

**Freedom of Information request:** Reference number FOI2026/00627

**Date of request:** 30th May

**Request:**

Can you provide me with the pay scales for Grey Book staff, employed by London Fire Brigade, for 2024 and 2025, please?

I am aware of the national pay scales but I require the pay scales specifically for Grey Book staff employed by LFB. It is my understanding these pay scales include London weighting, CPD and an MTA payment, this list is not necessarily intended to be exhaustive.

**Response:**

I refer to your request for information, received on 30 May 2026, which has been processed as a Freedom of Information request.

You asked for the LFB-specific Grey Book pay scales for 2024 and 2025, including any additional components beyond the national scales, such as London weighting, CPD, and MTA payments.

The London Fire Brigade holds this information. Please see the attached pay scale documents included with this response: PN0558 – *Operational Staff Pay Rates and Sick Pay Rates 2024–2025* and PN0559 – *Control Staff Pay Rates 2024–2025*. These documents set out the LFB-specific Grey Book pay scales for 2024 and 2025, including the additional components you referenced.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process, please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>

# Operational staff pay rates and sick pay policy

New policy number: **558**  
 Old instruction number: **PER:A005:a1**  
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 Owner: **Assistant Director, People Services**  
 Responsible work team: **Policy, Pay and Reward**

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# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy sets out the pay and sick pay details and arrangements applying to operational staff.
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- 2.1 Appendices 1 and 2 detail the revised salaries, overtime rates and flexible duty supplements (FDS) for all operational roles up to group commander effective from 1 July 2024. The hourly rates shown reflect the national formula of dividing the annual rate by 52.143 (rounded to the nearest penny) and then by 42 (rounded to the nearest penny). Overtime rates are calculated similarly.

- 2.2 Appendix 3 details the station commander to group commander additional duties rates, agreed as part of the Middle Managers Agreement within the Joint Committee for Middle Managers, which commenced on 1 July 2015. These rates increase in line with NJC pay settlements.

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## Appendix 1 – Firefighter to station officer

Rank	Basic Salary	Basic hourly	Overtime x 1.5	Overtime PH x 2
	£		£	£
Trainee Firefighter	33,572	15.33	23.00	30.66
Firefighter Development	34,914	15.94	23.91	31.88
Firefighter Competent (from PDR sign off date)	44,800	20.46	30.69	40.92
Firefighter Competent Plus (after 5 years from PDR sign off date)	45,950	20.98	31.47	41.96
Leading Firefighter Development (paid at LFF competent rate)	48,891	22.32	33.48	44.64
Leading Firefighter Competent (from PDR sign off date)	48,891	22.32	33.48	44.64
Leading Firefighter Maximum (after 1 year from PDR sign off date)	50,045	22.85	34.28	45.70
Sub Officer Development (paid at SubO competent rate)	51,138	23.35	35.03	46.70
Sub Officer Competent (from PDR sign off date)	51,138	23.35	35.03	46.70
Sub Officer Maximum (after 1 year from PDR sign off date)	52,136	23.81	35.72	47.62
Station Officer Development (paid at StnO competent rate)	53,831	24.58	36.87	49.16
Station Officer Competent (from PDR sign off date)	53,831	24.58	36.87	49.16
Station Officer 1 year (after 1 year from PDR sign off date)	55,210	25.21	37.82	50.42
Station Officer 2 year (after 2 years from PDR sign off date)	56,592	25.84	38.76	51.68
Station Officer Maximum (after 3 years from PDR sign off date)	58,321	26.63	39.95	53.26

### Legacy Protected Sub Officer rate

This Sub Officer pay scale applies if the Sub Officer/WMA was on this protected rate at the time of role to rank (16/10/2019). Prior to becoming a Watch Manager A, the employee would have been a Crew Manager 'competent plus' on the CM+ Scheme A). No staff are being placed on this rate after 16/10/2019.	Basic salary	Basic hourly	Overtime x 1.5	Overtime PH x 2
Legacy Protected Sub Officer Development/Competent rate	51,302	23.43	35.15	46.86

