

Australian Capital Territory

# Road Transport (General) (Pay Parking Area Fees) Determination 2026 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2026-48

made under the

**Road Transport (General) Act 1999, section 96 (Determination of fees, charges and other amounts)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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### Overview

This explanatory statement relates to the *Road Transport (General) (Pay Parking Area Fees) Determination 2026 (No 1)* (the **instrument**) as presented to the Legislative Assembly. It has been prepared to assist the reader of the instrument. It does not form part of the instrument and has not been endorsed by the Assembly.

Section 96 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* (the **Act**) allows the Minister to determine fees, charges and other amounts payable under the ACT road transport legislation.

This instrument determines the relevant parking fees for Territory-operated pay parking areas. Under the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 2017* (the **Regulation**), pay parking areas are implemented through ticket parking schemes, which are established by the Road Transport Authority under section 35 (1) of the Regulation.

The instrument also includes price increases based on indexation of estimated 2025/26 Wage Price Index of 3.5%, rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. This is in accordance with Budget Memo 2025/32.

Schedule 1 of the instrument lists pay parking areas, parking fee categories and the fees that apply to each area.

The number of fee categories has been maintained at 10, which includes four multi-stay (or all-day) categories, five short-stay categories and one additional rate after standard hours rates category.

The fees for pre-paid weekly and monthly multi-day parking tickets that are usable in multi-stay ticket parking areas are set out in Schedule 2. These tickets continue to represent savings of approximately 5% and 6% respectively on the daily purchase price of tickets within their fee category, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

The fee for CIT student pre-paid all-day parking tickets is in Schedule 3. CIT student pre-paid tickets are available to eligible CIT students. The ticket is usable in specific multi-stay ticket parking areas only as identified in Schedule 3.

**Table 1: Changes to Pay Parking Area Fees**

| Category  | 2025-26<br>Budget 6% |              |             | 2026-27<br>WPI 3.5% |              |             | % increase |
|---|----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
|   | Unrounded rate       | Rounded rate | Hourly rate | Unrounded rate      | Rounded rate | Hourly Rate |            |
| Category 1: Multi-Stay Parking – Premium City Centre  | \$21.90              | \$22.00      | \$4.00      | \$22.67             | \$23.00      | \$4.00      | 4.54%      |
| Category 2: Multi-Stay Parking – Yarralumla   | \$17.20              | \$17.00      | \$2.00      | \$17.81             | \$18.00      | \$2.00      | 5.88%      |
| Category 3: Multi-Stay Parking – Other City Centre, Premium Town Centre                           | \$14.85              | \$15.00      | \$2.00      | \$15.37             | \$15.00      | \$2.00      | 0.00%      |
| Category 4: Multi-Stay Parking – Other Town Centre, Group Centre                                  | \$12.50              | \$13.00      | \$2.00      | \$12.94             | \$13.00      | \$2.00      | 0.00%      |
| Category 5: Short-Stay Parking – Premium City Centre – 4 hours                                    | \$19.56              | \$20.00      | \$5.00      | \$20.24             | \$20.00      | \$5.00      | 0.00%      |
| Category 6: Short-Stay Parking – Other Centres – 4 hours  | \$14.85              | \$15.00      | \$4.00      | \$15.37             | \$15.00      | \$4.00      | 0.00%      |
| Category 7: Short-Stay Parking – City, Town and Group Centres – 3 hours                           | \$11.77              | \$12.00      | \$5.00      | \$12.17             | \$12.00      | \$5.00      | 0.00%      |
| Category 8: Short-Stay Parking – City, Town and Group Centres – 2 hours                           | \$6.32               | \$6.00       | \$4.00      | \$6.53              | \$7.00       | \$4.00      | 16.67%     |
| Category 9: Short-Stay Parking – City, Town and Group Centres – 30 minutes                        | \$1.61               | \$2.00       | \$2.00      | \$1.67              | \$2.00       | \$2.00      | 0.00%      |
| Category 10: locations with additional rates after standard hours                                 | \$7.19               | \$7.00       | \$2.00      | \$7.44              | \$7.00       | \$2.00      | 0.00%      |
| Multi-day tickets - for use in Item 1: Multi-Stay Parking - Premium City Centre                   |                      | \$105.00     |             |                     | \$109.00     |             | 3.81%      |
| Multi-day tickets - for use in Item 2: Multi-Stay Parking - Yarralumla                            |                      | \$414.00     |             |                     | \$432.00     |             | 4.35%      |
| Multi-day tickets -for use in Item 3: Multi-Stay Parking - Other City Centre, Town Centre Premium |                      | \$81.00      |             |                     | \$86.00      |             | 6.17%      |
| Multi-day tickets for use in Item 4: Multi-Stay Parking - Other Town Centre, Group Centre         |                      | \$320.00     |             |                     | \$338.00     |             | 5.62%      |
|   |                      | \$71.00      |             |                     | \$71.00      |             | 0.00%      |
|   |                      | \$282.00     |             |                     | \$282.00     |             | 0.00%      |
|   |                      | \$62.00      |             |                     | \$62.00      |             | 0.00%      |
|   |                      | \$244.00     |             |                     | \$244.00     |             | 0.00%      |
| CIT pre-paid parking ticket per semester  | \$48.02              | \$48.00      |             | \$49.70             | \$50.00      |             | 4.17%      |

It is the preference of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (Legislative Scrutiny Role) that instruments or explanatory statements identify the amount of the old and new fee, any percentage increase and the reason for any increase. This has been considered in the preparation of the instrument and this explanatory statement.

This instrument commences 1 July 2026.

This instrument revokes the *Road Transport (General) Pay Parking Area Fees Determination 2025 (No 3)* (DI2025-263).

This determination, under section 96 of the Act, is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly not later than 6 sitting days after its notification day, pursuant to section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (the ***Legislation Act***).

### **Human Rights**

There are no human rights impacts arising from this instrument.

### **Climate change**

Increases to parking fees may encourage alternative forms of transport, which may have a positive impact on climate change, but is not feasible to measure the impact.

### **Regulation Impact Statement (RIS)**

A RIS is not required for this fee determination due to section 36 (1) (k) of the *Legislation Act*, which states that a RIS need not be prepared for an amendment of a fee consistent with announced government policy.