

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

MOTOR OMNIBUS FARES REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 7 of 1985

The Motor Omnibus Fares Regulations prescribe the fares to be charged by the Commonwealth's bus service in Canberra. The Motor Omnibus Fares Regulations (Amendment) amend those Regulations to give effect to new fares and fare arrangements for the bus service.

Regulation 1 provides that the Regulations shall come into effect on 15 March 1985.

Regulation 2 deals with the citation of the Motor Omnibus Fares Regulations.

Regulation 3 inserts a definition of a "peak-period journey", which is a journey commencing not later than 9 a.m. on a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

Regulation 4 prescribes a new adult cash fare of 70 cents per section for a peak-period journey and retains the existing fare of 60 cents per section for other journeys.

Regulation 5 prescribes new prices for books of tickets purchased by children, students, pensioners, unemployed persons, special beneficiaries and dependent spouses. The price of a book of 10 tickets is now set at \$2.50; for a book of 20 tickets is now \$5.00; and for a book of 50 tickets, \$12.50.

Regulation 6 prescribes a new, lower cash fare for journeys by pensioners, special beneficiaries or dependent spouses. A fare of 30 cents per section is charged for a peak-period journey and a fare of 10 cents per section is charged on any other journey. Similar arrangements apply in several other major city bus services in Australia.

Regulation 7 provides for free travel for a person who is the paid attendant of a person who is a totally and permanently incapacitated returned soldier. Such returned soldiers are already entitled to free travel, and the extension of this to paid attendants conforms with other benefits to which they are entitled.

Regulation 8 repeals current low-fare arrangements for pensioners, special beneficiaries and dependent spouses, which are no longer necessary given the arrangements prescribed in regulation 6. This repeal is reflected in regulation 7(a).

Regulation 9 amends other fares to increase some fares and reduce others. This is intended to account for increased charges since the last fare increases and to improve the attractiveness of those fares which are reduced. The new fares are –

•	Daily ticket (regulation 6A(1))	from	\$2.60	to	\$2.40
•	Concession daily ticket (regulations 6A(3)(a) and (b))		\$1.30		\$1.20
•	Concession weekly ticket (regulation 6AA)		\$3.20		\$3.40
•	Monthly ticket (regulation 6B(1))		\$32.00		\$35.00
•	Concession monthly ticket (regulation 6B(3))		\$11.80		\$12.60
•	Quarterly ticket (regulation 6C)		\$26.00		\$29.00
•	Book of 10 tickets (regulation 6D(1)(a))		\$5.10		\$5.60
•	Book of 20 tickets (regulations 6D(1)(b))		\$10.20		\$11.20
•	Book of 50 tickets (regulation 6D(1)(c))		\$25.50		\$28.00