## Appendix 2 – Station commander to group commander

Role	Basic salary	FDS	Total	Hourly Rate
	£	£	£	£
Station Commander Development (paid at Station Commander B competent rate)	60,294	12,058.80	72,352.80	33.04
Station Commander A Competent	56,750	11,350.00	68,100.00	31.10
*Station Commander A Competent Plus	57,702	11,540.40	69,242.40	31.62
Station Commander B Competent	60,294	12,058.80	72,352.80	33.04
*Station Commander B Competent Plus	61,248	12,249.60	73,497.60	33.56
Group Commander Development (paid at Group Commander B competent rate)	68,735	13,747.00	82,482.00	37.66
Group Commander A Competent	64,340	12,868.00	77,208.00	35.25
*Group Commander A Competent Plus	65,297	13,059.40	78,356.40	35.78
Group Commander B Competent	68,735	13,747.00	82,482.00	37.66
*Group Commander B Competent Plus	69,687	13,937.40	83,624.40	38.18
* Competent plus rate is paid after one year from PDR sign off date				

## Appendix 3 – Station commander to group commander additional duties rates

### Note:

Officers performing additional duties to maintain the operational rota will be paid their flat hourly rate multiplied by the number of extra hours providing operational cover, multiplied by:

- 50% when converting a 9 hr duty to a 24 hr duty; or
- 60% when converting a Rota Leave day to a 24 hr duty;

These rates are rounded to the nearest whole pound. Rates from 1 July 2023 following pay award are as below. The lower rate corresponds to officers on the B rate, competent; the higher rate corresponds to officers on the B rate, competent plus.

SC(D)/SC converting a 9 hr duty to a 24 hr duty, either:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 9 hr duty as compensatory leave; or</li> <li>• £248 to £252</li> </ul>
SC(D)/SC converting a Rota Leave day to a 24 hr duty, either:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 24 hr duty as compensatory leave; or</li> <li>• £476 to £483</li> </ul>
GC(D)/GC converting a 9 hr duty to a 24 hr duty, either:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 9 hr duty as compensatory leave; or</li> <li>• £282 to £286</li> </ul>
GC(D)/GC converting a Rota Leave day to a 24 hr duty, either:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 24 hr duty as compensatory leave; or</li> <li>• £542 to £550</li> </ul>

## Document history

### Assessments

An equality, sustainability or health, safety and welfare impact assessment and/or a risk assessment was last completed on:

EIA	17/04/2024	SDIA	L – 06/05/2025	HSWIA	02/05/2025	RA	N/A
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### Audit trail

Listed below is a brief audit trail, detailing amendments made to this policy/procedure.

Page/para nos.	Brief description of change	Date
Page 2	Application of revised London Weighting allowance.	28/01/2009
Throughout	Document updated in light of 2009 pay award.	02/09/2009
	Watch Manager Dev (Prot), Stn Mgr (Dev) min £311, Stn Mgr (Dev) Prot and Group Mgr (Dev) Prot roles deleted from document. Changes made to Watch Mgr B salary ranges.	07/09/2009
Page 3	£4,959 added to Watch Manager B Salary Range (effective date 18.09.08) row/LW 1.7.08 column.	18/09/2009
Para 8.1, page 2 Pages 3, 4, 5	London Weighting allowance updated. £5,021 added to row/LW 1.7.08 column of Appendices 1, 2 and 3. Amendment to Total Salary column in accordance with new London Weighting allowance.	13/11/2009
Throughout	Amended error in London Weighting effective date to 2009.	12/04/2010
Throughout	This policy has been renamed due to the merging of policy numbers 558a, b and c into policy number 716.	28/05/2010
Throughout	New text added to reflect 2012 agreement.	11/10/2012
Throughout	New text and rates added to reflect 2013 agreements (national and local).	01/07/2013
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2014 national agreement. Reviewed as current.	08/08/2014
Page 5 Page 7	Amendment to wording in Appendix 1. 'Subjects list' table - template updated.	12/12/2014
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2015 national agreement. Reviewed as current.	13/07/2015
Throughout	Changes to implement Middle Managers Agreement 2015.	24/08/2015
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2016 national agreement. Reviewed as current.	01/08/2016
Throughout	New rates added to reflect London Weighting agreement. Reviewed as current.	17/08/2016
Page 1	Policy title changed - from 'uniformed staff (except control) pay rates' to 'uniformed operational staff pay rates'.	19/08/2016
Page 2, Para. 5.1	Change 'Standby Allowance' to 'Return of Kit allowance' to reflect March 2017 standby etc. agreement.	03/05/2017

