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Dear Sir/Madam

**POINT TO POINT TRANSPORT SERVICE TRANSACTION  
LEVY**

The South Australian Government is introducing a \$1 Point to Point Transport Service Transaction Levy (the levy), as part of the taxi and chauffeur vehicle regulatory reforms.

The levy is to fund assistance for taxi licence holders and lessees transitioning to the new regulatory model and to reduce or remove annual fees for all passenger transport services. It will also assist with any impacts from introducing a lifting fee for people with disabilities who use a wheelchair or large mobility device and travel in an accessible taxi, and to fund additional compliance and enforcement resources, with any surplus funds to be directed to adopting new SATSS technology.

Collection of the levy will commence on **1 May 2017**. This means from 12.01am Monday, 1 May 2017, an extra \$1 must be added to the total fare or charge for every point to point journey completed that commenced in the Adelaide metropolitan area.

Each operator accredited under the *Passenger Transport Act 1994* (PTA) that accepts bookings directly from a customer for point to point transport services is a 'relevant provider', as defined in Schedule 2 of the Act. A relevant provider must collect, and pay to the Minister, the levy amount for each assessment period.

**For accredited chauffeur and rideshare operators –**

As an operator, you may accept bookings from a booking service, or directly from a customer, or a combination of both.

- For bookings accepted directly from a customer, you are required to collect the levy and pay it to the Minister.
- For bookings accepted from a booking service, the booking service is responsible for paying the levy to the Minister. In these cases, contact your booking service to establish what process they will implement to collect the levy.

- The \$1 levy must be included in the total charge to the customer for all completed point to point journeys that commenced in the Adelaide metropolitan area.
- 'Point to point' does not include weddings, funerals, winery tours or other package-type services.
- The \$1 levy does not attract GST and should be separately recorded to the rest of the fare/charge on any receipt or invoice to customers (including electronic versions).

#### **For accredited taxi operators –**

As an operator, you may accept bookings from a centralised booking service (CBS) and pass these on to your drivers, and your drivers may accept work from a rank or street hail.

- For bookings accepted from a CBS, the CBS is responsible for paying the levy to the Minister. In these cases, contact your CBS to establish what process they will implement to collect the levy.
- For direct bookings (not through a CBS) or 'rank' or 'hail' jobs completed by your driver/s, you are responsible for paying the levy to the Minister.
- The \$1 levy is not subject to GST, so must be added as a separate extra to the fare.

#### **For trips using the SATSS –**

- The Government will pay the full amount of the \$1 levy on SATSS trips.
- Drivers must NOT request the levy or any part payment of it from the passenger.
- Drivers may write the \$1 levy on the top of the voucher to indicate it is to be paid by the Government. Vouchers will be replaced over time to include the \$1 levy pre-printed on them.

#### **For ALL operators –**

Regarding billing arrangements, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) will manage the collection of the levy through invoicing at the end of each assessment period. The initial assessment period will be **1 May 2017 to 30 June 2017**. After this, each assessment period will occur quarterly aligning with financial years.

Each relevant provider is required to provide DPTI with the total number of point to point journeys completed within 14 days at the conclusion of each assessment period. This data will be used to determine the invoice amount, so must also include evidence to justify instances where the levy could not be collected. The enclosed return form details what information must be returned to DPTI, as well as additional records that must be kept by the relevant provider. This form will be available electronically for submission via email.

DPTI will prepare and send an invoice to each relevant provider, which must be paid within 60 days for the first assessment period and within 30 days for subsequent assessment periods. The payment methods are detailed on the invoice (EFT preferred), and follow standard government invoicing guidelines.

Penalties apply for non-lodgement of returns and non-payment of the levy. The Government may also use data from booking services to determine any outstanding levy amounts.

A Frequently Asked Questions fact sheet has been enclosed for your information. Also enclosed is a return form that details what information must be returned to DPTI, as well as additional records that must be kept by the relevant provider. This form will be available electronically for submission via email.

If you require further information or clarification with regard to the levy, please contact your booking service/CBS in the first instance (if applicable), or the Point to Point Reform Project Team at [DPTI.P2PReforms@sa.gov.au](mailto:DPTI.P2PReforms@sa.gov.au).

Yours faithfully



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*FAQ Fact Sheet*