

Australian Capital Territory

# Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) (Authorised Fixed Fare Hiring) Approval 2008 (No 1)

**Disallowable instrument DI2008–29**

made under the

***Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002, section 142A (Exemption from operation of taxi meter and metered fares for certain hirings – Act s 85(1))***

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 142A of the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002* (the Regulation) provides for authorised fixed-fare hirings.

A taxi driver performing an authorised fixed-fare hiring is exempt from the following provisions of the Regulation:

- Section 143A (When driver must start taximeter)
- Section 143B (Operation of taximeter during hiring)
- Section 143C (Operation of taximeter at end of hiring)
- Section 144(2) (Driver to ask for correct fare).

Subsection 142A (2) provides that the road transport authority may approve a hiring to be a fixed fare hiring. Other kinds of fixed-fare hiring relate to hirings to destinations outside the ACT taxi region and hirings for the delivery of goods if no passengers are carried in the taxi during the hiring.

This instrument gives approval for hirings by Nightlink taxis, between midnight on Friday nights and 6.00am on Saturday mornings, or between midnight on Saturday nights and 6.00am on Sunday mornings, to be authorised fixed-fare hirings.

Nightlink taxis provide a ride-share service under which individual passengers or groups of passengers will not have the exclusive use of the vehicle. Passengers and passenger groups with destinations in the same general direction will travel together in larger taxis. The fixed fares will be paid by passengers at the start of the journey. Taxi meters will not be used by the driver. The Nightlink fares schedule will be displayed at the Nightlink rank and on the ACT Government website.

Subsection 142A (3) provides that an approval under subsection 142A (2) is a disallowable instrument.