<b>Page/para nos.</b>	<b>Brief description of change</b>	<b>Date</b>
Page 2, 5.1	Updated link to standby policy.	31/10/2017
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2017 interim national agreement. Reviewed as current.	10/01/2018
Throughout Appendix 1 Appendix 2	Reviewed as current. New rates added to reflect 2018 national agreement. Please re-read to familiarise yourself with the content. Figures change apart from the London Weighting column. Figures change apart from the London Weighting column.	10/10/2018
Throughout	New rates added to reflect (i) 2019 NJC pay rise wef. 01/07/19; (ii) consolidation of London weighting allowance for FF-StnO wef. 01/10/19; and (iii) R2R changes wef. 16/10/19.	3/10/2019
Throughout, including Appendices 1-3	New rates added to reflect 2020 NJC pay rise wef. 01/07/20.	13/10/2020
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2021 NJC pay rise wef. 01/07/21.	13/09/2021
Page 2 Page 7	New paragraph 1.3 detailing the MTA 2% skills based payment allowance wef. 01/04/22. SDIA and HSWIA updated.	18/11/2022
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2022 NJC pay rise wef. 01/07/22.	10/03/2023
Appendix 2	Station Commander and Group Commander development rates updated to reflect paid at competent rate with effect from 01/01/23 as agreed in LFC 0765z report.	02/06/2023
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2023 NJC pay rise with effect from 01/07/23.	03/07/2023
Page 3, para 6 Page 4, para 7 and 8	Sick pay details added. Records and, help and support details added.	06/11/2023
Appendix 2	Minor amendment to wording.	02/02/2024
Page 2, para 1.9	Reference to salary payment arrangements in Policy number 398 - Payment of salary added.	11/03/2024
Page 2, para 1.10	Values included.	02/04/2024
Page 4, para 7.1 Page 4, para 8.2	Data protection details added. Access to alternative policy format details added.	01/05/2024
Page 4, para 7.1 Page 5, para 8.3	Records Services details added. Staff suggestion scheme details added.	30/05/2024
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2024 NJC pay rise with effect from 01/07/24.	01/07/2024
Throughout	Reviewed and updated against 2025 Grey Book 7 <sup>th</sup> edition.	15/05/2025

## Subject list

You can find this policy under the following subjects.

Pay	Salaries
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# Freedom of Information Act exemptions

This policy/procedure has been securely marked due to:

<b>Considered by:</b> (responsible work team)	<b>FOIA exemption</b>	<b>Security marking classification</b>

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Firefighter Competent Plus (after 5 years from PDR sign off date)	47,421	21.65	32.48	43.30
Leading Firefighter Development (paid at LFF competent rate)	50,456	23.04	34.56	46.08
Leading Firefighter Competent (from PDR sign off date)	50,456	23.04	34.56	46.08
Leading Firefighter Maximum (after 1 year from PDR sign off date)	51,647	23.58	35.37	47.16
Sub Officer Development (paid at SubO competent rate)	52,775	24.10	36.15	48.20
Sub Officer Competent (from PDR sign off date)	52,775	24.10	36.15	48.20
Sub Officer Maximum (after 1 year from PDR sign off date)	53,805	24.57	36.86	49.14
Station Officer Development (paid at StnO competent rate)	55,554	25.37	38.06	50.74
Station Officer Competent (from PDR sign off date)	55,554	25.37	38.06	50.74
Station Officer 1 year (after 1 year from PDR sign off date)	56,977	26.02	39.03	52.04
Station Officer 2 year (after 2 years from PDR sign off date)	58,403	26.67	40.01	53.34
Station Officer Maximum (after 3 years from PDR sign off date)	60,188	27.48	41.22	54.96

