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**TAXI AND HIRE VEHICLE INDUSTRIES (TAXI
FARES) ORDER 2021**

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TAXI AND HIRE VEHICLE INDUSTRIES (TAXI FARES) ORDER 2021

The Transport Commission makes the following order under section 66A of the *Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008*.

1. Short title

This order may be cited as the *Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries (Taxi Fares) Order 2021*.

2. Commencement

This order takes effect on 25 February 2021.

3. Interpretation

The *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* applies to the interpretation of this order as if this order were by-laws.

4. Standard fares and charges

The standard fares and extra charges for the hire of a taxi are set out in Schedule 1.

5. Legislation revoked

The legislation specified in Schedule 2 is revoked.

**SCHEDULE 1 – STANDARD FARES AND EXTRA
CHARGES**

Clause 4

1. Interpretation

In this Schedule –

flagfall means the amount charged on the taxi
being set in motion at the beginning of
the hiring.

**2. Standard fares for taxi operating under a licence
that relates to the Hobart, Launceston, Burnie,
Devonport, Perth, Ulverstone or West Tamar taxi
area**

- (1) This clause applies to a taxi that operates under a licence –
 - (a) that relates to the Hobart, Launceston, Burnie, Devonport, Perth, Ulverstone or West Tamar taxi area; or
 - (b) that has a condition imposed on the licence authorising the tariff for the taxi to be charged in accordance with this clause.
- (2) The tariff to be charged between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on any weekday that is not a public holiday in the place where the taxi is hired, called the first tariff, is the amount recorded on the taximeter when the taximeter is calibrated to record –

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- (a) the sum of \$3.90 as flagfall; and
 - (b) the sum of 10 cents for the first 24.8 metres travelled, or the first 4.7 seconds of time elapsed, whichever occurs first; and
 - (c) after the distance travelled or the time elapsed as specified in paragraph (b), the sum of 10 cents for each complete 49.5 metres travelled or each 9.4 seconds of time elapsed, whichever is the greater.
- (3) The tariff to be charged at times when the first tariff does not apply, called the second tariff, is the amount recorded on the taximeter when the taximeter is calibrated to record –
 - (a) the sum of \$3.90 as flagfall; and
 - (b) the sum of 10 cents for the first 20.7 metres travelled, or the first 4.7 seconds of time elapsed, whichever occurs first; and
 - (c) after the distance travelled or the time elapsed as specified in paragraph (b), the sum of 10 cents for each complete 41.4 metres travelled or each 9.4 seconds of time elapsed, whichever is the greater.

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3. Standard fares for taxi operating under a licence that relates to the King Island or Flinders Island taxi area

- (1) This clause applies to a taxi that operates under a licence that relates to the King Island or Flinders Island taxi area.
- (2) The tariff to be charged between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on any weekday that is not a public holiday in the place where the taxi is hired, called the first tariff, is the amount recorded on the taximeter when the taximeter is calibrated to record –
 - (a) the sum of \$5.30 as flagfall; and
 - (b) the sum of 10 cents for the first 21.7 metres travelled, or the first 4.1 seconds of time elapsed, whichever occurs first; and
 - (c) after the distance travelled or the time elapsed as specified in paragraph (b), the sum of 10 cents for each complete 43.4 metres travelled or each 8.2 seconds of time elapsed, whichever is the greater.
- (3) The tariff to be charged at times when the first tariff does not apply, called the second tariff, is the amount recorded on the taximeter when the taximeter is calibrated to record –
 - (a) the sum of \$5.30 as flagfall; and
 - (b) the sum of 10 cents for the first 18.1 metres travelled, or the first 4.1 seconds

of time elapsed, whichever occurs first;
and

- (c) after the distance travelled or the time elapsed as specified in paragraph (b), the sum of 10 cents for each complete 36.3 metres travelled or each 8.2 seconds of time elapsed, whichever is the greater.

4. Standard fares for taxi operating under a licence that relates to all other taxi areas

- (1) Subject to clause 2(1)(b), this clause applies to a taxi that operates under a licence that relates to a taxi area not covered by clause 2 or 3.
- (2) The tariff to be charged between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on any weekday that is not a public holiday in the place where the taxi is hired, called the first tariff, is the amount recorded on the taximeter when the taximeter is calibrated to record –
 - (a) the sum of \$3.90 as flagfall; and
 - (b) the sum of 10 cents for the first 25.2 metres travelled, or the first 4.8 seconds of time elapsed, whichever occurs first;
and
 - (c) after the distance travelled or the time elapsed as specified in paragraph (b), the sum of 10 cents for each complete 50.3 metres travelled or each 9.7 seconds of time elapsed, whichever is the greater.

