

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 24 of 1975

The primary objective of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Regulations is to amend the existing Regulations made under the Motor Traffic Ordinance 1926-1974 to provide for increases in taxi fares.

Details of the increases are as follows:-

- the old mileage rate of 30c per mile (18.64c per kilometre) has been increased to 22c per kilometre;
- the rate for a journey beyond the City Area has been increased from 20c per mile (12c per kilometre) to 15c per kilometre;
- the flag fall has been increased from 30c to 35c;
- the rate for weddings and funerals remains at \$12 for the first hour, but the rate for additional time is increased from \$1.50 for each additional 15 minutes to \$2.50 for each additional 15 minutes; and
- the rate for waiting time increases from 40c for each 6 minutes that the taxi is required to wait to 5c for each 36 seconds.

Other amendments provide for metrication and tie the definitions of “City Area” and “Taxi Rank” (Previously “Public Stand”) to the definitions contained in the Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936-1974. These latter amendments are intended to bring about a degree of uniformity between the Regulations and the Motor Traffic Ordinance pursuant to which they are made.