### Legacy Protected Sub Officer rate

This Sub Officer pay scale applies if the Sub Officer/WMA was on this protected rate at the time of role to rank (16/10/2019). Prior to becoming a Watch Manager A, the employee would have been a Crew Manager 'competent plus' on the CM+ Scheme A). No staff are being placed on this rate after 16/10/2019.	Basic salary	Basic hourly	Overtime x 1.5	Overtime PH x 2
Legacy Protected Sub Officer Development/Competent rate	52,944	24.18	36.27	48.36

## Appendix 2 – Station commander to group commander

Role	Basic salary	FDS	Total	Hourly Rate
	£	£	£	£
Station Commander Development (paid at Station Commander B competent rate)	62,224	12,444.80	74,668.80	34.10
Station Commander A Competent	58,566	11,713.20	70,279.20	32.09
*Station Commander A Competent Plus	59,549	11,909.80	71,458.80	32.63
Station Commander B Competent	62,224	12,444.80	74,668.80	34.10
*Station Commander B Competent Plus	63,208	12,641.60	75,849.60	34.63
Group Commander Development (paid at Group Commander B competent rate)	70,935	14,187.00	85,122.00	38.87
Group Commander A Competent	66,399	13,279.80	79,678.80	36.38
*Group Commander A Competent Plus	67,387	13,477.40	80,864.40	36.92
Group Commander B Competent	70,935	14,187.00	85,122.00	38.87
*Group Commander B Competent Plus	71,917	14,383.40	86,300.40	39.41
* Competent plus rate is paid after one year from PDR sign off date				

## Appendix 3 – Station commander to group commander additional duties rates

### Note:

Officers performing additional duties to maintain the operational rota will be paid their flat hourly rate multiplied by the number of extra hours providing operational cover, multiplied by:

- 50% when converting a 9 hr duty to a 24 hr duty; or
- 60% when converting a Rota Leave day to a 24 hr duty;

These rates are rounded to the nearest whole pound. Rates from 1 July 2025 following pay award are as below. The lower rate corresponds to officers on the B rate, competent; the higher rate corresponds to officers on the B rate, competent plus.

SC(D)/SC converting a 9 hr duty to a 24 hr duty, either:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 9 hr duty as compensatory leave; or</li> <li>• £256 to £260</li> </ul>
SC(D)/SC converting a Rota Leave day to a 24 hr duty, either:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 24 hr duty as compensatory leave; or</li> <li>• £491 to £499</li> </ul>
GC(D)/GC converting a 9 hr duty to a 24 hr duty, either:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 9 hr duty as compensatory leave; or</li> <li>• £292 to £296</li> </ul>
GC(D)/GC converting a Rota Leave day to a 24 hr duty, either:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 24 hr duty as compensatory leave; or</li> <li>• £560 to £568</li> </ul>

