



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES ACT 1955
DETERMINATION OF CHARGES
INSTRUMENT NO. 181 OF 2000
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Motor Omnibus Act 1955 governs the operation of motor omnibus services in the ACT. In particular, Section 4 of the Act deals with the determination of charges.

This determination revokes Instrument No 258 of 1998 dated 16 December 1998 and notified in Gazette No. 50.

The ACT Government to meet the price oversight requirements of the National Competition Policy referred ACTION bus fares to the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (formerly the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Commission) to review ACTION's bus fares for 2000-01.

On 10 March 2000 Mr Paul Baxter, Senior Commissioner Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) handed down his Price Direction for ACTION bus fares for 2000-01. The Commissioner recommended that there be an average fare price increase in line with CPI movements over the last two years. This allows for an average fare increase of 3.6%.

In addition the impact of the Goods and Services Tax is to be set at 8 percent. This amount reflects the underlying cost savings that will be achieved by ACTION which, under ACCC guidelines should flow to passengers of the bus service.

The Commissioner also recommended that attention should be given to reducing the discounts currently available on periodical tickets while maintaining concession tickets at 50 percent of the full adult equivalent and student tickets at 35% of adult fare.

The proposed new fares for existing ticket types was presented to the ICRC for endorsement prior to Gazettal. The Senior Commissioner endorsed the new fares on 10 May 2000.

Under Section 23 – Interpretation – the definition of an “Exempt person” has been amended with the removal of ‘an ex-employee, an ex-employee’s spouse or an employee’s spouse’. This category of exemption does not apply under the Determination as it is a commercial arrangement between ACTION and its employees. This is not a service purchased on behalf of government.

The new fares are to apply from 1 July 2000 to comply with the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax.

Dated this 25 day of May 2000.

Brendan Michael Smyth
Minister for Urban Services

<i>Service or matter in respect of which a charge is payable</i>	<i>Existing 1 zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Existing All zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Fee Payable 1 zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Fee payable All zone travel (\$)</i>
<u>Cash fares</u>				
1. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person or a ticket-holder, on a motor omnibus service, other than a special service, (for each boarding) where the person is:				
(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member, or a child/student group member	1.00	2.00	1.20	2.20
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	2.00	4.00	2.30	4.40
(ii) in any other case	1.00	2.00	1.20	2.20
(c) any other person	2.00	4.00	2.30	4.40
<u>Transfer ticket (cash)</u>				
2. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person or a ticket-holder, on a motor omnibus using a ticket which entitles a person to travel on a motor omnibus service, other than a special service, and to transfer free of further charge to another bus or buses provided that this occurs within 60 minutes of validating the ticket on the first bus where the person is:				
(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member, or a child/student group member	1.00	2.00	1.20	2.20
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	2.00	4.00	2.30	4.40
(ii) in any other case	1.00	2.00	1.20	2.20
(c) any other person	2.00	4.00	2.30	4.40
<u>Daily tickets</u>				
3. Travel on a motor omnibus using a ticket which entitles a person to travel on a motor omnibus service, other than a special service, during a day where the ticket is expressed to be applicable, where the person is:				
(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	3.50	3.50	4.20	4.20
(ii) in any other case	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.20
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	7.00	7.00	8.40	8.40
(ii) in any other case	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.20
(c) a child/student group member	3.50	3.50	4.20	4.20

<i>Service or matter in respect of which a charge is payable</i>	<i>Existing 1 zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Existing All zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Fee Payable 1 zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Fee payable All zone travel (\$)</i>
(d) any other person (other than an exempt person)				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	7.00	7.00	8.40	8.40
(ii) in any other case (Shopper's Off-Peak Daily)	na	4.00	na	4.40

Weekly tickets

4. Travel on a motor omnibus using a ticket which entitles a person to travel on a motor omnibus service, other than a special service, during a period of 7 days to which the ticket is expressed to be applicable, commencing on the day the ticket is first validated, where the person is:

(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member or a child/student group member	8.50	17.00	9.90	19.00
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	17.00	34.00	19.80	38.00
(ii) in any other case	8.50	17.00	9.90	19.00
(c) any other person (other than an exempt person)	17.00	34.00	19.80	38.00

