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Final Authorisation for Fares and Charges for Public Service Vehicles in Fiji



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1. Pursuant to Section 41 of the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission Act 2010 and the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (Control of Fares and Charges for Public Service Vehicles) Order 2020, the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission hereby makes this authorisation.

Citation and commencement

2. This Authorisation may be cited as the Final Authorisation for Fares and Charges for Public Service Vehicles in Fiji and this Authorisation comes into effect as follows:
 - (a) **10 February 2020** for **Adult Omnibus Fares** as set out in Schedules 1 to 4;
 - (b) **4 May 2020** for **School Omnibus Fares** as set out in Schedules 1 to 4; and
 - (c) **1 February 2020** for **Taxi and Minibus** fares and charges as set out in Schedules 5 and 6.

Fares for Omnibus Services

3. (a) The prices set out in Schedules 1 to 4 are the maximum fares at which Omnibus services shall be charged in the areas specified in the Schedules.
 - (b) For Express or Long-Haul trips, an additional \$0.20 will apply for each applicable stage by buses operating direct services between major towns and cities with limited or no stopping in between as stipulated in the respective Road Route Licenses.

Fares for Taxi Services

4. (a) The fare charged for the use of a taxi is for the hire of the vehicle as a whole.
 - (b) The taxi fares are those set out in Schedule 5 unless the fare is agreed to between a hirer and the driver or operator in which case it must not exceed the fare calculated in accordance with Schedule 5.
 - (c) Schedule 5 fares must be displayed conspicuously inside the taxi where it can easily be seen by the hirer.

Fares for Minibus Services

5. The prices set out in Schedule 6 are the maximum fares at which minibus services shall be charged in the areas specified in the schedule.

Fares for Carriers

6. The fares and charges of carriers shall remain the same as of the date of this Authorisation.

Conditions to this Authorisation

7. No changes to the above fares shall be made unless authorised by the FCCC.

Transition

8. (1) The omnibus fares fixed by the Land Transport Authority pursuant to the Land Transport Act 1998 prior to 1 February 2020 (contained in Schedule 7) are deemed to have been authorised under this Authorisation until the applicable dates that the Omnibus Fares set out in section 2(a) and (b) of this Authorisation enter into effect.

(2) The carrier fares fixed by the Land Transport Authority pursuant to the Land Transport Act 1998 prior to 1 February 2020 are deemed to have been authorised under this Authorisation.

Expiry of this Authorisation

9. The above authorisation will remain in force until 31 January 2023 unless earlier revoked, amended, or varied by the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission.

Schedule 1

BUS FARES FOR ALL ROUTES IN SUVA AND LAUTOKA CITIES		
Stage	Adult Bus Fare	School Bus Fare
1	\$0.75	\$0.38
2	\$1.04	\$0.52

Schedule 2

BUS FARES FOR ALL ROUTES IN VITI LEVU		
Stage	Adult Bus Fare	School Bus Fare
1	\$0.75	\$0.38
2	\$1.18	\$0.60
3	\$1.62	\$0.82
4	\$1.91	\$0.96
5	\$2.40	\$1.20
6	\$2.83	\$1.44
7	\$3.22	\$1.64

BUS FARES FOR ALL ROUTES IN VITI LEVU		
Stage	Adult Bus Fare	School Bus Fare
8	\$3.65	\$1.83
9	\$4.09	\$2.07
10	\$4.53	\$2.27
11	\$4.91	\$2.46
12	\$5.30	\$2.66
13	\$5.64	\$2.85
14	\$6.33	\$3.19
15	\$6.78	\$3.38
16	\$7.14	\$3.58
17	\$7.55	\$3.77
18	\$8.01	\$4.01
19	\$8.46	\$4.25
20	\$8.87	\$4.45
21	\$9.33	\$4.69
22	\$9.74	\$4.88
23	\$10.19	\$5.08
24	\$10.60	\$5.32
25	\$11.11	\$5.56
26	\$11.46	\$5.76
27	\$11.92	\$5.95
28	\$12.38	\$6.19
29	\$12.79	\$6.39
30	\$13.14	\$6.58
31	\$13.65	\$6.82
32	\$14.06	\$7.04
33	\$14.47	\$7.26
34	\$14.77	\$7.40
35	\$15.33	\$7.67
36	\$15.74	\$7.89
37	\$16.10	\$8.03
38	\$16.71	\$8.37
39	\$17.06	\$8.52
40	\$17.27	\$8.66
41	\$17.90	\$8.95
42	\$18.29	\$9.15
43	\$18.67	\$9.34
44	\$19.11	\$9.56
45	\$19.50	\$9.75
46	\$19.93	\$9.97

