

# Linkline

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## 1. Summer Timetables - Summary of Changes

Summer timetables run from 20th May - 29 September 2019.

To help you get to grips with the new information we have included a helpful summary of changes below. Services that are not mentioned will remain unchanged.

### Service 900/ N900 Edinburgh - Glasgow

Minor timetable revisions at all times. Main services now leave both ends at 00, 15,30 and 45 for most of the day. General frequencies retained to all points. Extended running times towards Edinburgh in the morning peak Mondays to Fridays to improve reliability (but shorter running times retained during school holiday period, as last year). Night services are broadly unchanged but with minor timing changes at intermediate points. Most night services continue to serve Edinburgh Airport and Livingston (Deer Park). Improved service levels at the shoulder peaks on Sundays; the Saturday and Sunday timetables are the same.

### Service 904 East Kilbride - Edinburgh

This service will operate unchanged until Friday 12th July only; thereafter will cease operation owing to removal of subsidy from SPT.

### Service 909 Edinburgh - Stirling - Dunblane

Peak hour journeys between Dunblane and Edinburgh are retained but will revert to the main route via Grangemouth. Peak hour journeys between Edinburgh and Stirling University are retained broadly as at present.

The main service remains at 2-hourly with most buses running right through to and from Glasgow; and improved connections for those journeys that do not, with service M8 between Stirling and Glasgow. This opens up improved journey opportunities from Glasgow and Cumbernauld to Grangemouth, Bo'ness and Edinburgh Airport

A new journey (Monday – Saturday) provides a convenient arrival in Edinburgh shortly before 0800 (at 0744).

The times of evening journeys out of Edinburgh are revised, please check timetables.

An additional journey will operate out of Edinburgh at 2255 during

the Edinburgh Festival only.

An improved Sunday timetable is provided on the entire route, very similar to the Saturday service, i.e. 2 hourly

All times are revised however so please check times carefully.

The following journeys will be withdrawn as a result of low passenger demand:

- Very early morning journeys towards Edinburgh
- 0015 Edinburgh to Cumbernauld
- Journeys via Larbert
- 0805 Edinburgh to Stirling

### Service 913 Edinburgh - Fort William

This new service will provide one journey in each direction daily between Edinburgh and Fort William via Perth (Broxden Park & Ride). NB not via Stirling as in previous years. As well as providing a direct link from Edinburgh to West Coast destinations, connections will also be available from Dundee by changing at Perth (Broxden)

### Service 914/915/916 Glasgow - Fort William - Skye

Summer timetable reinstated for summer period including additional journeys between Glasgow and Fort William. Four northbound journeys and 3 southbound journeys serve Glasgow Airport.

### Service 917 Inverness - Portree

Improved summer timetable providing 4 journeys in each direction.

### Service 976 Glasgow - Oban

Normal introduction of improved level of service for the summer period.

### Service 977 Glasgow - Crianlarich - Oban

Service reinstated for the summer period

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**Service 918 Oban - Fort William**

This service continues to be operated by West Coast Motors. Minor timetable changes but two journeys in each direction are still provided on Mondays to Saturdays. Connects at Fort William with services to/from Inverness and also Skye.

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**Service 919/920 Fort William - Inverness**

Amended summer timetable with more through journeys Fort William and Inverness supplemented by additional short journeys between Inverness and Urquhart Castle.

Journeys previously operated by Shiel Buses are now included as Citylink journeys, numbered 920, which extend to and from Raigmore Hospital

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**Service 926 Glasgow - Campbeltown**

Normal introduction of summer timetable with 5 journeys daily between Glasgow and Campbeltown supplemented by an additional journey in each direction between Glasgow and Ardrishaig. The 1200 Ardrishaig to Glasgow is a new journey.

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**Service 923 Scotland - Belfast**

The Summer timetable will continue to offer three departures each day.

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**Service 961 Inverness - Ullapool**

No change to usual summer service level though minor timetable changes in order to provide connections with Caledonian MacBrayne services to and from Stornoway.

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**Service AIR Glasgow - Edinburgh Airport**

Minor timetable revisions including some additional morning journeys in both directions, and one additional evening journey from Edinburgh Airport at 1955. Main frequencies remain half hourly (daytime) and hourly (evening). Night time journeys will continue to be provide by service N900. Saturday and Sunday timetable will be the same.

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**618 Paisley/Hamilton/Glasgow - Blackpool**

One journey each direction to and from Blackpool on Mondays and Fridays only from 1st July until 19th August.

