

Australian Capital Territory

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2013 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2013–2

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This instrument provides maximum fares charged to customers using the ACTION bus system. The instrument revokes the Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2012 (No.1) (DI2012 - 10).

The instrument contains the fares for MyWay smart cards and cash fares.

Part A of the Schedule provides fares under the MyWay smart card system. 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. A trip is a single fare including any transfers made within 90 minutes.

It is a condition of travel using a MyWay card that passengers tag on and off the bus they are travelling on. If a customer does not comply with this requirement then they will be charged a default fare. 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.

This determination increases the maximum fare payable for MyWay and cash fares for regular route services on the ACTION bus system, and increases the

MyWay monthly trip caps from 36 to 40 for adults, tertiary students and concession holders, and 26 to 30 for school students.

It also refines the arrangements for holders of free travel passes issued by interstate authorities for vision impaired and total and permanently incapacitated war veterans and attendants to travel for free on ACTION services. This is in line with other reciprocal arrangements in other jurisdictions which recognise interstate issued passes for regular public transport route services.

Additionally it removes the exclusion for employees of the Australian Defence Force to access tertiary student concession fares if they are studying in a full time capacity, and aligns the concession entitlement for defence personnel with entitlements for other full time tertiary students.