

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Public Transport Fares Determination 2024 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2024-321

made under the

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001, section 23 (Regular route services — power to determine maximum fares) and section 27C (Light rail services — power to determine fares)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Public Transport Fares Determination 2024 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences 4 January 2025.

3 Determination of maximum fares for MyWay+ Smart Card and approved payment devices

The maximum fares payable on regular route bus services provided by Transport Canberra and on light rail services when payment is made by MyWay+ Smart Card or approved payment devices, are set out in Part A of Schedule 1.

4 Determination of fare caps for MyWay+ Smart Card and approved payment devices

The maximum fare caps for regular route bus services provided by Transport Canberra and on light rail services when payment is made by MyWay+ Smart Card or approved payment devices, are set out in Part B of Schedule 1.

5 Determination of maximum fares for MyWay+ single and daily tickets

The maximum fare payable for a single or daily ticket on a regular route bus service provided by Transport Canberra and on light rail services when payment is made by MyWay+ Smart Card or approved payment devices, are set out in Part C of Schedule 1.

6 Definitions and validity arrangements for ticket types and eligibility conditions for discounted fares

Definitions and validity arrangements for ticket types and eligibility conditions for discounted fares for bus and light rail services covered by this instrument are set out in Part D of Schedule 1.

7 Payment of fares

A fare to which this determination applies is payable by a person, who is not an exempt person, using a regular route bus or light rail service provided by Transport Canberra, and is payable to Transport Canberra or an authorised agent of Transport Canberra.

8 Goods and Services Tax

All fares contained in Schedule 1 are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

9 Start and end times for day and month

Fare calculations, including daily and monthly caps, are based on the day commencing at 2am and ending at 1:59 am the following day. A month is as defined by the *Legislation Act 2001*.

10 Revocation of previous determination

This instrument revokes the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Public Transport Fares Determination 2018* [DI2018-284].

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Schedule 1

PART A – Maximum fares payable using a MyWay+ Smart Card and approved payment devices

	Standard Fare	Concession Fare	School Student Fare	Tertiary Student Fare
Peak single trip (including transfer)	\$3.32	\$1.66	\$1.66	\$1.66
Off-peak single trip (including transfer)	\$2.63	\$0.92	\$1.66	\$1.66
School day trip (including transfer)	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1.26	Not applicable
Maximum default fare for failure to tag on or off (including transfer)	\$1.83	\$0.92	\$0.92	\$0.92

PART B – Fare caps for MyWay+ Smart Card and Approved payment device fares in Part A

	Standard Fare	Concession Fare	School Student Fare	Tertiary Student Fare
Weekday daily cap	\$9.89	\$4.94	\$4.94	\$4.94
Weekend/public holiday daily cap	\$6.05	\$2.24	\$2.24	\$2.24
Monthly journey cap	40 paid journeys	40 paid journeys	30 paid journeys	40 paid journeys
Default after cap fare for failure to tag on or off	\$1.83	\$0.92	\$0.92	\$0.92

PART C – MyWay+ Single and daily ticket fares

	Standard Fare	Concession Fare	School Student Fare	Tertiary Student Fare
Single trip (including transfer)	\$5.15	\$2.58	\$2.58	\$2.58
Daily ticket	\$9.89	\$4.94	\$4.94	\$4.94

PART D – Definitions and validity arrangements for ticket types and eligibility conditions for discounted fares

Definitions and validity arrangements for ticket types

Approved payment device – means a smartcard that is a credit or debit card, or other payment device, of a class approved by Transport Canberra, for the payment of fares by scanning at a smartcard reader.

Default fare – means the maximum amount charged where a customer fails to correctly tag on or off a smartcard reader on a bus or at a light rail stop. This is calculated by subtracting the applicable peak MyWay+ fare from the applicable pre-paid fare.

Default after cap fare – means the maximum amount charged where a customer fails to correctly tag on or off a bus or at a light rail stop after reaching the daily cap or monthly trip cap. This is calculated by subtracting the applicable peak MyWay+ fare from the applicable pre-paid MyWay+ fare.

Daily cap – means the maximum amount charged for MyWay+ fares on a daily basis excluding any default after cap fares.

Daily ticket fare – provides unlimited travel on regular route services on the day the ticket is issued.

Monthly trip cap – means a maximum number of trips against which a MyWay+ account holder is charged in a calendar month.

MyWay+ single use ticket – means a ticket issued by Transport Canberra as a MyWay+ single use ticket.

MyWay+ smartcard – means a smartcard issued by Transport Canberra as a MyWay+ smartcard.

