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**AMBULANCE SERVICE (FEES) REGULATIONS  
2021**

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## **AMBULANCE SERVICE (FEES) REGULATIONS 2021**

I, the Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Ambulance Service Act 1982*.

Dated 30 August 2021.

B. BAKER  
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command,

JEREMY ROCKLIFF  
Minister for Health

### **1. Short title**

These regulations may be cited as the  
*Ambulance Service (Fees) Regulations 2021*.

### **2. Commencement**

These regulations take effect on  
7 September 2021.

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### 3. Interpretation

In these regulations –

*Act* means the *Ambulance Service Act 1982*;

*business hours* means the hours between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday as defined in the *Statutory Holidays Act 2000*;

*emergency ambulance services* means ambulance services provided as –

- (a) an immediate response to a potentially life-threatening incident with the use of lights and sirens; or
- (b) a non-immediate response without the use of lights and sirens;

*first intervention vehicle* means a vehicle that –

- (a) is not an ambulance or a specialised rescue vehicle; and
- (b) is operated by, or on behalf of, the Ambulance Service to provide ambulance services other than non-emergency patient transport services;

*flight paramedic* means an officer of the Ambulance service with accreditation

under the appropriate award in relation to the provision of advanced life support on an aircraft;

***intensive care paramedic*** means an officer of the Ambulance Service with accreditation under the appropriate award in relation to the provision of advanced life support;

***non-emergency patient-transport vehicle*** means a vehicle equipped to provide non-emergency patient transport services in accordance with the Act;

***patient-transport officer*** means an employee of the Ambulance Service, who, as a part of that employment, provides non-emergency patient transport services;

***round trip*** means the distance travelled by, or the time taken by, an ambulance, non-emergency patient-transport vehicle, first intervention vehicle, fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter or vessel from the start of a trip until it –

- (a) returns to its assigned station; or
- (b) returns to its assigned location; or
- (c) starts a new trip;

***routine ambulance services*** means ambulance services other than emergency ambulance services or non-emergency patient transport services;

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*specialised rescue vehicle* means a vehicle with specialised equipment used to extricate trapped people;

*vessel* means a vessel within the meaning of the *Marine and Safety Authority Act 1997*.

#### 4. Scale of fees

The fees specified in items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Schedule 1 are prescribed as the scale of fees payable to the Commissioner in respect of –

- (a) services provided under the Act to which section 36(1), (1C), (2), (2A) or (5) of the Act applies; or
- (b) services provided under the Act to which section 31(1B)(a) of the Act applies and in respect of which there is no reciprocal fee agreement in place between the Commissioner and the Commonwealth, another State Service Agency, a Government Business Enterprise or State Authority; or
- (c) services provided under the Act to which section 36(1B)(b) of the Act applies and in respect of which there is no reciprocal fee agreement in place between the Commissioner and the relevant jurisdiction; or
- (d) non-emergency patient transport services provided by the Ambulance Service; or

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- (e) ambulance services provided on the request of another State or a Territory in respect of which there is no reciprocal fee agreement in place in respect of those ambulance services.

**5. Reduction, waiver or refund of fees**

The Commissioner may reduce, waive or refund all or part of any fee charged under the Act on the grounds of financial hardship or for any other reason that the Commissioner thinks fit.

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**SCHEDULE 1 – SCALE OF FEES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES**

Regulation 4

<b>Item</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee  (Fee units)</b>
1.	Emergency ambulance services –	
	(a) use of ambulance or first intervention vehicle, with treatment but no transport, for round trip	756.79
	(b) use of ambulance or first intervention vehicle, with treatment and transport, for round trip	904.94
2.	Routine ambulance services with use of ambulance for round trip –	
	(a) first 15 kilometres or part of 15 kilometres; and	469.14
	(b) each kilometre or part of a kilometre in excess of 15 kilometres	3.78
3.	Non-emergency transport services with use of non-emergency patient-transport vehicle for round trip if trip commences during business hours –	
	(a) with attendance of one patient-transport officer –	
	(i) per round trip; and	93.83
	(ii) each kilometre or part of a kilometre	1.90



