

ISLE OF WIGHT CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL

The IoW Concessionary Travel Policy applies to officers permanently posted by AD2 to the IoW OCU or Specialist Departments based on the IOW. It only applies to officers who both live and work on the Island. Officers in this category are entitled to 3 return trips per family. Family / partners can be taken with or without a vehicle.

Full details can be found on Trove - 24008 Procedure - Isle Of Wight

Ferry Fares - Police Officers.

The concessionary travel agreement was negotiated by the Federation many years ago. It is a local agreement outside normal regulations. We were very fortunate to achieve the arrangement. It is not available to our police staff colleagues.

More recently the policy had to be updated as it was not diversity compliant. The new official policy placed a duty on the Constabulary to disclose this taxable benefit to the Inland Revenue, who were previously not aware of it. PHQ Finance Department will forward details to of your individual benefit to the Inland Revenue on an annual basis and it is likely to affect your tax code.

When making arrangements for this benefit the Constabulary negotiated with the ferry companies to supply tickets at a reduced cost. Initially both companies agreed but unfortunately, Red Funnel has now pulled out. Consequently the only routes available are with Wightlink from Fishbourne to Portsmouth and Yarmouth to Lymington. In a genuine emergency (e.g. Death in Family) a ticket can be purchased and the full cost refunded. In these circumstances Red Funnel can be used.

This is a local agreement not protected by legislation. It could be removed at any time.

Isle of Wight Travel allowance

This allowance has been introduced by the Force to assist those officers who are posted to the Isle Of Wight and live on the mainland and vice versa. The allowance is in lieu of a Regulation 35 paid house move. The allowance will cover Foot passenger travel for the officer and in addition to this either £4 per day towards Ferry terminal car parking or an equivalent amount towards the cost of taking a motorcycle across on the ferry.

For further details of this allowance and the tax implications can be found in the Force policies and procedures number 24011.

NE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

This allowance was created by the Force to support those officers who were working in the old North and East **BCU**. This is now Hart and Rushmoor districts of the North and East OCU.

To receive the allowance you must have been offered a regulation 35 (paid house) move and this allowance is payable in lieu of regulation 35. The allowance lasts for 3 years.

Any mileage incurred in commuting to or from work which exceeds 30 miles per day is claimable at Casual user duty rate.

Should you meet the Forces criteria for the allowance and have any problems over claiming this then please contact your local representative