MyWay+ Pass – means a dynamically generated QR code, produced on the MyWay+ mobile application where an authorised account holder generates for use on a bus or light rail platform validator.

Off peak travel – means travel on weekdays between 9.00am and 4.30pm and after 6.30pm.

Single use ticket fare – the maximum amount charged per customer for a paper single use ticket when no concession is applied and payment is made prior to boarding a service by any means.

Public holiday – means a day gazetted as a public holiday, or any other day that the Minister declares to be a public holiday in the ACT under the *Holidays Act 1958*.

School day – means a gazetted, or otherwise official school day, as notified from time to time by the ACT Education Directorate.

Smartcard reader – means a device that, under the authority of Transport Canberra – is installed on a public passenger vehicle or at a place which passengers may board or leave a light rail vehicle or is carried by an Authorised Officer.

Standard fare – means the maximum amount charged per customer when no concession or fare exemption is applied.

Single trip – means trip, including transfers, made within 90 minutes from first validation at a smart card reader.

Transfer – means a customer can transfer to another service, or services, without additional fare where the transfer on to a service occurs within 90 minutes of their first validating their ticket at a validator.

Weekday – means any day of the week that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a *public holiday*.

Weekend – means a Saturday or Sunday that is not a Public Holiday.

Eligibility conditions for discounted fares

A person is eligible for a *concession fare* if:

- (a) the person holds one of the following concession cards:
 - (i) a card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans’ Affairs commonly known as a “Pensioner Concession Card”;
 - (ii) a card issued by Centrelink commonly known as a “Health Care Card”;
 - (iii) a Department of Veterans’ Affairs Gold Card;
- (b) the person is the holder of a Seniors Card issued by any Australian State or Territory;
- (c) the person is the holder of an ACT Services Access Card.

A person is eligible for a *school student fare* if the person is —

- (a) an ACT school student who is:
 - (i) a primary school student attending an ACT school;
 - (ii) a student registered for home schooling under the *Education Act 2004*;
or
 - (iii) a student who holds an appropriate student card identifying the person as a secondary school student attending an ACT school; or
- (b) a school student who holds an appropriate student card identifying the person as:
 - (i) an Australian primary school student; or
 - (ii) an Australian secondary student.

A person is eligible for a *tertiary student fare* if the person:

- (a) holds a valid photographic student identification card issued by an Australian higher education institution, indicating that the person is a full-time student; or
- (b) holds a current MyWay+ Tertiary Student Concession Card.

A person is an *exempt person* if the person is:

- (a) a person who holds a Department of Veterans’ Affairs Gold Card embossed with TPI or EDA and, where that person is accompanied by an attendant, the attendant;

- (b) a person who:
 - (i) has been assessed as having total and permanent incapacity and who holds a Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) pass issued from a MyWay+ Office and, where that person is accompanied by an attendant, the attendant;
 - (ii) holds a Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Travel Pass issued by an Australian State or Territory Government and, where that person is accompanied by and attendant the attendant.
- (c) a World War I veteran's spouse, or a person who was, at the time of the veteran's death, living with the veteran as the veteran's spouse on a permanent and bona fide basis although not legally married to the veteran;
- (d) wearing or displaying war service medals on the 25th day of April in any year;
- (e) seniors card holders at all times during Seniors Week as declared on a yearly basis;
- (f) any person on the 25th day of December in any year;
- (g) a person who:
 - (i) has been assessed as legally blind and holds a Vision Impaired Travel Pass issued from a MyWay+ Office and, where that person is accompanied by an attendant, the attendant;
 - (ii) holds a Vision Impaired Travel Pass issued by an Australian State or Territory Government and, where that person is accompanied by and attendant the attendant.
- (h) a person who is not of compulsory education age as defined in the *Education Act 2004* and does not attend school, is not occupying a seat on the bus and is in the care and custody of a responsible person who assures the driver or inspector that the child is not at school;
- (i) a sworn member of ACT Policing (Australian Federal Police) in their official capacity and who holds evidence which identifies him or her as such a person;
- (j) an ACT resident who has attained the age of 70 years and who has been issued with an ACTION Gold Card or MyWay+ card; or
- (k) a person who:
 - (i) is a resident of Oaks Estate who provides proof of one-way travel on a CDC Canberra bus service that occurred within 90 minutes prior to the resident travelling on an Transport Canberra bus or light rail services; or
 - (ii) is a resident of Oaks Estate who provides proof of return travel on CDC Canberra Transit services that has occurred or will occur on the same day of travel as the resident's travel on a Transport Canberra bus or light rail service; or
- (l) the companion of a person holding a Companion Card issued by an Australian State or Territory Government.