Schedule 3

BUS FARES FOR ALL ROUTES IN VANUA LEVU		
Stage	Adult Bus Fare	School Fare
1	\$0.75	\$0.38
2	\$1.18	\$0.60
3	\$1.62	\$0.82
4	\$1.91	\$0.96
5	\$2.40	\$1.20
6	\$2.83	\$1.44
7	\$3.22	\$1.64
8	\$3.65	\$1.83
9	\$4.09	\$2.07
10	\$4.53	\$2.27
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Stage	Adult Bus Fare	School Fare
41	\$17.90	\$8.95
42	\$18.29	\$9.15
43	\$18.67	\$9.34
44	\$19.11	\$9.56

Schedule 4

BUS FARES FOR ALL ROUTES IN TAVEUNI		
Stage	Adult Bus Fare	School Bus Fare
1	\$0.75	\$0.38
2	\$1.43	\$0.72
3	\$1.72	\$0.86
4	\$2.69	\$1.35
5	\$2.83	\$1.44
6	\$3.46	\$1.74
7	\$3.85	\$1.93
8	\$4.19	\$2.12
9	\$4.33	\$2.17
10	\$4.62	\$2.32
11	\$4.91	\$2.46

Schedule 5 – Taxi Fares

1. The following are the maximum fares for journeys less than 16 kilometres by taxis with mechanical taximeters:
 - (a) Flag fall \$1.50
 - (b) For each or part of 100 metres after flag fall \$0.10
2. The following are the maximum fares for journeys by taxis with electronic taximeters:
 - (a) Flag fall \$1.50
 - (b) For the first or part of 100 metres after flag fall \$0.10
3. Taxis operating from Nausori and Nadi airports shall have a flag fall of \$5.00.
4. Taxis operating in the following towns shall have a flag fall of \$1.70:
 - (a) Ovalau
 - (b) Vanua Levu
 - (c) Taveuni
 - (d) Kadavu
5. Taxis shall have a drop charge of 10 cents every 100 metres of distance travelled.


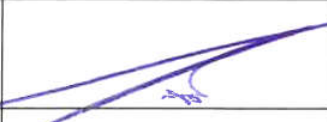

6. Additional charges may be added to the maximum fares set out above as follows:
 - (a) An additional charge of \$0.05 for each separate journey may be made in respect of all journeys outside Viti Levu.
 - (b) If a taxi is required to wait for a period either before, during or at the end of a journey, additional charges for waiting may be made at the rate of \$0.25 for each 5 minutes after the first 5 minutes of each separate period of waiting time.
7. Taxis shall increase their flag fall by \$0.50 between the hours of 10.00pm to 6.00am.
8. No charge is to be made for a period during which a vehicle is delayed because of a shortage of petrol or diesel or because of any accident or as a result of a mechanical or other defect, or through any event or happening or which is within the power of the driver to prevent.
9. No charge is to be made for a period during which a vehicle is delayed because of the instructions of a police or authorised officer given under the provisions of the Land Transport Act 1998.
10. If a taxi driver by appointment travels to a pick up point (“the specified place”) to pick up a hirer or luggage or goods from the specified place in order to convey the hirer or luggage or goods to another place, no charge is to be made for the journey of the taxi to the specified place and the following procedure applies—
 - (a) the driver must, on arrival at the specified place, give reasonable notice to the hirer personally of the arrival of the taxi;
 - (b) the driver must set the taximeter in motion at the time of giving notice of arrival of the taxi at the specified place, whichever is the later, and the hiring and the journey must be regarded as commencing when the taximeter is so set in motion and no sooner.
11. For persons with disabilities that have been certified and issued with identification cards by the relevant agency the fare shall be charged at a 20% discount for up to 20 kilometres of distance travelled.
12. Taxi operators must supply, upon request, a receipt for taxi fare paid, which must include the following: (i) taxi number, (ii) date, (iii) taxi fare, (iv) VAT component, (v) distance travelled.
13. Taxis shall at all times display the photograph of the driver, including the driver's name and public service vehicle licence number.

Schedule 6

Route	Minibus Fares
Korovou/Rakiraki/Korovou via Kings Road	\$9.00
Korovou /Nausori /Korovou via Kings Road	\$2.00
Korovou/Suva/Korovou via Kings Road	\$4.00
Nausori / Rakiraki/Nausori via Kings Road	\$11.50
Nausori/Suva/Nausori via Kings Road	\$1.50
Makoi/Suva/Makoi via Kings Road	\$1.50
Suva/Navua Jetty& Return	\$4.00
Suva/Sigatoka/Sigatoka	\$11.00
Suva/Nadi/Suva via Queens Road	\$17.00
Suva/Lautoka /Suva	\$19.00
Sigatoka/Cuvu	\$1.50
Sigatoka/Lautoka /Sigatoka	\$8.00
Nadi/ Lautoka / Nadi	\$2.00
Ba Town/ Lautoka Town Return	\$2.00
Ba/Tavua/Ba	\$2.00
Tavua/Lautoka/Tavua	\$4.00
Tavua/Suva/Tavua via Kings Road	\$16.00
Rakiraki/Suva/Rakiraki via Kings Rd	\$13.00

Commissioners/Board Members:

Made and authorised this 31st day of January 2020

		
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