

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)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This instrument provides maximum fares charged to customers using Transport Canberra bus and light rail services. The instrument revokes the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2018* (DI2018–284).

The instrument contains the maximum fares payable for travel on regular route bus services provided by Transport Canberra and on light rail services by holders of MyWay+ tokens, including single use tickets, with effect from 4 January 2025.

Public transport fares have increased by 3 percent from those fares set in the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2018* (DI2018–284). Single use fares, previously known as cash fares, for adult or concession passengers have increased by around 3.0. Fares are no longer rounded to the nearest 10 cents with cash no longer accepted on buses or at Ticket Vending Machines.

Public transport fares have not increased since January 2019 to aid in Canberra’s recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, the fares payable to 2024 have continued to be based on the 2018 fares determination.

PART A - Maximum fares and fare caps payable using MyWay+ Smart Card and Approved payment devices

	Standard Fare or Cap		Concession Fare		School Student Fare		Tertiary Student Fare		% Increase
	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	
Peak single trip	\$3.22	\$3.32	\$1.61	\$1.66	\$1.61	\$1.66	\$1.61	\$1.66	3.00%
Off-peak single trip	\$2.55	\$2.63	\$0.89	\$0.92	\$1.61	\$1.66	\$1.61	\$1.66	3.00%
School day trip	Not applicable		Not applicable		\$1.22	\$1.26	\$1.61	\$1.66	3.00%
Default fare	\$1.78	\$1.83	\$0.89	\$0.92	\$0.89	\$0.92	\$0.89	\$0.92	3.00%

PART B - Fare caps for MyWay+ Smart Card and Approved payment device fares

	Standard Fare or Cap		Concession Fare		School Student Fare		Tertiary Student Fare		% Increase
	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	
Weekday daily cap	\$9.60	\$9.89	\$4.80	\$4.94	\$4.80	\$4.94	\$4.80	\$4.94	3.00%
Weekend/public holiday daily cap	\$5.87	\$6.05	\$2.17	\$2.24	\$2.17	\$2.24	\$2.17	\$2.24	3.00%
Default after cap fare for failure to tag on or off	\$1.78	\$1.83	\$0.89	\$0.92	\$0.89	\$0.92	\$0.89	\$0.92	3.00%
Monthly journey cap	40 paid journeys		40 paid journeys		30 paid journeys		40 paid journeys		

PART C - MyWay+ Single and daily trip fares

	Standard Fare		Concession Fare		School/ Tertiary Student Fare		% Increase
	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	Fare payable in 2024	Fare payable 1 January 2025	
Single trip	\$5.00	\$5.15	\$2.50	\$2.58	\$2.50	\$2.58	3.00%
Daily ticket	\$9.60	\$9.89	\$4.80	\$4.94	\$4.80	\$4.94	3.00%

CLAUSE NOTES

Clause 1 Name of instrument

This clause states that the name of the instrument is the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Public Transport Fares Determination 2024 (No 1)*.

Clause 2 Commencement

This clause states that the instrument commences on 4 January 2025.

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

This clause outlines that maximum fares payable when payment is made by MyWay+ Smart Card or approved payment devices are stated in Part A of Schedule 1.

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

This clause outlines that maximum fare caps when payment is made by MyWay+ Smart Card or approved payment devices are stated in Part B of Schedule 1.

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

This clause outlines maximum fares payable for a single or daily ticket when payment is made by MyWay+ Smart Card or approved payment devices are stated in Part C of Schedule 1.

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

This clause outlines that definitions and validity arrangements for ticket types and eligibility conditions for discounted fares are outlined in Part D of Schedule 1.

Part D defines several terms used within this instrument. Following the launch of the new account-based ticketing system MyWay+, new definitions have been added to support this fare structure and the expanded operational mechanisms available to the public to pay and travel.

The term ‘approved payment device’ has been inserted to facilitate the “contactless” tokens a passenger can use to pay for a fare including such things as using a physical credit or debit card, digital wallet, the MyWay+ app or an in-app ticket called MyWay+ pass.

A definition for a ‘MyWay+ smartcard’ has also been included to assist in differentiating the physical token, which must be purchased from an approved vendor to tokens covered in the ‘approved payment device’ definition.

The term ‘single trip ticket’ has been introduced – replacing “paper tickets” to reflect the paper tickets that can be purchased under MyWay+ system from Ticket Vending Machines. These tickets are considered a ticket of last resort and will be charged as if they are paper tickets because these tickets are pre-purchased and cannot apply a “default” fare if a passenger fails to tag off

Additionally, minor amendments have been made to existing definitions insert ‘MyWay+’ to reflect the new ticketing system branding.

Clause 7 Payment of fares

This clause outlines that fares for using bus or light rail services covered by this instrument are payable by a customer to Transport Canberra or an authorised agent of Transport Canberra.

Clause 8 Goods and Services Tax

This clause states that all fares listed in Schedule 1 are inclusive of GST.

Clause 9 Start and end times for day and month

This clause defines when the MyWay+ day commences and ends for the calculation of fares. Additionally, it defines when the month starts and ends for the purpose of counting trips for max fare cap purposes.