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### Assessments

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### Audit trail

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Page/para nos.	Brief description of change	Date
Page 2	Application of revised London Weighting allowance.	28/01/2009
Throughout	Document updated in light of 2009 pay award.	02/09/2009
	Watch Manager Dev (Prot), Stn Mgr (Dev) min £311, Stn Mgr (Dev) Prot and Group Mgr (Dev) Prot roles deleted from document. Changes made to Watch Mgr B salary ranges.	07/09/2009
Page 3	£4,959 added to Watch Manager B Salary Range (effective date 18.09.08) row/LW 1.7.08 column.	18/09/2009
Para 8.1, page 2 Pages 3, 4, 5	London Weighting allowance updated. £5,021 added to row/LW 1.7.08 column of Appendices 1, 2 and 3. Amendment to Total Salary column in accordance with new London Weighting allowance.	13/11/2009
Throughout	Amended error in London Weighting effective date to 2009.	12/04/2010
Throughout	This policy has been renamed due to the merging of policy numbers 558a, b and c into policy number 716.	28/05/2010
Throughout	New text added to reflect 2012 agreement.	11/10/2012
Throughout	New text and rates added to reflect 2013 agreements (national and local).	01/07/2013
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2014 national agreement. Reviewed as current.	08/08/2014
Page 5 Page 7	Amendment to wording in Appendix 1. 'Subjects list' table - template updated.	12/12/2014
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2015 national agreement. Reviewed as current.	13/07/2015
Throughout	Changes to implement Middle Managers Agreement 2015.	24/08/2015
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2016 national agreement. Reviewed as current.	01/08/2016
Throughout	New rates added to reflect London Weighting agreement. Reviewed as current.	17/08/2016
Page 1	Policy title changed - from 'uniformed staff (except control) pay rates' to 'uniformed operational staff pay rates'.	19/08/2016
Page 2, Para. 5.1	Change 'Standby Allowance' to 'Return of Kit allowance' to reflect March 2017 standby etc. agreement.	03/05/2017

<b>Page/para nos.</b>	<b>Brief description of change</b>	<b>Date</b>
Page 2, 5.1	Updated link to standby policy.	31/10/2017
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2017 interim national agreement. Reviewed as current.	10/01/2018
Throughout Appendix 1 Appendix 2	Reviewed as current. New rates added to reflect 2018 national agreement. Please re-read to familiarise yourself with the content. Figures change apart from the London Weighting column. Figures change apart from the London Weighting column.	10/10/2018
Throughout	New rates added to reflect (i) 2019 NJC pay rise wef. 01/07/19; (ii) consolidation of London weighting allowance for FF-StnO wef. 01/10/19; and (iii) R2R changes wef. 16/10/19.	3/10/2019
Throughout, including Appendices 1-3	New rates added to reflect 2020 NJC pay rise wef. 01/07/20.	13/10/2020
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2021 NJC pay rise wef. 01/07/21.	13/09/2021
Page 2 Page 7	New paragraph 1.3 detailing the MTA 2% skills based payment allowance wef. 01/04/22. SDIA and HSWIA updated.	18/11/2022
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2022 NJC pay rise wef. 01/07/22.	10/03/2023
Appendix 2	Station Commander and Group Commander development rates updated to reflect paid at competent rate with effect from 01/01/23 as agreed in LFC 0765z report.	02/06/2023
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2023 NJC pay rise with effect from 01/07/23.	03/07/2023
Page 3, para 6 Page 4, para 7 and 8	Sick pay details added. Records and, help and support details added.	06/11/2023
Appendix 2	Minor amendment to wording.	02/02/2024
Page 2, para 1.9	Reference to salary payment arrangements in Policy number 398 - Payment of salary added.	11/03/2024
Page 2, para 1.10	Values included.	02/04/2024
Page 4, para 7.1 Page 4, para 8.2	Data protection details added. Access to alternative policy format details added.	01/05/2024
Page 4, para 7.1 Page 5, para 8.3	Records Services details added. Staff suggestion scheme details added.	30/05/2024
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2024 NJC pay rise with effect from 01/07/24.	01/07/2024
Throughout	Reviewed and updated against 2025 Grey Book 7 <sup>th</sup> edition.	15/05/2025
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2025 NJC pay rise with effect from 01/07/25.	21/07/2025

## Subject list

You can find this policy under the following subjects.

