



Transport
for NSW

Mr James Cox
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Dear Mr Cox

Maximum taxi fares for 2012/13

I am writing to advise you that I have determined taxi fares for urban and country areas, which will take effect from 22 July 2012.

I have accepted IPART's recommendations relating to the level of increases that should apply to maximum taxi fares and I have attached, for your information, a copy of the notice that will be published in the NSW Government Gazette.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the work that IPART has done in the 2012 taxi fare review process.

Yours sincerely

Les Wielinga
Director-General

28.06.12

PASSENGER TRANSPORT ACT 1990

Section 60A

Determination of Maximum Fares for Taxi-cabs: 2012

I, Leslie Robert Wielinga, Director-General of the Department of Transport, on behalf of Transport for NSW, pursuant to s60A of the *Passenger Transport Act 1990*, hereby determine that the maximum fares and other arrangements for remuneration payable by the hirers in respect of taxi-cab services in New South Wales shall be as set out hereunder.

1. Interpretation

Terms used, other than those defined hereunder, have the same meaning as they do in the *Passenger Transport Act 1990* or *Passenger Transport Regulation 2007*.

'Country Area' means that part of New South Wales other than an Urban Area and an Exempt Area.

'Exempt Area' means the townships of Moama, Barham, Tocumwal, Mulwala, Barooga and Deniliquin.

'Holiday Surcharge' means an amount equal to 20% of the Distance Rate, as set out in clause 4, in respect of a journey commencing between 6am and 10pm on a Sunday or Public Holiday.

'Night-time Surcharge' means an amount equal to 20% of the Distance Rate, as set out in clauses 3 and 4 (as the case may be), in respect of a journey commencing between 10pm and 6am.

'Public Holiday' means a day specified in s4 of the *Public Holidays Act 2010*, any day specified by the Minister as an additional public holiday in accordance with s5 of that Act, or any day specified by the Minister as a substituted day in accordance with s6 of that Act.

'Tolls' mean all road, bridge, ferry, tunnel and airport tolls that apply to a journey and, in respect of a northbound journey over the Sydney Harbour Bridge or through the Sydney Harbour Tunnel, mean an amount equal to the toll applicable to southbound traffic at the time of the hirer's northbound journey.

'Urban Area' means those parts of New South Wales specified in Schedule 1.

2. Commencement

This determination takes effect from 22 July 2012.

3. Maximum Fares in an Urban Area

The maximum fares and other arrangements payable in relation to a taxi-cab licensed to operate in an Urban Area as set out in this clause.

Flag Fall:	\$3.50
Distance Rate:	\$2.14 per kilometre
Booking Fee:	\$2.40
Waiting Time:	\$55.30 per hour (92.1 cents per minute) while vehicle speed is less than 26 km/h

4. Maximum Fares in a Country Area

The maximum fares and other arrangements payable in relation to a taxi-cab licensed to operate in a Country Area are as set out in this clause.

Flag Fall:	\$4.00
Distance Rate:	\$2.20 per kilometre for the first 12 kilometres and \$3.05 per kilometre thereafter
Booking Fee:	\$1.10
Waiting Time:	\$56.24 per hour (93.7 cents per minute) while vehicle speed is less than 26 km/h

5. Night-time Surcharge

A Night-time Surcharge on the Distance Rate is payable in relation to a taxi-cab licensed to operate in either an Urban Area or a Country Area.

6. Tolls

Tolls are payable in relation to a taxi-cab licensed to operate in either an Urban Area or a Country Area.

7. Holiday Surcharge

A Holiday Surcharge on the Distance Rate is payable in relation to a taxi-cab licensed to operate in a Country Area.

8. Maxi-cabs

An amount of up to 150% of the fare and other arrangements payable in accordance with clauses 3, 4, 5 and 7 (as the case may be) excluding tolls, may be demanded by the driver of a maxi-cab licensed to operate in either an Urban Area or a Country Area, provided:

(a) where the taxi-cab is pre-booked, a maxi-cab is requested; or

- (b) where the maxi-cab is hired from a taxi-zone or street, there are 5 or more passengers.

This clause 8 does not apply:

- (a) in respect of a multiple-hiring; or
- (b) where the maxi-cab is pre-booked for a person using a wheelchair, unless the person has requested a taxi-cab with seating for more than 5 adult passengers.

9. Multiple hirings

An amount of 75% of the fare and other arrangements payable in accordance with clauses 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (as the case may be) may be demanded by the driver of a taxi-cab licensed to operate in either an Urban Area or a Country Area and payable by each hirer of the taxi-cab provided:

- (a) each of the hirers and the driver agree;
- (b) each of the hirers agree that the driver may accept the other hirings;
- (c) all of the hirers commence the hiring of the taxi-cab at the same time; and
- (d) all of the hirers are travelling to destinations in the same general locality or the same general direction.

10. Exempt Area

This determination does not apply to a taxi-cab licensed to operate in an Exempt Area.

11. Previous Determinations

All previous determinations made pursuant to s60A of the *Passenger Transport Act 1990* in relation to maximum fares for taxi-cabs are revoked.

DATED: 28 June 2012



Les Wielinga
Director-General
Department of Transport

SCHEDULE 1

URBAN AREA

- (a) Sydney Metropolitan Transport District
- (b) Newcastle Transport District
- (c) Wollongong Transport District
- (d) Blue Mountains Local Government Area
- (e) Gosford Local Government Area
- (f) Wyong Local Government Area
- (g) Shellharbour Local Government Area
- (h) The townships of Cams Wharf, Fern Bay, Minmi, Toronto, Williamtown, Medowie, Campvale, Ferodale, Raymond Terrace, Fassifern, Hexham, Maitland, Beresfield, Fullerton Cove, Tomago, Camden, Picton, Thirlmere, Tahmoor and Bargo.