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## 2. Saltire Cross Review - 20 May 2019

From Monday 20th May we are making additional changes to the Saltire cross network. This includes services linking Glasgow and Edinburgh with Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen and Inverness. This is being done to ensure we are delivering services that better reflect the travel habits of our customers and to allow us to continue operating a strong and stable coach network.

There may be small timing changes on other services, to improve reliability and in response to customer feedback.

Services affected below:

**Service M8: Glasgow to Dundee via Cumbernauld, Stirling, Dunblane, Gleneagles, Perth Bus Station and Inchtute**

**Service M9: Glasgow to Aberdeen via Perth Broxden and Dundee**

**Service M10: Glasgow to Inverness via Perth Broxden and Pitlochry**

**Service M90: Edinburgh to Inverness via Halbeath P&R, Kinross P&R, Perth Broxden and Aviemore**

**Service M91: Edinburgh to Inverness via Kingussie**

**Service M92: Edinburgh to Aberdeen**

**Service G9: Glasgow to Aberdeen**

**Service G10: Glasgow to Inverness**

**Service G90: Edinburgh to Inverness**

**Service G92: Edinburgh to Aberdeen**

- Approx hourly service between Glasgow and Edinburgh and Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen and Inverness, either direct or with a change at Perth or Dundee.
- A more regular frequency on the Perth – Inverness section (approximately hourly)
- A more regular frequency out of Edinburgh to and from Perth and Dundee (approximately hourly on each).
- A more regular frequency on the service between Glasgow, Stirling, Perth and Dundee.
- Improved connections at Perth and Dundee making a wider range of journeys possible.
- Improved evening services between Glasgow and Aberdeen, with later journeys.
- Through journeys between London and Aberdeen are retained but at different times.
- Saturday and Sunday timetables more similar to weekdays.
- Direct service between Edinburgh and Perth Bus Station.

### **Some specific notes to highlight:-**

- Two journeys per day in each direction between Glasgow and Inverness will now serve Pitlochry (numbered M10).
- There will be one “all stops” service M91 retained between Edinburgh and Inverness in each direction (operated by Parks). Some Highland Service 35 journeys between Inverness and Newtonmore/ Kingussie will now be included in the booking system
- Additional Gold round trip between Edinburgh and Inverness.
- The first M8 from Glasgow is earlier on Mondays to Fridays, at 0610, allowing convenient work time arrivals in Perth and Dundee (Parks journey).
- The morning southbound journey through Birnam is much earlier than at present, at 0905.
- New journeys provided at 2230 Glasgow to Aberdeen, and 2235 Edinburgh to Perth which connects into the Glasgow-Aberdeen service.
- 0440 Aberdeen to Glasgow is moved to 0320 (M11, operates to London), however an 0605 Dundee to Glasgow M9 (not Sundays) is provided as a partial replacement.
- An early arrival in Aberdeen at 0932 is possible from Perth by travelling on the new 0710 Perth to Dundee M8 then changing onto service M92 at Dundee.
- Later journeys from Aberdeen to Glasgow at 1945 (direct, service M9 Parks journey) and 2045 (change at Dundee)
- The last M8 from Dundee to Glasgow is standardised at 1815 daily (previously 1640 Mondays to Fridays).

### **Note – the following points will be no longer be served:**

Stirling (Drip Road)

Dunfermline Bus Station (though frequent services at Halbeath Park & Ride)\*

Carnegie College

Kinross Town (though Kinross Park & Ride continues to be served)\*

Milnathort Town\*

Perth (Edinburgh Road)\*

\*service withdrawn by Parks of Hamilton

### **Improvements for Stirling:**

- Regular hourly service to Glasgow via Cumbernauld provided by Services M8 and 909 – see Glasgow – Stirling summary timetable
- Mainly 2 hourly service northwards to Perth and Dundee (Service M8) from where there will be greatly improved connections for points to Aberdeen and Inverness.
- 2 hourly service to Edinburgh Airport and Edinburgh (service 909).
- More journeys through Stirling early mornings, and evenings
- Dunblane will retain a 2 hourly service to and from Glasgow and Perth/ Dundee, with some additional journeys. Some journeys will continue to serve Bridge of Allan.

### **Note – Stirling (Drip Road) will no longer be served.**

Summer timetables are available to view or download from the website.

Printed timetables will be distributed to all staff and agents w/c 13th May.