

Point to Point Transport Service Transaction Levy FAQs

Information for accreditation holders



The South Australian Government is introducing a \$1 levy to fund assistance packages to taxi licence holders and lessees to help them transition to a new regulatory model, to reduce or remove annual fees for all passenger transport services, and to support other industry initiatives such as a lifting fee for people with disabilities who use a wheelchair or large mobility device and travel in an accessible taxi.

Which jobs does the levy apply to?

The \$1 levy applies to all point to point journeys commencing in the Adelaide metropolitan area from 1 May 2017. The levy doesn't apply to bus services or services outside Adelaide metro.

What is a 'point to point' transport service?

'Point to point' is a passenger transport service where the pickup time, location and the destination are determined by the passenger. This includes services provided by taxis and rideshare, and relevant chauffeur vehicle services.

What kind of chauffeur vehicle work is not considered 'point to point'?

Some examples of work not considered point to point are:

- Weddings and associated work as part of the wedding package of services,
- Winery tours,
- Funerals,
- Sightseeing tours.

Who has to pay the levy to the Government?

All 'relevant service providers' are responsible for paying the levy to the Government. These can include Centralised Booking Services, Transport Booking Services, and Operators that accept direct bookings and may not be affiliated with a booking service.

What about SATSS trips?

The levy will apply to journeys subsidised by the South Australian Transport Subsidy Scheme (SATSS), however, there will be **no** impact to the passenger in what he or she pays to the driver. The Government will subsidise the extra \$1 in full, as well as the voucher amount.

Can the levy be charged to the passenger?

Yes. Changes to the regulations require the service provider to collect the levy from persons using the service. \$1 must be added to the total fare/charge at the end of each journey commencing in the Adelaide metropolitan area, regardless of the number of passengers.

Is the levy subject to GST?

No. The levy will be shown as a separate amount to the fare/total charge so it will not be subject to GST.

Who pays the levy for 'rank' and 'hail' jobs?

The taxi operator must report to the government on 'rank' and 'hail' jobs, and pay the levy to the government for these journeys, as they are not booked through the CBS.



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What if the passenger doesn't pay?

The service provider will be responsible for telling the Government how many point to point trips were completed, and must provide an explanation for trips where the levy was not collected, as part of the reporting.

What and how must I report information?

You must provide trip data to DPTI within 14 days of the end of an assessment period. Refer to the 'Point to Point Levy Return' form for further information on what information you need to provide and what records you need to keep on file. Records can be returned either electronically or in hard copy.

What is an 'assessment period'?

An assessment period is a quarter (3 month period), unless otherwise determined by the Minister.

The Minister has determined that the first assessment period will commence on 1 May 2017 and end on 30 June 2017.

What if one of my drivers doesn't pay me the levy he/she has collected?

It is up to the service provider to establish mechanisms for collection of the levy from drivers or through bookings. You may wish to seek independent legal and/or business advice. An explanation for trips where the levy was not collected will need to be supplied to DPTI.

What happens if I don't submit my return on time?

Service providers are required to submit returns within 14 days of the end of the assessment period. After this time, if you have not made contact with DPTI, you will be sent a reminder. Further failure to submit a return may result in you receiving an invoice for the market average, and referral to the Passenger Transport Standards Committee for disciplinary action.

What happens if I don't pay the levy on time?

An invoice issued by DPTI for payment of the levy must be paid within 30 calendar days. Failure to pay may result in interest being applied to your invoiced amount on a daily basis, and referral to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure's (DPTI's) debt collection unit.

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