FARE BASIS CODES INTERCONTINENTAL

Factsheet

General Information

- The Fare Basis Codes (FBC) of the Lufthansa Group airlines intercontinental published fares contain information about selected fare conditions including penalties, geographical application, the distribution channel and brand.
- It consists of 8 characters divided into 7 positions.
- The logic applies to fares available via Global Distribution System (GDS) and New Distribution Capability (NDC).

This FBC logic does not apply to

- Fares from North America to Europe, Middle East and Africa (Atlantic Joint Venture - Eastbound)
- Fares between Europe and China (Europe China Joint Venture)
- Fares between Europe and Japan (Europe Japan Joint Venture)
- Fares within Europe
- Private fares
- Round-the-World fares

Important

- Further codes may be used in the future and changes to geographical application may occur.
- Please always consult the fare rule categories for full conditions.

Decoding a Fare Basis Code

Example PG2EICNC or **YXOXIXLQ**

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+8
	P	G	2	E	I	C	NC
	Y	X	O	X	I	X	LQ

PG2EICNC reads as follows:
P – Business Class
G – Shoulder season, midweek, no promotional and no companion fare
2 – Minimum stay 2 days
E - Reservations required at least 10 days before departure
I – Fare available in GDS, all Points of Commencement worldwide West-/Northbound, excluding joint ventures
C – Business Saver or Business Base or Business Flex fare
NC – non-refundable, changes permitted – fee applies

YXOXIXLQ reads as follows:
Y – Economy Class
X – No seasonality, no day/time restrictions, no promotional and no companion fare
O – One-way fare, no minimum stay
X – No advance purchase
I – Fare available in GDS, all Points of Commencement worldwide West-/Northbound, excluding joint ventures
X – Economy Light fare
LQ – non-refundable, changes permitted – fee applies

Position 1 - Reservations Booking Designator (RBD)

Code	Cabin
A, F	First Class
C, D, J, P, Z	Business Class
E, G, N	Premium Economy Class
B, H, K, L, M, Q, S, T, U, V, W, Y	Economy Class

Position 2 - Seasonality / Day/Time – / Promotion / Companion fare

Code	Seasonality	Day / Time restrictions	Promotional or Companion fare
D	Low Season	-	Promotion
G	Shoulder Season	Midweek	-
H	High Season	-	-
I	Low Season	-	Special use
J	Low Season	Midweek	-
K	Shoulder Season	-	-
L	Low Season	-	-
M	-	-	Companion
O	High Season	Midweek	-
P	-	-	Promotion
S	High Season	-	Special use
U	Shoulder Season	-	Promotion
V	-	-	Special use
W	High Season	-	Promotion
X	-	-	-
Y	-	-	Special use

For full details see fare rule category 3/SE.SEASONS and 2/DA.DAY/TIME

Position 3 - Minimum Stay

Code	Travel from turnaround must commence no earlier than ... after arrival at turnaround
0	no minimum stay
1	10 days
2	2 days
3	3 days
4	4 days
5	5 days
6	6 days
7	7 days
8	8 days
9	12 days
D	2 days or the first Saturday
E	2 days or the first Sunday
G	3 days or the first Saturday
H	3 days or the first Sunday
I	4 days or the first Saturday
J	4 days or the first Sunday
K	14 days
O	One way fare – no minimum stay
S	5 days or the first Saturday
U	5 days or the first Sunday
V	6 days or the first Saturday
W	6 days or the first Sunday

For full details see fare rule category 6/MN.MIN STAY

Position 4 - Advanced Reservations/Ticketing

Code	Reservations required at least ... before departure
C	4 days
D	8 days
E	10 days
G	21 days
H	28 days
I	40 days
J	60 days
K	80 days
M	120 days
O	6 days
P	14 days
Q	7 days
S	100 days
U	2 days
V	90 days
W	180 days
X	No advance purchase

