



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Fact Sheet Fairer Fares

This fact sheet forms part of series of fact sheets about the NSW Government's Bus Reform strategy. Bus Reform will result in private and government bus operators developing routes, timetables and passenger services that meet the changing demands of our cities and suburbs.

What is Bus Reform?

The Bus Reform strategy is the NSW Government's response to the recommendations of the Review of Bus Services in New South Wales, which was carried out in 2003. The aim of the Review was to create a bus transport system with common standards of fares and service levels.

There are six parts of the Bus Reform strategy:

1. New bus regions – creating a robust contract with fewer bus operators
2. Bus priority – better travel times for buses
3. Integrated network planning – fast, frequent and direct bus services
- 4. Fairer fares – standard ticket prices across Sydney**
5. Integrated ticketing – one ticket for all buses, regardless of the operator
6. Bus fleet upgrade – new buses with air-conditioning and low floors.

How are fares fairer?

In January 2005, the NSW Government made the cost of bus trips on private and government-owned bus services the same. There had been significant differences in the cost of bus tickets between private and government bus companies. The Government also took this opportunity to roll out the Pensioner Excursion Ticket to private bus services.

Centrelink pensioner concession card holders, NSW Seniors Card holder or NSW (and Victorian) War Widow/er concession card holders can travel all day on the following services for only \$2.50:

- Sydney Buses
- Newcastle Buses & Ferries
- Sydney Ferries
- CityRail
- All private buses in Sydney, the Illawarra, Blue Mountains, Lithgow, Central Coast, Lower Hunter and the Hunter

Please note this does not include the Sydney Explorer Bus, Bondi Explorer Bus, special event buses, or Manly JetCat. A station access fee also applies at Airport Line Stations – Green Square, Mascot, Domestic and International.