Monthly tickets

5. Travel on a motor omnibus using a ticket which entitles a person to travel on a motor omnibus service, other than a special service, during a period of a month to which the ticket is expressed to be applicable, commencing on the day the ticket is first validated, where the person is:

(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member or a child/student group member	27.50	55.00	32.50	60.00
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	55.00	110.00	65.00	120.00
(ii) in any other case	27.50	55.00	32.50	60.00
(c) any other person (other than an exempt person)	55.00	110.00	65.00	120.00

School term tickets

6. Travel on a motor omnibus service using a ticket which entitles a person to travel on a motor omnibus service, other than a special service, during a period to which the ticket is expressed to be applicable, being a period of a school term, but not including a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday, where the person is a:

(a) child/student group member	45.00	90.00	49.50	99.00
(b) eligible for a discount ticket	na	68.00	Na	74.50

<i>Service or matter in respect of which a charge is payable</i>	<i>Existing 1 zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Existing All zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Fee Payable 1 zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Fee payable All zone travel (\$)</i>
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Faresaver tickets (formerly Fare Go tickets)

7. Travel on a motor omnibus using a ticket containing 10 rides, the tender of any one of which entitles a person to travel on a motor omnibus service, and to transfer free of further charge to another bus/es provided that this occurs within 60 minutes of validating the ticket on the first bus, other than a special service, where the person is:

(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member or a child group member	8.50	17.00	9.20	18.40
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	17.00	34.00	18.40	36.80
(ii) in any other case	8.50	17.00	9.20	18.40
(c) any other person (other than an exempt person)	17.00	34.00	18.40	36.80

School Faresaver ticket

8. Travel on a motor omnibus using a ticket allowing 10 rides, the usage of any one of which entitles a person to travel on a motor omnibus service, other than a special service, and to transfer free of further charge to another bus/es provided that this occurs within 60 minutes of validating the ticket on the first bus on a day that is within a period of a school term but not including a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday, where the person is a child/student group member:

6.00	12.00	6.50	13.00
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Special service fares - cash

9. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person, on a special service bearing the route number 970, 980 or 990, (for each journey) where the person is:

(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member, or a child/student group member	0.50	0.50	0.60	0.60
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.20
(ii) in any other case	0.50	0.50	0.60	0.60
(c) any other person	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.20

10. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person, on a special service bearing the route number 971, 981 or 991, (for each journey).

1.00	1.00	1.20	1.20
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<i>Service or matter in respect of which a charge is payable</i>	<i>Existing 1 zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Existing All zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Fee Payable 1 zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Fee payable All zone travel (\$)</i>
11. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person, on a special service bearing the route number 972, 982 or 992, (for each journey) where the person is:				
(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member, or a child/student group member	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.20
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	2.00	2.00	2.30	2.30
(ii) in any other case	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.20
(c) any other person	2.00	2.00	2.30	2.30
12. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person, on a special service bearing the route number 973, 983 or 993, (for each journey).	2.00	2.00	2.30	2.30
13. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person, on a special service bearing the route number 974, 984 or 994, (for each journey) where the person is:				
(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member, or a child/student group member	1.50	1.50	1.70	1.70
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	3.00	3.00	3.40	3.40
(ii) in any other case	1.50	1.50	1.70	1.70
(c) any other person	3.00	3.00	3.40	3.40
14. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person, on a special service bearing the route number 975, 985 or 995, (for each journey).	3.00	3.00	3.40	3.40
15. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person, on a special service bearing the route number 976, 986 or 996, (for each journey) where the person is:				
(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member, or a child/student group member	2.00	2.00	2.30	2.30
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50
(ii) in any other case	2.00	2.00	2.30	2.30
(c) any other person	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50
16. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person, on a special service bearing the route number 977, 987 or 997, (for each journey).	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50

<i>Service or matter in respect of which a charge is payable</i>	<i>Existing 1 zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Existing All zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Fee Payable 1 zone travel (\$)</i>	<i>Fee payable All zone travel (\$)</i>
17. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person, on a special service bearing the route number 978, 988 or 998, (for each journey) where the person is:				
(a) a pensioner/beneficiary group member, or a child/student group member	2.50	2.50	2.80	2.80
(b) a senior				
(i) in the case of a peak period journey	5.00	5.00	5.60	5.60
(ii) in any other case	2.50	2.50	2.80	2.80
(c) any other person	5.00	5.00	5.60	5.60
18. Travel by a person, other than an exempt person, on a special service bearing the route number 979, 989 or 999, (for each journey).	5.00	5.00	5.60	5.60

19. For the purpose of this Determination, where a passenger in an omnibus travels to the terminus of a route and continues to travel on the same omnibus without alighting from it, he or she shall be deemed to have ended a journey upon the arrival of the omnibus at the terminus and to have commenced another journey upon its departure from the terminus.

