

Financial Support for Taxi Industry – COVID-19



The South Australian Government is providing financial support for the taxi industry in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The aim of the industry assistance is to enable an important service to continue to be provided to the community.

What support will be provided?

The \$5.2 million assistance package consists of:

- an ex-gratia payment of \$4,300 per Metropolitan and Access Taxis meeting the eligibility criteria, aimed at offsetting government charges including registration and compulsory third party insurance premiums; and
- a waiver of government fees for operator accreditation for operators of taxi vehicles and licence holders, and annual taxi plate licence and lease fees for a twelve-month period from 27 April 2020.

The government has also extended the maximum age of a metro taxi (including Access Taxis) from 6.5 to 8 years.

Who is eligible for the support?

The current registered owner of a Metropolitan or Access Taxi as of 21 April 2020, or the most recent registered owner if the vehicle was registered as of 1 March, will be eligible for the ex-gratia payment and waiving of fees. Any eligible registered owner is being notified directly by way of a letter.

Note there will only be one ex-gratia payment per taxi vehicle.

Any Metropolitan or Access Taxi licence owner will be eligible for the waiving of their operator accreditation and licence fees.

How will I receive the support?

Eligible owners will automatically receive the ex-gratia payment of \$4,300 via a cheque in the mail.

If you are the owner of more than one eligible taxi, you will receive one cheque with the payment for all of your taxis combined.

The waiver of fees will be automatically applied from 27 April 2020. No refund will apply to fees paid before this date. In this case, your next applicable fees will be waived.

Operators still need to continue to submit renewals, taxi licence and lease forms and annual operator accreditation applications.

Can I still apply for other COVID-19 support packages?

Yes. If you receive this package you can still apply for other State and Federal Government financial support.

Does Goods and Services Tax apply?

To understand the tax implications of the support, contact your accountant or the Australian Taxation Office or review the Australian Taxation Office's website. <https://www.ato.gov.au/business/gst/>

Enquiries

If you have any questions about the eligibility for the industry assistance, please email DPTI.P2PEnquiries@sa.gov.au



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