

Annual revision of motorway tariffs on the APRR and AREA networks

Under the terms of their 2009-2013 plan-related contract with the French State, Autoroutes Paris-Rhin-Rhône (APRR) and Autoroutes Rhône-Alpes (AREA) are to increase their tariffs by 0.5% on average for all vehicle categories. This tariff revision will take effect on 1 February 2010.

Regulatory framework governing tariff revisions

Annual increases in motorway tolls are governed by regulations. The conditions are set in a plan-related contract signed by the concession operators and the State.

This average increase is published in the Official Gazette by way of decree. Subsequently, its application is controlled by the General Directorate for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control (DGCCRF).

Examples of tariffs

Class 1	2009	2010	Change
Bourges – Clermont-Ferrand (A71)	€13.70	€13.70	0.00%
Belfort – Lyon (A36 – A6 = St-Maurice – Villefranche-Limas)	€24.40	€24.50	0.41%
Paris – Lyon (A6)	€30.80	€30.90	0.32%
Lyon – Chambéry (A43)	€10.20	€10.30	0.99%
Grenoble – Valence (A49)	€8.20	€8.20	0.00%

Details of all tariffs are provided on APRR's website at www.aprr.fr

Price rounding at toll stations

Because of the need to provide change to motorway users at the toll stations, tariffs vary by increments of €0.10.

Accordingly, for motorway sections for which tariffs are low, the amount charged may be left unchanged for several years or increased by €0.10.

Europe's fourth-largest motorway company, APRR Group, a subsidiary of Eiffage, operates 2,234 km of the 2,279 km of privately-managed motorway network under concession to it from the French State. The network currently operated includes the Paris-Lyon route (A5, A6 and A39), the Burgundy-Northern Europe route (A31 and A36), several Alpine motorways in the Rhône-Alpes region (A40, A41, A42, A43, A48, A49 and A51 North) and motorways in central France (A77 and A71). The Group's motorway network is a major communications axis in Europe. In 2009, it recorded more than 20 billion kilometres travelled. The Group reported consolidated revenues of €1,860 million for 2009, and has around 4,000 employees.

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