20. Where on account of floods or other special circumstances an omnibus deviates from its usual route, the fare to be charged in respect of a journey by a passenger in the omnibus, being a journey that commences and ends at places on the usual route, is the fare that would have been charged if no deviation from that route had occurred.

21. For the purposes of this Determination, rural students shall be charged the same fares as suburban students, where the fare charged is determined from the student's point of entry into a zone until his or her destination.

22. For the purposes of this Determination, no fare shall be chargeable for travel on a service as determined by the Minister for Urban Services.

INTERPRETATION

23. In this Determination, unless the contrary intention appears:

“**Blind person**” means a person who is totally blind or seriously visually impaired;

“**Child**” means a person under the age of 15 years;

“**Driver**” means the driver of an omnibus;

“**Eligible for Discount Term Ticket**” means a student who travels more than one zone to attend the school they have been attending since at least the beginning of Term 1 1999 and whose parent/guardian is in receipt of more than the minimum Commonwealth Family Allowance payment;

“**Exempt person**” means:

(a) a person who has not attained the age of five years, is not occupying a seat in the omnibus and is in the care and custody of a person apparently over the age of eight years, who assures the driver or inspector that the first mentioned person has not attained the age of five years;

(b) a person who is:

(i) an incapacitated returned veteran and, where that person (being a totally and permanently incapacitated returned veteran) is accompanied by an attendant, the attendant;

(ii) a World War 1 veteran or a World War 1 veteran's spouse;

if the person, or if the attendant to the person, produces to the driver or an inspector written evidence, of a kind approved by the Executive Director, ACTION, identifying him or her as such a person; or

(c) a person who is a member of the Australian Federal Police, or a person employed by ACTION and who is in uniform or holds written evidence, of a kind approved by the Executive Director, ACTION, identifying him or her as such a person; or

(d) a person wearing or displaying war service medals on the 25th day of April in any year; or

(e) a blind person.

"Holiday" means a day which is observed as a public holiday in accordance with the Holidays Act 1992;

"Peak period journey" means:

(a) a journey commencing not later than 9.00 am on a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday; or

(b) a journey commencing at 4.30 pm or after 4.30 pm but not later than 6.00 pm on a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday;

"Rural Student" -student resident in the ACT outside the Canberra Suburban area and attending an ACT school.

"School term" means a period determined from time to time by the ACT Department of Education and Training for the conduct of classes by ACT Government primary and secondary schools and secondary colleges;

"Shopper's Off-Peak Daily" means a journey on weekdays between 9.00 am to 4.30 pm and after 6 pm, and all day weekends and public holidays.

"Special service" means a motor omnibus service bearing a route number in the range 970 to 999 inclusive;

"Transfer ticket" -a ticket that when purchased upon boarding the bus, allows the passenger to transfer free of further charge to another bus provided that this occurs within 60 minutes of validating the ticket on the first bus.

Zones

"Central zone" -comprising east Belconnen, north Canberra, south Canberra and north Woden (the area marked with horizontal lines on the map as specified in schedule one).

"North zone" -comprising all of Gungahlin and west Belconnen (the area marked with vertical lines on the map as specified in schedule one).

"Shared zone" -the areas chequered on the map, and streets which are on the border between two zones. One zone tickets from either of the two adjoining zones can be used in a shared zone area (the chequered area on the map as specified in schedule one).

“South zone” -comprises south Woden, Weston Creek and Tuggeranong (the area marked with diagonal lines on the map as specified in schedule one).

“All zone travel” -travel where the passenger’s journey commences in one zone and finishes in the same or a different zone.

“One zone travel” -travel where the passenger’s journey both commences and finishes in the same zone as displayed on the face of the ticket (including the abutting shared zone).