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Opera and Dance Touring Allowance Caps

Opera and Dance touring allowances are now capped at the following figures. These are applicable from 31 October 2026 until 2 May 2027. The caps currently increase 6 monthly every April and October, in line with the corresponding six-monthly increases in the RPI index. If the RPI increase should be equal to or greater than 4.5% at the time of renewal, this will trigger a discussion around the increase that will be implemented.

These increases are to be referred to in conjunction with the Opera and Ballet Touring Allowance Strategy Note that was published in April 2016 and updated in January 2025.

Weekly Rate	£533.51
Single Performance Rate	£88.92

Please note that the Touring Allowances should be uplifted to the following amounts (25% enhancement) for the following towns:

Aberdeen Birmingham Manchester Glasgow Inverness Bath Milton Keynes Oxford	
Weekly Rate	£666.89
Single Performance Rate	£111.15

and for London (by 33.3% and inclusive of London Boroughs) to:

London	
Weekly Rate	£711.17
Single Performance Rate	£118.53