

TAXI-METER FARE CHANGE (effective 5th July 2009)

The following table outlines in part the 'maximum' taxi-meter fares/charges **as of 5th July 2009**. More information concerning maximum taxi fares and charges can be sourced from the New South Wales Ministry of Transport website (www.transport.nsw.gov.au).

Inspection

At every inspection a taxi-meter test must be conducted. All reasons for rejection relating to taxi-meters must be issued with a 'no time to repair' Non Compliance Notice, as described in clause 6.01 of the Ministry of Transport's, Manual of Inspection Standards for Taxi-cabs.

Note 1: *To combat changing of wheels post an Inspection, Examiner's are to write rear tyre size on the Taxi Inspection Report when the vehicle is presented for inspection.*

Testing

The Ministry of Transport, Manual of Inspection Standards for Taxi-cabs, Section 6 – Taxi-meters outlines procedures and standards for testing taxi-meters, where:

TAXI-METERS MUST BE TESTED FOR CORRECT 'DISTANCE' AND 'WAITING TIME' RATES.

Furthermore, taxi drivers must not charge more than the maximum fares and charges advertised 'on the interior information sign'. Therefore, when testing a taxi-meter for accuracy ensure the taxi-meter rate **aligns with the maximum advertised charges**.

Only when the taxi-meter complies with clause 6.02 - Check Distance rate, 6.03 - Check Waiting Time rate **AND** 6.04 - Check Condition and Presence of Lead Meter Seals is the taxi-meter satisfactory.

Note 2: *ATIS Examiners must ensure they select the correct Schedule (1, 2 or 3) subject to the Taxi Operator's licensed area of operation.*

Schedule 1 – Urban Areas

Applies to taxi-cabs licensed to operate in the following areas:

Sydney Metropolitan Transport District, Newcastle Transport District, Wollongong Transport District, Blue Mountains Local Government Area, Gosford Local Government Area, Wyong Local Government Area, Shellharbour Local Government Area, and Cams Wharf, Fern Bay, Minmi, Toronto, Williamtown, Medowie, Campvale, Ferodale, Raymond Terrace, Fassifern, Hexham, Maitland, Beresfield, Fullerton Cove, Tomago, Camden, Picton, Thirlmere, Tahmoor and Bargo.

Flag Fall	Distance Rate	Waiting Time Rate
\$3.20	\$1.93 a kilometre	\$50.00 an hour (83c per minute) while vehicle speed is less than 26 km/h

Distance Rate Test

Start Mark	Finish Mark	1% Slow Mark	Meter Display
0	1037 metres from the 'Start' mark	10.37 metres after the 'Finish' mark	\$5.20 to be first displayed between the 'Finish' and 1% Slow' mark.

Waiting Time Test

- Start the taxi-meter and simultaneously engage stopwatch (vehicle stationary).
- Taxi-meter to display \$5.20 between 2 minutes 24 seconds and 2 minutes 31 seconds.

Schedule 2 – Country Areas

Applies to taxicabs licensed to operate in the following areas:

All areas of New South Wales except those specified in Schedule 1 (Urban Areas) and Schedule 3 (Exempted Areas).

	Flag Fall	Distance Rate	Waiting Time Rate
Tariff 1	\$3.70	\$1.98 per kilometre for the first 12 kms	\$51.02 per hour (85c per minute) while vehicle speed is less than 26 km/h.
Tariff 2		\$2.76 per kilometre in excess of 12 kms	

Tariff 1

Distance Rate Test

Start Mark	Finish Mark	1% Slow Mark	Meter Display
0	1010 metres from the 'Start' mark	10.10 metres after the 'Finish' mark	\$5.70 to be first displayed between the 'Finish' and 1% Slow' mark.

Waiting Time Test

- Start the taxi-meter and simultaneously engage stopwatch (vehicle stationary).
- Taxi-meter to display \$5.70 between 2 minutes 21 seconds and 2 minutes 28 seconds.

Tariff 2

Distance Rate Test

Start Mark	Finish Mark	1% Slow Mark	Meter Display
0	1015 metres from the 'Start' mark	10.15 metres after the 'Finish' mark	\$6.50 to be first displayed between the 'Finish' and 1% Slow' mark.

Waiting Time Test

- Start the taxi-meter and simultaneously engage stopwatch (vehicle stationary).
- Taxi-meter to display \$6.50 between 3 minutes 17 seconds and 3 minutes 27 seconds.

Schedule 3 – Exempted Areas

Applies to Taxi-cabs licensed to operate in the following areas:

Moama, Barham, Tocumwal, Mulwala, Barooga and Deniliquin.