

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Public Transport Fares Determination 2018

Disallowable instrument DI2018 - 284

made under the

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001, section 23 (Regular route services—power to determine maximum fares)

and

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001, section 27C (Light rail services – power to determine fares)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This instrument provides maximum fares charged to customers using Transport Canberra bus and light rail services. The instrument revokes the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2017* (DI2017–311).

The instrument contains the maximum fares payable for travel on regular route bus services provided by Transport Canberra and on light rail services by holders of MyWay smart cards and those paying cash fares, with effect from 5 January 2019.

MyWay fares have increased by 2.5 percent from those fares set in the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2017* (DI2017–311). Cash fares for adult passengers have increased by around 2.0 percent due to rounding to the nearest 10 cents. Additionally, the concession cash single fare will increase by 4.2 percent (from \$2.40 to \$2.50). This is because this fare did not increase in January 2018 due to rounding, and the proposed fare increase for January 2019 reflects two years of inflation.

The MyWay monthly maximum cost has increased by 2.5 percent from those fares set in DI2017-311.

Table 1: Public transport fares from 5 January 2019					
		Current Fare	Proposed Fare	Increase	Increased Percentage
MyWay Peak	Adult	\$3.14	\$3.22	\$0.08	2.5%
	Concession	\$1.57	\$1.61	\$0.04	2.5%
	Tertiary	\$1.57	\$1.61	\$0.04	2.5%
	School Student	\$1.57	\$1.61	\$0.04	2.5%

Table 1: Public transport fares from 5 January 2019					
		Current Fare	Proposed Fare	Increase	Increased Percentage
MyWay Off Peak	Adult	\$2.49	\$2.55	\$0.06	2.5%
	Concession	\$0.87	\$0.89	\$0.02	2.5%
	Tertiary	\$1.57	\$1.61	\$0.04	2.5%
	School Student	\$1.57	\$1.61	\$0.04	2.5%
MyWay School Days	School Student	\$1.19	\$1.22	\$0.03	2.5%
Cash	Adult	\$4.90	\$5.00	\$0.10	2.0%
	Concession	\$2.40	\$2.50	\$0.10	4.2%
Weekday Daily Fare Cap/Daily Cash Fare	Adult	\$9.40	\$9.60	\$0.20	2.1%
	Concession	\$4.70	\$4.80	\$0.10	2.1%
Weekend/public holiday daily cap	Adult	\$5.73	\$5.87	\$0.14	2.5%
	Concession	\$2.12	\$2.17	\$0.05	2.5%
MyWay Maximum Monthly Cost	Adult	\$125.6	\$128.80	\$3.20	2.5%
	Concession	\$62.80	\$64.40	\$1.60	2.5%
	School Day Maximum	\$35.70	\$36.60	\$0.90	2.5%

*Cash fares are rounded to the nearest 10 cents

Part A of the Schedule provides fares under the MyWay smart card system for customers using regular route bus services provided by Transport Canberra or light rail services. The fare system allows for caps on the amount charged either as a total cost per day or, as the case with a monthly cap, the number of trips taken. For example, the instrument includes a monthly trip cap of 40 trips (30 trips for school students) in a calendar month meaning that any additional trips will be at no cost during that month. A trip is a single fare including any transfers made within 90 minutes, including transfers between bus and light rail services.

It is a condition of travel using a MyWay card that passengers tag on and off, either on the bus they are travelling on or at the light rail stops at which they board or disembark. If a customer does not comply with this requirement then they will be charged a default fare, also set out in Part A of the Schedule. A default fare will still be charged to a MyWay card after a passenger has reached the monthly ride cap, or daily fare cap if the passenger fails to tag off, though no fare will be deducted for the trip that has been taken.

Part B of the Schedule provides for cash fares.

Part C of the Schedule provides definitions and validity arrangements for ticket types and eligibility conditions for discounted fares. This part also provides the definition of an exempt person, who, under the instrument, is not required to pay a fare.