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- (3) The tariff to be charged at times when the first tariff does not apply, called the second tariff, is the amount recorded on the taximeter when the taximeter is calibrated to record –
 - (a) the sum of \$3.90 as flagfall; and
 - (b) the sum of 10 cents for the first 21.0 metres travelled, or the first 4.8 seconds of time elapsed, whichever occurs first; and
 - (c) after the distance travelled or the time elapsed as specified in paragraph (b), the sum of 10 cents for each complete 41.9 metres travelled or each 9.7 seconds of time elapsed, whichever is the greater.

5. Standard fares for wheelchair-accessible taxis while conveying a wheelchair passenger in a taxi area

- (1) This clause relates to –
 - (a) a wheelchair-accessible taxi; or
 - (b) a remote area wheelchair-accessible taxi; or
 - (c) a substitute wheelchair-accessible taxi; or
 - (d) a vehicle approved under section 93 of the *Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008* to provide a service equivalent to a wheelchair-accessible taxi service –

that conveys a passenger travelling in a wheelchair in any taxi area.

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- (2) The tariff to be charged between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on any weekday that is not a public holiday in the place where the wheelchair-accessible taxi, remote area wheelchair-accessible taxi, substitute wheelchair-accessible taxi or approved vehicle is hired, called the third tariff, is the amount recorded on the taximeter when the taximeter is calibrated to record –
- (a) the sum of \$5.30 as flagfall; and
 - (b) the sum of 10 cents for the first 21.7 metres travelled, or the first 4.1 seconds of time elapsed, whichever occurs first; and
 - (c) after the distance travelled or the time elapsed as specified in paragraph (b), the sum of 10 cents for each complete 43.4 metres travelled or each 8.2 seconds of time elapsed, whichever is the greater.
- (3) The tariff to be charged at times when the third tariff does not apply, called the fourth tariff, is the amount recorded on the taximeter when the taximeter is calibrated to record –
- (a) the sum of \$5.30 as flagfall; and
 - (b) the sum of 10 cents for the first 18.1 metres travelled, or the first 4.1 seconds elapsed, whichever occurs first; and
 - (c) after the distance travelled or the time elapsed as specified in paragraph (b), the sum of 10 cents for each complete 36.3

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metres travelled or each 8.2 seconds of
time elapsed, whichever is the greater.

6. Extra charges

- (1) In the case of trips originating outside the Burnie, Devonport, Hobart or Launceston taxi area between the hours of 12.30 a.m. and 5.00 a.m., a surcharge of \$2.60 may be charged.
- (2) In the case where credit arrangements have been made with the hirer, an accounting fee not exceeding 5% of the metered fare may be charged.
- (3) In the case where a taxi has been soiled or befouled by a passenger travelling in the taxi, the responsible operator of the taxi licence or a driver of the taxi may charge that passenger a fee of up to \$70, being the amount that the responsible operator or driver estimates to be the reasonable costs of cleaning the taxi.
- (4) The responsible operator of a taxi licence or driver of a taxi may charge the hirer an extra charge for road tolls, ferry charges and entry or exit fees, incurred during the hire of the taxi, if the responsible operator or driver –
 - (a) is able to produce a receipt demonstrating payment of the toll, charge or fee; or
 - (b) has incurred, or will incur, a liability to pay the toll, charge or fee.

7. High-occupancy vehicle tariff

The operator of a wheelchair-accessible taxi, remote area wheelchair-accessible taxi or substitute wheelchair-accessible taxi, when carrying 5 or more passengers, may charge a high-occupancy vehicle tariff equivalent to the fourth tariff set out in clause 5(3).

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SCHEDULE 2 – LEGISLATION REVOKED

Clause 5

Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries (Taxi Fares) Order 2020
(No. 98 of 2020)

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This order was made by the Transport Commission on 19 February 2021.

The common seal of the Transport Commission was affixed on 19 February 2021, in the presence of –

GARY SWAIN
Commissioner

Printed and numbered in accordance with the *Rules Publication Act 1953*.

Notified in the *Gazette* on 24 February 2021.

This order is administered in the Department of State Growth.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the order)

This order –

- (a) sets out the standard fares and extra charges for the hire of a taxi; and
- (b) revokes the *Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries (Taxi Fares) Order 2020*.