

Taxi Fare Review 2016 – Urban Zone

Release of draft report – 3 May 2016

The Commission has released a draft report on its 2016 review of maximum taxi fares that can be charged in the Melbourne metropolitan taxi zone (metropolitan zone) and the urban and large regional taxi zone (urban zone).

The draft report consists of two volumes: Volume 1 is a summary of our draft decision; Volume 2 provides the detailed analysis underpinning our draft decision. The report can be found at <http://www.esc.vic.gov.au/Taxis/Taxi-Fare-Review-2016>.

This fact sheet summarises our draft decisions for the urban zone. The urban zone consists of the areas of Dandenong, Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula (to the east of the metropolitan zone); and the large regional areas of Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo.

Draft decisions for maximum fares in the urban taxi zone

1. Maximum fares for the areas of Dandenong, Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula would continue to be consistent with maximum fares in the metropolitan zone, including changes made to metropolitan zone maximum fares following this review (see separate fact sheet for the metropolitan zone).
2. In Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo, the period during which a late night fee may be charged would be from 7pm on Fridays and Saturdays to 6am on the morning immediately following; and from midnight to 6am on all other days (instead of from midnight to 6am on all days currently). The maximum charge for a late night fee would remain capped at \$3.40.
3. In Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo, the holiday rate would be able to be charged from 7pm on the evenings prior to all public holidays, until 6am on the morning immediately following. The maximum charge for a holiday rate would remain capped at \$4.20.
4. In Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo, the holiday rate of \$4.20 would continue to apply all day Christmas Day and Boxing Day, from 6pm on New Year's Eve and all day New Year's Day (but not after 6am on other public holidays).

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Draft maximum taxi fares for Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo

| Standard trips | | Maximum charge up to |
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| Flagfall | | \$3.60 |
| Distance rate (per km, applies when speed is above 21 km/hr) | | \$1.838 |
| Waiting time (per minute, applies when speed is below 21 km/hr) | | \$0.643 |
| High occupancy trips | | Maximum charge up to |
| Trips with 5-11 passengers or when a high occupancy vehicle is specifically requested. Not applicable for wheelchair passenger trips. | | |
| Flagfall | | \$3.60 |
| Distance rate (per km, applies when speed is above 21 km/hr) | | \$2.757 |
| Waiting time (per min, applies when speed is below 21 km/hr) | | \$0.965 |
| Other fare components | | Maximum charge up to |
| Late night fee | For trips commencing between 7pm on Friday and Saturday nights through to 6am the following morning; and from midnight to 6am on all other days | \$3.40 |
| Booking fee | For booked trips | \$2.10 |
| Premium service charge | For booked trips where a vehicle is participating in a 'premium service scheme' is requested | \$11.00 |
| Airport booking fee | For trips booked for pick up from Melbourne Airport | \$3.00 |
| Holiday rate ^(a) | For trips commencing between 7pm <u>on evenings prior to</u> all public holidays, through to 6am the following morning. For trips commencing on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and from 6pm on New Year's Eve. | \$4.20 |

(a) The 'late night fee' does not apply during times that the holiday rate applies.

Invitation for submissions

The Commission invites submissions in response to its draft decision and report.

Submissions close on 23 May 2016.

Submissions should be emailed to taxifares@esc.vic.gov.au

Alternatively, submissions may be sent via fax to 03 9032 1303, or by mail, marked:

Submission to the Taxi Fare Review
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