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<b>Item</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee  (Fee units)</b>
	(b) with attendance of two patient-transport officers –	
	(i) per round trip; and	145.06
	(ii) each kilometre or part of a kilometre	2.52
4.	Non-emergency transport services with use of non-emergency patient-transport vehicle for round trip if trip commences after business hours –	
	(a) with attendance of one patient-transport officer –	
	(i) per round trip; and	140.74
	(ii) each kilometre or part of a kilometre	2.45
	(b) with attendance of two patient-transport officers –	
	(i) per round trip; and	242.59
	(ii) each kilometre or part of a kilometre	3.78
5.	Aircraft ambulance services –	
	(a) provision of ambulance services on fixed-wing aircraft for round trip –	

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee  (Fee units)</b>
	(i) per round trip including the first hour or part of first hour; and	3 808.64
	(ii) each 15 minutes or part of 15 minutes in excess of the first hour	293.21
	(b) provision of ambulance services on helicopter for round trip –	
	(i) per round trip including the first hour or part of first hour; and	13 598.77
	(ii) each additional 15 minutes or part of 15 minutes in excess of the first hour	1 033.70
6.	Hire of ambulance for round trip –	
	(a) with attendance of at least one intensive care paramedic –	
	(i) first three hours or part of 3 hours and first 15 kilometres or part of 15 kilometres; and	595.06
	(ii) each hour or part of an hour in excess of 3 hours; and	181.48
	(iii) each kilometre or part of a kilometre in excess of 15 kilometres	0.63
	(b) with attendance of at least one paramedic –	

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee  (Fee units)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) first three hours or part of 3 hours and first 15 kilometres or part of 15 kilometres; and</li> <li>(ii) each hour or part of an hour in excess of 3 hours; and</li> <li>(iii) each kilometre or part of a kilometre in excess of 15 kilometres</li> </ul>	<p>553.70</p> <p>167.90</p> <p>0.63</p>
	<p>(c) with attendance of at least one volunteer ambulance officer –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) first three hours or part of 3 hours and first 15 kilometres or part of 15 kilometres; and</li> <li>(ii) each hour or part of an hour in excess of 3 hours; and</li> <li>(iii) each kilometre or part of a kilometre in excess of 15 kilometres</li> </ul>	<p>453.09</p> <p>134.57</p> <p>0.63</p>
7.	<p>Hire of first intervention vehicle for round trip –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) with attendance of at least one intensive care paramedic – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) first three hours or part of 3 hours and first 15 kilometres or part of 15 kilometres; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>342.59</p>

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee  (Fee units)</b>
	(ii) each hour or part of an hour in excess of 3 hours; and	97.53
	(iii) each kilometre or part of a kilometre in excess of 15 kilometres	0.63
	(b) with attendance of at least one paramedic –	
	(i) first three hours or part of 3 hours and first 15 kilometres or part of 15 kilometres; and	322.22
	(ii) each hour or part of an hour in excess of 3 hours; and	90.74
	(iii) each kilometre or part of a kilometre in excess of 15 kilometres	0.63
	(c) with attendance of at least one volunteer ambulance officer –	
	(i) first three hours or part of 3 hours and first 15 kilometres or part of 15 kilometres; and	272.22
	(ii) each hour or part of an hour in excess of 3 hours; and	74.07
	(iii) each kilometre or part of a kilometre in excess of 15 kilometres	0.63

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee  (Fee units)</b>
8.	Additional fees applying to all ambulance services –	
	(a) use of vessel	cost of hire of vessel
	(b) attendance of medical practitioner (excluding helicopter services) –	
	(i) per round trip including the first 3 hours or part of 3 hours; and	3 075.31
	(ii) each additional hour or part of an hour in excess of 3 hours	1 011.73
	(c) attendance of nurse –	
	(i) per round trip including the first 4 hours or part of 4 hours; and	1 853.70
	(ii) each additional hour or part of an hour in excess of 4 hours	453.09
	(d) attendance of flight paramedic (aircraft ambulance services) –	
	(i) per round trip including the first 3 hours or part of 3 hours; and	1 334.57
	(ii) each additional hour or part of an hour in excess of 3 hours	431.48

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the regulations)*

These regulations –

- (a) prescribe certain fees payable in respect of ambulance services provided under the *Ambulance Service Act 1982*; and
- (a) are made consequentially on the repeal of the *Ambulance Service (Fees) Regulations 2011* under section 11 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1992*.