass instrument or bag of mutes; Two saxes; Cello; Bass clarinet; Pedalboards
Group D (Subject to individual negotiation) Drum kit; Percussion; Harps; Keyboards; P.A.

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: £26.94

Overnight stay
Payable when return would be after 2:00am: £106.27

Subsistence
Payable per day to cover meals and expenses: £48.01