

Fortaleza Airport to start testing new curbside access on October 24

Next Monday, October 24, the Fortaleza Airport will start testing the new curbside access at the check-in and arrivals floors.

The curbside access will continue to be free of charge and during the test period users will not be charged even if the 10-minute grace period is exceeded.

Drivers must collect a ticket at the entrance gate, but there will be no need for validation or payment. The same ticket must be used at the exit gate. The goal is to test the infrastructure, systems and traffic flow, as well as to allow users to adjust to the change to ensure seamless integration, without any impact on the customers.

Once the test period ends, users will have 10 minutes to use the curbside without any charge. Other airports in Brazil and around the world already use this model. Thus, access to the curbside will still be free of charge, and the airport has not set a date yet to start charging users for misuse of the curbside.

“It is important to emphasize that curbside parking has always been prohibited. The new model will organize the traffic flow and ensure that everybody can access the curbside spaces to pick-up or drop-off passengers. Drivers who know that they will need more time to wait for a passenger, for example, must drive to the parking lot,” said Natalie Valezi, Marketing and Communication Director at Fraport Brazil.

Grace period

To define how long the grace period should be several tests were conducted, always during peak hours, when traffic is more intense. Actual data show that a 10-minute grace period is sufficient to cover the entire trajectory at an average speed of 20km/h and pick-up or drop-off passengers with luggage.

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