

# Opal fares from 1 July 2024

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## 1 Fares to increase on 1 July 2024

Transport for NSW has notified IPART that it will increase some Opal fares from 1 July 2024<sup>a</sup>. This is allowed for under the existing determination.

Most single fares, weekday caps and weekend caps will increase by around 5%.

There will be no change to:

- the 0-3km fare for travel on bus and light rail, and the Stockton Ferry in Newcastle
- the \$2.50 daily cap for Opal Gold (Senior / Pensioner) card users
- the \$50 or \$25 weekly caps for Adult Opal card, contactless payments and Concession, Child and Youth Opal card users respectively
- the Transfer Discount for journey mode changes within 60 minutes.

Transport for NSW estimates the combined impact of these changes to weekly travel costs will be an increase of 3.6%.

## 2 IPART's determination of maximum fares

Opal fares are fares for train, bus, ferry, light rail and metro services on which an Opal card can be used. These services operate in Sydney, Newcastle, the Central Coast, Wollongong, the Blue Mountains and Hunter regions.

Our determination sets appropriate maximum fares for these services until 30 June 2024. It remains in place until replaced by a new determination. Until a new determination is in place, maximum fares can increase by the Consumer Price Index each year. We will release a new determination setting maximum fares to 2028 later this year. For more information about that review, see the [review page](#) on our website.

Any discounts, concession fares, travel rewards, travel caps or other fares set below the appropriate maximum fares are not set by our determination but decided by Transport for NSW.

IPART has considered the planned changes and found that they do not exceed the appropriate maximum fares allowed for in our [current Opal fare determination](#)<sup>b</sup> available on our website. All fares remain below the current appropriate maximum fare.

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<sup>a</sup> See letter in Attachment A.

<sup>b</sup> Note that Schedule 1 of the current Opal fare determination presents maximum fares *excluding* GST. The 2024-25 Opal fares presented in Attachment A *include* GST.

## A Letter from Transport for NSW



**Transport  
for NSW**

Ms Fiona Towers  
Executive Director Pricing and Policy  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
PO Box K35 Haymarket Post Shop  
NSW 1240

Dear Ms Towers

From Monday 1 July 2024, there will be a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to most Opal fares and caps, leading to an overall average increase of 3.6 per cent.

The increase will apply to most Opal fares and single trip tickets, but there will be no change to:

- the \$50 weekly cap for Adult Opal card and contactless credit/debit card or device users
- the \$25 weekly cap for Concession and Child/Youth Opal card users
- the \$2.50 daily cap for Gold Senior/Pensioner Opal card users
- fares for bus and light rail journeys up to 3 km
- transfer discounts of \$2 for Adult Opal passengers and \$1 for Child/Youth, Concession and Senior/Pensioner passengers.

The current and new Opal fare tables are attached.

Yours sincerely,

**Aaron Murray**  
**Director Pricing**  
**Transport for NSW**

## Current and new (from 1 July 2024) Opal fares

### Daily and weekly caps

	Monday – Thursday Daily Cap		Friday / Saturday / Sunday / Public Holiday Daily Cap		Weekly	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Adult (Opal or credit/debit card)	\$17.80	\$18.70	\$8.90	\$9.35	\$50.00	No change
Child/Youth	\$8.90	\$9.35	\$4.45	\$4.65	\$25.00	No change
Concession	\$8.90	\$9.35	\$4.45	\$4.65	\$25.00	No change
Senior/Pensioner	\$2.50	No change	\$2.50	No change	-	-

### Train and Metro Opal fares – Adult

Distance band (km)	Peak		Off-peak		Single Trip Train fare	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Up to 10 km	\$4.00	\$4.20	\$2.80	\$2.94	\$4.80	\$5.00
10-20 km	\$4.97	\$5.22	\$3.47	\$3.65	\$6.00	\$6.30
20-35 km	\$5.72	\$6.01	\$4.00	\$4.20	\$6.90	\$7.20
36-65 km	\$7.65	\$8.03	\$5.35	\$5.62	\$9.20	\$9.60
Over 65 km	\$9.84	\$10.33	\$6.88	\$7.23	\$11.80	\$12.40

### Bus Opal fares – Adult

(Includes On Demand services in the Opal network)

Distance band (km)	Peak		Off-peak		Single Trip Bus fare	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Up to 3 km	\$3.20	No change	\$2.24	No change	\$4.00	No change
3-8 km	\$4.15	\$4.36	\$2.90	\$3.05	\$5.00	\$5.20
Over 8 km	\$5.33	\$5.60	\$3.73	\$3.92	\$6.40	\$6.70

### Light Rail Opal fares – Adult

Distance band (km)	Peak		Off-peak		Single Trip Light Rail fare	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Up to 3 km	\$3.20	No change	\$2.24	No change	\$4.00	No change
3-8 km	\$4.15	\$4.36	\$2.90	\$3.05	\$5.00	\$5.20
Over 8 km	\$5.33	\$5.60	\$3.73	\$3.92	\$6.40	\$6.70

### Ferry Opal fares – Adult

Distance band (km)	Opal Ferry Fare		Single Trip Ferry fare	
	Current	New	Current	New
Up to 9 km	\$6.79	\$7.13	\$8.20	\$8.60
Over 9 km	\$8.49	\$8.92	\$10.20	\$10.70

### Stockton Ferries – Adult

Distance band (km)	Peak		Off-peak		Single Trip Stockton Ferry fare	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Stockton Ferry	\$3.20	No change	\$2.24	No change	\$4.00	No change