







# Does DoorDash Pay for Gas? What Dashers Need to Know!aa

If you're considering [driving for DoorDash](#), you may be wondering, does DoorDash pay for gas? Given the rising cost of gas, this is a valid concern for Dashers and delivery drivers in general.

Knowing the expenses you're responsible for is essential before signing up for DoorDash or any other delivery side hustle.

Like most delivery gigs, DoorDash doesn't pay for gas. I'll share a few tips to minimize your expenses and maximize your DoorDash earnings, so stick around.

## Does DoorDash Pay for Gas?

No. DoorDash doesn't pay for gas or any vehicle-related expenses. As a Dasher, you're hired as an independent contractor, meaning you use your own vehicle for delivery and are not entitled to employee benefits. You're essentially running a small delivery business as opposed to being a DoorDash employee.

As an independent DoorDash delivery driver, you're paid per delivery.

Once logged in to the Dasher app, you receive delivery requests, which you can accept or reject. You then get paid for completing orders, regardless of how much time you spend on delivery.

Since DoorDash doesn't pay for gas, it's your responsibility to cover your gas costs and other expenses from your DoorDash pay.

So, you should always be selective about the orders you accept. If the pay for a delivery isn't worth your time, turn down the order.

Treat your [side hustle](#) like a business and ensure you make profitable decisions to make the most of your time.

## Why Doesn't DoorDash Pay for Gas?

DoorDash doesn't pay for gas or other expenses because Dashers are hired as independent contractors.

As a DoorDash driver, you're not an employee of the company, so you don't receive a paycheck or other employee benefits.

When you sign up for DoorDash, you're under a contract governed by [independent contractor laws](#). As stated on the contract you sign before starting the job, you manage your business.

While this may be discouraging, it's standard practice for [gigs like DoorDash](#). For instance, [Instacart doesn't pay for gas](#) either.

These companies prefer the independent contractor model rather than hiring employees because it allows them to save on labor costs.

