

Uber Agrees To \$1.8 Million Settlement In Airport Rider Class Action Lawsuit

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Customers had paid \$4 'airport fee toll' on top of regular fare

Ride share giant Uber agreed to settle a class-action lawsuit alleging it had mischaracterized a fee charged some customers for trips to or from certain airports in California.

The \$4 fee was listed as an "airport fee toll," which implied a fee charged by the airports. In actuality, Uber pocketed the money.

Uber denied misrepresenting the nature of the fee, but agreed to return the money to the 355,000 customers who had been charged.

"This settlement provides a 100% refund to all affected class members, a rarity in the class action universe," said John Roddy of Bailey Glasser, one of the lawyers for the class. And Roddy emphasized that "there are no claim forms, either, every class member will receive a refund automatically." Because class members have the Uber app installed on their smartphones, the company will be able to distribute all of the refunds directly, expediting the refund process and eliminating the problem of refund checks that sometimes go uncashed. In addition, Uber agreed to pay all administrative costs and legal fees.

The lawsuit was filed by Vamsi Tadepalli, who was represented by John Roddy and Elizabeth Ryan of Bailey Glasser's Boston office, Mike McKay of Schneider Wallace Cottrell Konecky Wotkyns, and Pedro Jaile, of Jaile and Trifilo.

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