

ACT TAXI INDUSTRY INNOVATION REFORMS

NEW SERVICES
NEW OPPORTUNITIES



FEES AND CHARGES

The ACT Government has announced innovation reforms to the taxi and broader on-demand transport industry. The ACT will be the first jurisdiction in Australia to legalise and regulate ridesharing services, and the first capital city in the world to regulate ridesharing before the service has begun.

As part of the reforms there will be significant reductions in fees and charges for the on-demand transport industry, including for taxis, hire cars and rideshare.

WHEN WILL THE CHANGES HAPPEN?

The reforms will take effect on **30 October 2015** and be delivered in two stages:

Stage 1 is an interim phase that allows authorised ridesharing and other innovative booking services to operate subject to safeguards such as criminal history and driver history checks of drivers. It will also deliver an immediate reduction in fees for taxis and hire cars. This stage will start on 30 October 2015.

Stage 2 involves the introduction of new laws into the Legislative Assembly to introduce the full suite of reforms, including driver accreditation requirements for rideshare and reduced regulation for taxis and hire cars. The new laws will be introduced by 30 October 2015 and subject to debate and commencement at a later date.

WHAT FEES AND CHARGES WILL APPLY?

TAXI FEES AND CHARGES	Current	Stage 1 30 October 2015	Stage 2
Transport Booking Service (TBS) e.g. a taxi network			
Application fee	\$600	no change	no change
Accreditation (per annum)	\$20 per vehicle	\$20 per vehicle	no change
Taxi Vehicle			
License fee (for government-issued plates)	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000 after 1 year
Annual vehicle inspection fee	\$65.40 (at the RTA - prices vary)	no change	no change
Taxi Driver			
License fee	nil	no change	no change
National police check	\$45	no change	no change
Driver history check	\$23.80	no change	no change
English language test	\$240	no change	no change
Taxi Operator			
Accreditation fee	\$350	\$0	\$0
Application fee	\$50	no change	no change
National police check	\$45	no change	no change
Other costs			
Insurance	market driven	market driven	market driven

HIRE CAR FEES AND CHARGES	Current	Stage 1 30 October 2015	Stage 2
Transport Booking Service (TBS)			
Application fee	nil	nil	\$600
Accreditation (per annum)	nil	nil	\$20 per vehicle
Hire Car Driver			
License fee	nil	no change	no change
National police check	\$45	no change	no change
Driver history check	\$23.80	no change	no change
Hire Car Operator			
Accreditation fee	\$350	\$0	\$0
Application fee	\$50	no change	no change
National police check	\$45	no change	no change
Hire Car Vehicle			
License fee (for government-issued plates)	\$4,600	\$100	\$100
Annual vehicle inspection fee	\$65.40 (at the RTA - prices vary)	no change	no change
Other costs			
Insurance	market driven	market driven	market driven

RIDESHARE FEES - STAGE 2 ONLY	Stage 1 30 October 2015	Stage 2
Transport Booking Service (TBS) - e.g. uberX		
Application fee	nil	\$600
Accreditation (per annum)	nil	\$20 per driver
Rideshare Driver (including vehicle)		
License fee	nil	1 year: \$100 or 5 years: \$400
Annual vehicle inspection fee	\$65.40 (at the RTA – prices vary)	\$65.40 (at the RTA – prices vary)
National police check	\$45 (some TBSs will pay this fee)	\$45 (some TBSs will pay this fee)
Driver history check	\$23.80 (some TBSs will pay this fee)	\$23.80 (some TBSs will pay this fee)
Rideshare Operator*		
Application fee	nil	\$50
Annual vehicle inspection fee	\$65.40 (at the RTA – prices vary)	\$65.40 (at the RTA – prices vary)
National police check	\$45	\$45
Other costs		
Insurance	market driven	market driven

*rideshare operator fee applies per vehicle only if the vehicle owner is not a rideshare driver. If the owner of a vehicle is a rideshare driver rideshare operator fees do not apply.

Note: government fees and charges are subject to change. For current fees and charges go to www.legislation.act.gov.au or visit the Access Canberra website.

HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REFORMS

You can learn more about the reforms and get updates at www.act.gov.au/taxi-industry-reforms