Pay	Salaries
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## Freedom of Information Act exemptions

This policy/procedure has been securely marked due to:

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# Control staff pay rates

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New policy number: **559**  
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Owner: **Head of HR Operations and Systems, People Services**  
Responsible work team: **Policy, Pay and Reward**

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy sets out the pay rates and arrangements applying to control staff.
  - The agreed increase of 3.2% for all grades up to control commander with effect from 1 July 2025.
- 1.2 The arrangements for payment of your salary are set out in [Policy number 398](#) - Payment of salary.

## 2 Implementation

- 2.1 Implementation and payment of the revised rates of pay up to control commander is in July 2025 salaries. The salary structure for these grades is detailed at Appendix 1 of this policy, which covers the posts within the scope of the Joint committee for control staff.
- 2.2 The rates of pay for senior control commander are detailed at Appendix 2 of this policy and determined under separate arrangements.

## 3 Salary progression increase (SPI)

- 3.1 This applies to those staff detailed in Appendix 1 only. With effect from 1 April 2010, progression through the salary scale (other than the control officer probationer rate), is via a salary progression increase implemented on 1 July each year.
- 3.2 You will not receive a SPI or the full SPI, if you are at the maximum of your scale or if the full SPI would take you above your salary maximum. No employee will receive payment above the relevant salary maximum.
- 3.3 Eligibility for a SPI for employees taking up positions (including temporary positions) within the preceding 12 months are as follows:
  - (a) 100% for an eligible employee taking up post on or before 31 December.
  - (b) 50% for an eligible employee taking up post between 1 January and 31 March.
  - (c) Eligible employees taking up post between 1 April and 30 June are not eligible for a payment until the following year.

## 4 Allowances

- 4.1 Control staff allowances are detailed in Appendix 3.

## 5 Records

- 5.1 Please send records by email to [RecordsServices@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:RecordsServices@london-fire.gov.uk). Records will be kept on your electronic personal record file (e-PRF) and retained in accordance with [Policy number 788](#) - Electronic personal record files (e-PRF). Personal data shall be managed in accordance with [Policy number 351](#) – Data protection and privacy policy.

## 6 Help and support

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## Appendix 1 - Control salary bands

Grade	Basic	Shift Allow 20%	Hourly rate (Basic plus shift divide by 1945)	Total Pay
<b>Control Officer (CO)</b>				
Probationer	32,017.22	6,403.44	19.75	38,420.66
Qual min	32,782.43	6,556.49	20.23	39,338.92
Qual max	40,728.25	8,145.65	25.13	48,873.90
<b>Assistant Control Commander (ACC)</b>				
Min	37,453.57	7,490.71	23.11	44,944.28
Max	47,195.89	9,439.18	29.12	56,635.07
<b>Control Commander (CC)</b>				
Min	45,753.57	9,150.71	28.23	54,904.28
Max	52,695.66	10,539.13	32.51	63,234.79

## Appendix 2 - Control staff pay (Senior Control Commander)

Control Grade	Basic	Callout allowance 10%	Hourly rate	Total pay
<b>Senior control commander</b>				
Minimum	74,491	7449.10	44.92	81,940.10
Maximum	92,525	9252.50	55.80	101,777.50

**Notes:** (1) The senior control commander salary range is aligned to the FRS G salary range. The above rate is effective from 01 April 2025.

## Appendix 3 – Control staff allowances

Role	Reason	Allowance
All staff	Fallback initiated to Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Control (per occasion)	46.70 Planned 37.70 Unplanned <sup>(2)</sup>
	(£46.70 - travel element £21.65, non-travel element £25.05) (£37.70 - travel element £12.65, non-travel element £25.05)	
All staff	Temporary Acting Permit (CO to ACC) Temporary Acting Permit (ACC to CC) Temporary Acting Permit (CC/TSM to SCC)	CO £33.87 ACC £40.70 <sup>(5)</sup> CC/TSM £33.40
All staff	Joint role First-Aider and Fire Warden as Designated by DAC Control	377.08 PA <sup>(3)</sup>
All staff	Mess off the run (planned or unplanned)	4.14 <sup>(4)</sup>
Mess Manager	Performs the duty of mess manager (only one person per watch/department may claim for each week)	1 hour LILO
All Staff	Spoiled meals. Can be claimed by any staff member that during their meal break is recalled to duty for more than 10 minutes, or are recalled more than two times within their meal break period for any length of time.	use form FN/PC7

