

NSW Transport Facts 3

Review of Fares for Sydney Metropolitan Buses and Newcastle Services in NSW 2006

From 2 January 2007

A Fact Sheet on IPART's Review of Fares for Sydney Metropolitan Buses and Newcastle Services from 2 January 2007

On 13 December, IPART released its determinations on Sydney metropolitan bus fares and Newcastle Services fares for the period from 2 January 2007. This fact sheet provides an overview of IPART's reports on these determinations. The full reports and determinations are available on IPART's website.

Overview

Sydney metropolitan bus operators' fares will increase by a weighted average increase of 2.6 per cent under the Independent Pricing Tribunal of NSW (IPART) determination. This increase is the result of the Tribunal's decision to increase maximum fares by 3.8 per cent before rounding. The 3.8 per cent increase was applied to the master fare schedule adopted by IPART as part of last year's determination, with the resulting prices rounded up or down to the nearest 10 cents for single tickets and the nearest dollar for adult TravelPasses leading to the 2.6 per cent increase after rounding. The increase in fares for Newcastle Services is 3.8 per cent.

The impact on the price of individual fares is summarised below.

Single tickets on all Sydney metropolitan bus services

- ▼ Section 1-2 tickets will not change
- ▼ Sections 3-5 and 10-15 tickets will increase by 10 cents
- ▼ Sections 6-9 and 16+ tickets will increase by 20 cents.

Other tickets on Sydney Buses services

- ▼ TravelTen tickets will increase by between zero and \$1.60 (or by between zero and 16 cents per trip)
- ▼ Bus and ferry TravelPasses will increase by either \$1.00 or \$2.00, and Rail-bus-ferry TravelPasses will not change
- ▼ BusTripper tickets will increase by 40 cents and DayTripper tickets will not change
- ▼ The Sports Special return fare will rise by 20 cents and the School Student Term Pass will increase by \$1.50.

Other tickets on Transitway services

- ▼ T-way 10 tickets will increase by 40 cents and \$1.90 (or by between 4 and 19 cents per trip)
- ▼ T-way bus plus weekly tickets will increase by between 50 cents and \$2.30
- ▼ T-way weekly tickets will rise by between \$1.30 and \$2.30.

Tickets on Newcastle Buses and Ferries Services

- ▼ Single bus tickets will increase by between 10 and 30 cents
- ▼ The 1-hour bus ticket and Stockton ferry ticket will increase by 10 cents
- ▼ The 4-hour bus ticket will increase by 20 cents and the All Day bus ticket will increase by 30 cents
- ▼ TimeTen 1-hour tickets will increase by 90 cents (or 9 cents per trip)
- ▼ The Orange TravelPass will increase by \$1.00, and other TravelPasses will not change.

IPART considers that these pricing decisions are justified because costs in the bus industry have increased by more than the change in the CPI in the last financial year, particularly fuel costs. There have also been modest improvements in the quality, reliability and safety of the services provided by bus operators. In addition, IPART considers that it is reasonable to require users of bus services to pay slightly more to ensure that bus operators recover an appropriate proportion of their costs through ticket revenue.

IPART is satisfied that its pricing decisions will not have a significant adverse effect on bus passengers of the environment.

The maximum fares for specific Sydney metropolitan bus services and Newcastle Services' services that will apply from 2 January 2007 are shown in the attached tables.

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Attachment 1 – Sydney metropolitan bus fares, 2007

Table 1 Metropolitan single ticket bus fares

Singles ticket type	2006 Ticket Price \$	2007 Ticket Price \$	Percentage Change %	Absolute Change \$
1-2 Sections	1.70	1.70	-	-
3-5 Sections	2.80	2.90	3.6	0.10
6-9 Sections	3.70	3.90	5.4	0.20
10-15 Sections	4.50	4.60	2.2	0.10
16+ Sections	5.40	5.60	3.7	0.20

Table 2 Sydney Buses TravelTen fares

TravelTens	2006 Ticket Price \$	2007 Ticket Price \$	Percentage Change %	Absolute Change \$
1-2 Sections	13.60	13.60	-	-
3-5 Sections	22.40	23.20	3.6	0.80
6-9 Sections	29.60	31.20	5.4	1.60
10-15 Sections	36.10	36.80	1.9	0.70
16+ Sections	44.20	44.80	1.4	0.60

Table 3 Sydney Buses TravelPass fares

TravelPasses	2006 Ticket Price \$	2007 Ticket Price \$	Percentage change %	Absolute change \$
Red	33.00	33.00	-	-
Green	41.00	41.00	-	-
Yellow	45.00	45.00	-	-
Pink	48.00	48.00	-	-
Purple	55.00	55.00	-	-
Blue	30.00	31.00	3.3	1.00
Orange	37.00	38.00	2.7	1.00
Pittwater	51.00	53.00	3.9	2.00
2 Zone	30.00	31.00	3.3	1.00
Daytripper	15.40	15.40	-	-
Bustripper	11.30	11.70	3.5	0.40

Table 4 Other Sydney Buses fares

	2006 Ticket Price \$	2007 Ticket Price \$	Percentage Change %	Absolute Change \$
Sports Special	5.00	5.20	4.0	0.20
School Term Pass	40.00	41.50	3.8	1.50

Table 5 Transitway T-way10 fares

T-way10	2006 Ticket price \$	2007 Ticket price \$	Percentage change \$	Absolute change
1-2 Sections	14.10	14.50	2.8	0.40
3-5 Sections	23.80	24.70	3.8	0.90
6-9 Sections	31.70	33.20	4.7	1.50
10-15 Sections	37.90	39.10	3.2	1.20
16+ Sections	45.70	47.60	4.2	1.90

Table 6 Transitway weekly fares

	2006 Ticket price \$	2007 Ticket price \$	Percentage change %	Absolute change \$
T-way bus plus weekly				
1-2 Sections	12.70	13.20	3.9	0.50
3-5 Sections	23.70	24.60	3.8	0.90
6-9 Sections	33.70	35.00	3.9	1.30
10-15 Sections	48.40	50.30	3.9	1.90
16+ Sections	61.50	63.80	3.7	2.30
T-way weekly				
North Zone	33.70	35.00	3.9	1.30
South Zone	33.70	35.00	3.9	1.30
North + South Zone	61.50	63.80	3.7	2.30

Attachment 2 - Newcastle Services fares, 2007

Table 7 Newcastle Services fares

Ticket Type	2006 Master Fares \$	2006 Actual Fares \$	2007 Master Fares Increase of 3.8% \$	2007 Rounded Fares \$	Percentage Changes %	Absolute Changes \$
1 Hour	2.79	2.80	2.90	2.90	3.6	0.10
4 Hours	5.48	5.50	5.69	5.70	3.6	0.20
TimeTen 1 Hour	23.10	23.10	23.98	24.00	3.9	0.90
All Day	8.38	8.40	8.70	8.70	3.6	0.30
Stockton	2.04	2.00	2.12	2.10	5.0	0.10
Orange TPass	36.96	37.00	38.00	38.00	2.7	1.00
Yellow TPass	43.93	44.00	45.00	45.00	2.3	1.00
Pink TPass	47.00	47.00	48.00	48.00	2.1	1.00