

Employee cue card

Why are you charging 10p for a plastic bag?

The Government has made changes to the single-use plastic carrier bag charge requiring all businesses to charge 10p for all single-use plastic bags from 21st May 2021.

The aim is to reduce the use of plastic bags and the litter associated with them and to encourage people to reuse bags.

What happens to the money?

This is not a tax and the money does not go to the Government.

Retailers can choose what to do with the proceeds from the charge, but there is an expectation that we will donate the money to good causes. [Name of shop] are giving the proceeds to [name of charity].

How can I avoid being charged?

You can bring your own bags from home OR you can purchase reusable bags for life which you pay for once and return for a free replacement when they wear out.

Why are some bags not charged for?

There are exemptions for:

- sealed transit bags when you buy alcohol and tobacco in places like airports
- bags containing certain items to avoid contamination and retain food safety.