### Notes:

(2) - Fall back allowances have two revised rate of pay triggers. The travel element is increased by the published average TFL fare increase for that year for March. The non-travel element is increased in line with the NJC pay settlement from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

(3) - The revised rates of pay will be in line with FRS pay increases from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April each year

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Page/para nos.	Brief description of change	Date
Throughout Page 2, para 5.1 Page 3, para 6.2 and 6.3 Throughout	Trainee rate removed wef 01/06/24. Records Services and data protection details added. Access to alternative policy format and Staff Suggestion Scheme access details added. Job titles updated.	31/05/2024
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2024 NJC pay rise with effect from 01/07/24	01/07/2024
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2025 NJC pay rise with effect from 01/07/25.	21/07/2025
Page 7	SDIA and HSWIA updated.	06/03/2026
Page 5 Throughout	New rates updated to reflect 2025 SCC pay rise with effect from 01/04/25. Policy reviewed against out-dated Staff Code Section A provisions with Staff Code Section A provisions removed.	08/04/2026

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Control room	Pay
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Qual max	39,465.36	7,893.07	24.35	47,358.43
<b>Assistant Control Commander (ACC)</b>				
Min	36,292.22	7,258.44	22.39	43,550.66
Max	45,732.45	9,146.49	28.22	54,878.941
<b>Control Commander (CC)</b>				
Min	44,334.85	8,866.97	27.35	53,201.82
Max	51,061.69	10,212.34	31.50	61,274.03

## Appendix 2 - Control staff pay (Senior Control Commander)

Control Grade	Basic	Callout allowance	Hourly rate	Total pay
<b>Senior control commander</b>				
Minimum	69,405	6,940.50	41.86	76,345.50
Maximum	86,208	8,620.80	51.99	94,828.80

**Notes:** (1) The senior control commander salary range is aligned to the FRS G salary range. The above rate is effective from 01 April 2023.

## Appendix 3 – Control staff allowances

Role	Reason	Allowance
All staff	Fallback initiated to Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Control (per occasion)	44.96 Planned 36.36 Unplanned <sup>(2)</sup>
	(£44.96 - travel element £20.69, non-travel element £24.27) (£36.36 - travel element £12.09, non-travel element £24.47)	
All staff	Temporary Acting Permit (CO to ACC) Temporary Acting Permit (ACC to CC) Temporary Acting Permit (CC/TSM to SCC)	CO £32.82 ACC £39.44 <sup>(5)</sup> CC/TSM £32.36
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Page/para nos.	Brief description of change	Date
Pages 2- 5 (includes Appendices 1-2)	Rewritten to reflect Pay & Conditions Agreement reached between Brigade and Control Trade Unions, 01/03/10, and SOM/POM pay rates agreed in 2009.	20/05/2010
Page 2 Para 4.1	Control officer replaced by control room officer and team leader replaced by assistant operations manager in line with current job titles.	03/11/2010
Appendix 1	Revised pay scales to show effect of consolidation of London Weighting Allowance into Basic Pay with effect from 1 July 2011.	09/07/2012
Appendix 1 & 2	Updated pay scales to reflect 1% pay increase for all control staff with effect from 1 July 2012.	30/11/2012
Page 2 Para 2.1	A minor amendment has been made to the wording of this paragraph.	09/05/2013
Throughout	Updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/13 pay settlement.	11/09/2013
Throughout	Updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/14 pay settlement. Reviewed as current.	08/08/2014
Page 5	Subjects list and Freedom of Information Act exemptions tables updated.	03/02/2015
Throughout	Updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/15 pay settlement up to operations manager. Reviewed as current.	13/07/2015
Throughout	Updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/15 pay settlement for senior operations manager and principal operations manager. Reviewed as current.	28/08/2015
Throughout	Updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/16 pay settlement up to operations manager. Reviewed as current.	01/08/2016
Throughout	Updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/16 pay settlement for senior operations manager and principal operations manager. Reviewed as current.	04/11/2016
Page 1 para 1.1. & 1.2; Page 4, Appendix 2	Amended figures to reflect re-grading of POM position and deletion of references to role in light of this.	14/11/2017
Page 2 para 1.1, 2.1 & 2.2. Appendix 1 & 2	Minor changes made to paragraphs. Appendix 1 and 2 tables updated.	11/01/2018

