Rates: consolidating fixed resource costs across multiple loads (what, why, and how)

Spread a fixed daily or weekly resource cost evenly across all loads that share the same resource, instead of charging it in full to every load.

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Summary

- **What is it?**
  - A new **Consolidation: split fixed cost over loads** setting on cost rate cards (internal and contract carrier) under **Rates > Contract carrier costs**. It mirrors the existing **Consolidated rating** on the sales side.
  - The fixed day or week rate is split equally across the loads in a group.
- **Why use it?**
  - Fixed daily and weekly resource costs (driver, vehicle, trailer) were applied in full to every load. A resource running several loads in a day had its cost counted multiple times, which made profitability reporting unreliable.
- **How does it work?**
  - Loads are grouped by the same resource and the same day or week.
  - The matched fixed rate is divided across the loads in the group, and the split amount is shown in the **Resource costs** section on each load.

Prerequisites

- **Super admin** access to enable the **Consolidation: split fixed cost over loads** option and pick the grouping criterion on the relevant cost rate card under **Rates > Internal costs** (or **Rates > Contract carrier costs**). See Cost calculation load for how cost rate cards are set up.

Use cases

- A driver on a fixed daily rate who runs several loads in one day, where the full day rate should be shared across those loads rather than charged to each one.
- Spreading a fixed weekly resource cost across all loads run by that resource in the same calendar week.

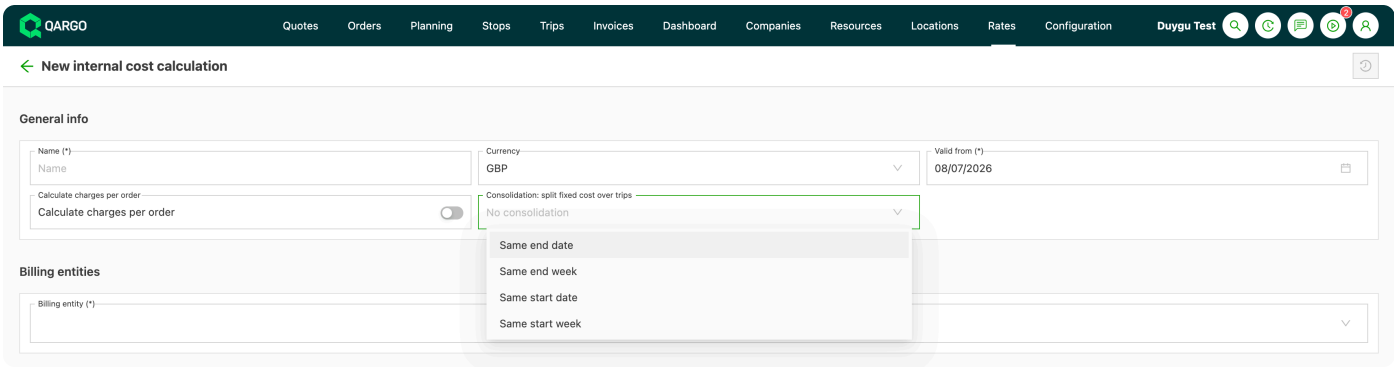
Terminology

Term	Definition
Consolidation: split fixed cost over loads	The cost rate card setting that spreads a fixed resource cost across grouped loads.
Grouping criterion	The rule used to group loads: same start date, same end date, same start week, or same end week.
Fixed rate	A fixed daily or weekly amount on a cost rate card, as opposed to a metric or formula-based rate.
Resource costs	The section on a load that displays the cost allocated to that load, including the split amount.

Configuring cost consolidation

1. Navigate to **Rates > Internal costs** (or **Rates > Contract carrier costs**) and open the relevant cost rate card.
2. Open the **Consolidation: split fixed cost over loads** dropdown and select a consolidation mode (the default is **No consolidation**).
3. Select a grouping criterion: **same start date**, **same end date**, **same start week**, or **same end week**.
4. Select **Recalculate** on each affected load to apply the split (the split is not applied automatically).
5. Verify the split amount in the **Resource costs** section on each affected load.

Conditions are supported (for example, a different fixed rate per resource group), and the matched fixed rate is divided across the loads in the group.



Worked example

A driver costs 475 EUR per day and runs 3 loads on Monday. Without consolidation, each load is charged the full 475 EUR, so the day reports 1,425 EUR, almost three times the real cost. With consolidation set to **same start date**, the 475 EUR is split equally across the 3 loads. Each load is charged 158.33 EUR, and the day correctly totals 475 EUR.

Troubleshooting

Issue	Cause / resolution
A per-km or formula-based cost is not split.	Only fixed amounts are consolidated. Metric or formula-based rates are not split across loads.
Night-shift loads crossing midnight are not grouped as expected.	Grouping uses whole calendar days. Loads are grouped by their start date or end date; there is no time-range option.
Week grouping does not match the operational week.	Week grouping uses the calendar week. A configurable working-week length (5, 6, or 7 days) is not supported.

Limitations

- Only fixed amounts are consolidated; metric or formula-based rates (for example, per km) are not split.
- The split is equal across loads, or fully assigned to the first load; there is no weighted split by distance, time, or freight.
- Duration-based cost (start of the first load to end of the last load) is not included and is deferred to v2.
- Week grouping uses the calendar week; a configurable working-week length is not supported.