For full details see fare rule category 5/AP.ADVANCE RES/TKT

Position - 5 Distribution channel and geographical application

Code	Channel	Geographical application	Definition
A	NDC	From North/Central America to Europe, Middle East, Africa and India	PoC Atlantic Joint Venture Westbound
D	NDC	Worldwide excluding Joint Ventures	PoC worldwide West-/Northbound, excluding JV
E	GDS	From Europe to China (Mainland)	PoC Europe China Joint Venture Eastbound
G	GDS	From Austria, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland to Singapore, Australia and Malaysia	PoC Europe Singapore Pacific Joint Venture Eastbound
H	GDS	From China (Mainland) to Europe	PoC Europe China Joint Venture Westbound
I	GDS	Worldwide excluding Joint Ventures	PoC worldwide West-/Northbound, excluding JV
J	GDS	Worldwide excluding Joint Ventures	PoC worldwide East-/Southbound, excluding JV
K	GDS	From North/Central America to Europe, Middle East, Africa and India	PoC Atlantic Joint Venture Westbound
M	GDS	From Singapore, Australia, Malaysia to Austria, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland	PoC Europe Singapore Pacific Joint Venture Westbound
O	GDS	From Japan to Europe	PoC Europe Japan Joint Venture Westbound

P	NDC	From Singapore, Australia, Malaysia to Austria, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland	PoC Europe Singapore Pacific Joint Venture Westbound
S	NDC	Worldwide excluding Joint Ventures	PoC worldwide East-/Southbound, excluding JV
U	NDC	From Europe to China (Mainland)	PoC Europe China Joint Venture Eastbound
V	NDC	From China (Mainland) to Europe	PoC Europe China Joint Venture Westbound
W	NDC	From Austria, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland to Singapore, Australia, Malaysia	PoC Europe Singapore Pacific Joint Venture Eastbound
X	NDC	From Japan to Europe	PoC Europe Japan Joint Venture Westbound
Y	NDC	From Europe to Japan	PoC Europe Japan Joint Venture Eastbound
Z	GDS	From Europe to Japan	PoC Europe Japan Joint Venture Eastbound

- GDS Global Distribution System
- NDC New Distribution Capability
- Atlantic Joint Venture
  Between Europe, Middle East, Africa, India and North-, Central America
- Europe China Joint Venture
  Between Europe and China (Mainland)
- Europe Japan Joint Venture
  Between Europe and Japan
- Europe Singapore Pacific Joint Venture
  Between Austria, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Singapore, Australia, Malaysia
- JV Joint Ventures
- PoC Point of Commencement

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Position 6 – Fare Family

Code	Class	Worldwide, except Africa	Africa
C	Business	BUS**SAVER,** BUS**BASE,** BUS**FLEX**	BUS**SAVERA,** BUS**BASEA,** BUS**FLEXA**
E	Economy	-	ECO**BASE**A
E	Premium Economy	PRE**SAVER**, PRE**BASE**	PRE**SAVER**A, PRE**BASE**A
F	First	FIRST**SAVER**, FIRST**BASE**, FIRST**FLEX**	FIRST**SAVER**, FIRST**BASE**, FIRST**FLEX**
G	Economy	ECOGREIC (**Green**)	-
H	Economy	-	ECOGREIA (**Green**)
H	Premium Economy	PREGREIC (**Green**)	PREGREIA (**Green**)
I	Business	BUSGREIC (**Green**)	BUSGREIA (**Green**)
J	First	FIRSTGREIC (**Green**)	FIRSTGREIA (**Green**)

M	Economy	ECO**FLEX**	-
W	Economy	-	ECO**FLEX**A
W	Premium Economy	PRE**FLEX**	PRE**FLEX**A
X	Economy	ECO**LIGHT**	**-**
Y	Economy	ECO**SAVER**, ECO**BASE**	ECO**SAVER**A

Position 7-8 – Penalties

Code	Refund	Changes
BQ - to North America (Atlantic Joint Venture)	**Non-refundable**	Changes permitted – fee applies
BV – to Central America (Atlantic Joint Venture)	**Non-refundable**	Changes permitted – fee applies
FF	Refundable	Changes permitted
LQ – worldwide except to North/Central America (Atlantic Joint Venture)	**Non-refundable**	Changes permitted – fee applies
NC	**Non-refundable**	Changes permitted – fee applies
NF	**Non-refundable**	Changes permitted
NN	**Non-refundable**	**Changes not permitted**
RC	Refundable – fee applies	Changes permitted – fee applies
RF	Refundable – fee applies	Changes permitted

For full details see fare rule category 16/PE.

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