<b>Page/para nos.</b>	<b>Brief description of change</b>	<b>Date</b>
Throughout	Updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/17 pay settlement for senior operations manager and principal operations manager. Reviewed as current.	19/03/2018
Throughout	Updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/18 pay settlement up to operations manager, and revised pay scale for senior operations manager. Reviewed as current.	10/10/2018
Paras. 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.3 (deleted), and appendices 1&2	Changes to reflect the 01/07/19 pay settlement up to operations manager; the removal of the link between PRDS and SPI in section 3; and the disestablishment of the principal operations manager post.	29/10/2019
Para. 1.1 and Appendix 2	Updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/19 pay settlement for senior operations manager. Reviewed as current.	21/01/2020
Paras. 1.1, 2.2 and Appendix 2	This policy has been reviewed as current with changes made to reflect change in rank title of senior operations manager to senior control commander, and pay upgrade effective from 01/04/2020. Please re-read to familiarise yourself with the content.	15/07/2020
Paras. 1.1, 2.1 and Appendix 1	Reviewed as current with updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/20 pay settlement up to and including operations manager.	13/10/2020
Page 5	SDIA and HSWIA updated.	14/10/2020
Page 5	EIA updated.	15/10/2020
Paras. 1.1, 2.1 and Appendix 1	Reviewed as current with updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/21 pay settlement up to and including operations manager.	13/09/2021
Introduction Appendix 2 Para 4 and Appendix 3	Reference to name change SOM to SCC deleted. Reviewed as current with updated pay scales to reflect the 01/07/21 pay settlement for senior control commanders. Claimable control allowances added, following introduction of new fallback allowance.	03/01/2023
Throughout	Reviewed as current with updated pay scales and allowances to reflect the 01/07/22 NJC pay settlement and 01/04/22 FRS pay settlement up to and including senior control commander.	13/03/2023
Appendix 3 Page 6	Change made to fallback allowance following increase in travel element as at 01/03/23 (average 5.9% TfL fares increase). HSWIA updated.	14/03/2023
Page 6	SDIA updated.	20/03/2023
Page 5	Allowances for Temporary Acting up Permit added.	11/04/2023
Throughout	Reviewed as current with updated pay scales and allowances to reflect the 01/07/23 NJC pay settlement and 01/04/23 FRS pay settlement up to and including senior control commander.	04/07/2023
Page 5	Allowances updated.	21/08/2023
Page 5	Temporary acting permit allowances for OM/TSM to SCC added.	30/10/2023
Page 2, para 1.2	Reference to salary payment arrangements in Policy number 398 - Payment of salary added.	11/03/2024

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Page 6	Equality impact assessment date updated.	24/04/2024
Throughout Page 2, para 5.1 Page 3, para 6.2 and 6.3 Throughout	Trainee rate removed wef 01/06/24. Records Services and data protection details added. Access to alternative policy format and Staff Suggestion Scheme access details added. Job titles updated.	31/05/2024
Throughout	New rates added to reflect 2024 NJC pay rise with effect from 01/07/24	01/07/2024

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## Freedom of Information Act exemptions

This policy/procedure has been securely marked due to:

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