

Australian Capital Territory

# Road Transport (General) (Pay Parking Area Fees) Determination 2021 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2021-109

made under the

Road Transport (General) Act 1999, s 96 (Determination of fees, charges and other amounts)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 96 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* allows the Minister to determine fees, charges and other amounts payable under the ACT road transport legislation.

This determination sets the relevant parking fees for Territory-operated pay parking areas. Under the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 2017* (the Regulation), pay parking areas are implemented through ticket parking schemes, which are established by the Road Transport Authority under section 35(1) of the Regulation.

### Overview

The disallowable instrument includes price increases based on indexation of wage price index (WPI) rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. WPI is 1.75% for the 2021-22 year. This annual fee increase framework was announced in the 2019-20 ACT Government Budget, to apply for four years 2019-20 to 2022-23. This decision balances the management of parking demand and pricing increases with cost of living pressures and impacts on lower income households.

In rounding the fees to whole dollar amounts, some pay parking areas fees will stay the same as the 2019-20-2020-21 rates and some will have increases of more than indexation.

A review of pay parking to make the fee structure more straightforward and user friendly was supported as part of the fee increase decision in 2019-20. Prior to this, rates varied per hour within each fee item, with increases for each hour until the maximum fee is reached. In 2019-20 flat hourly rates were introduced under each item until the maximum fee for each item is reached. This allowed users to quickly estimate parking fees before payment. The 2021 Determination maintains this fee structure.

The number of fee categories has been maintained at 10, which includes four (4) multi-stay (or all-day) categories, five (5) short-stay categories and one (1) additional rates after standard hours rates category.

The four multi-stay (unrestricted time) categories are as follows:

- Item 1: Multi-Stay Parking - Premium City Centre (MS01), with a maximum rate of \$19.00 and an hourly rate of \$3.00 per hour pro rata until the maximum amount is reached.
- Item 2: Multi-Stay Parking – Yarralumla (MS02), with a maximum rate of \$15.00 and an hourly rate of \$2.00 per hour pro rata until the maximum amount is reached.
- Item 3: Multi-Stay Parking - Other City Centre, Town Centre Premium (MS03), with a maximum rate of \$13.00 and an hourly rate of \$2.00 per hour pro rata until the maximum amount is reached.
- Item 4: Multi-Stay Parking - Other Town Centre, Group Centre (MS04), with a maximum rate of \$11.00 and an hourly rate of \$2.00 per hour pro rata until the maximum amount is reached.

The five short-stay categories are as follows:

- Item 5: Short-Stay Parking - Premium City Centre - 4 hours (SS01), with a maximum rate of \$17.00 and an hourly rate of \$5.00 per hour pro rata until the maximum amount is reached.
- Item 6: Short-Stay Parking - Other Centres - 4 hours (SS02), with a maximum rate of \$13.00 and an hourly rate of \$4.00 per hour pro rata until the maximum amount is reached.
- Item 7: Short-Stay Parking - City, Town and Group Centres - 3 hours (SS03), with a maximum rate of \$10.00 and an hourly rate of \$4.00 per hour pro rata until the maximum amount is reached.
- Item 8: Short-Stay Parking - City, Town and Group Centres - 2 hours or less (SS04), with a maximum rate of \$6.00 and an hourly rate of \$3.00 per hour pro rata until the maximum amount is reached.
- Item 9: Short-Stay Parking - City, Town and Group Centre Parking - 30 minutes (SS05), with a maximum rate of \$1.00 per half hour pro rata until the maximum amount is reached.

The additional rates after-hours category is:

- Item 10: locations with additional rates after standard hours (AH01), with a maximum rate of \$6.00 and an hourly rate of \$2.00 per hour pro rata until the maximum amount is achieved.

### **Pre-paid multi-day parking tickets**

The fees for pre-paid weekly and monthly multi-day parking tickets that are usable in multi-stay ticket parking areas are set out in Schedule 2. These tickets will continue to represent savings of approximately 5% and 6% respectively on the daily purchase price of tickets within their fee category, rounded to the nearest whole dollar after annual WPI indexation.

### **CIT student pre-paid all-day parking tickets**

The fee for CIT student pre-paid all-day parking tickets is in Schedule 3. CIT student pre-paid tickets are available to eligible CIT students. The ticket is usable in specific multi-stay ticket parking areas only as identified in Schedule 3. The fee for this permit has also increased by WPI and rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.

### **Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)**

A RIS is not required for this fee determination due to section 36(1)(k) of the Legislation Act, which states that a RIS need not be prepared for an amendment of a fee consistent with announced government policy. Parking fees made by this instrument are consistent with the Government's policies to reduce the provision of free parking and encourage greater use of sustainable transport options.

### **Human Rights**

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) terms of reference require consideration of human rights impacts, among other matters. In this case, no human rights are impacted.