Compliance Advice

October 2026

NSW Transport Industry — *General Carriers Contract Determination 2017*

Amendments to the temporary fuel surcharge (for pay periods commencing between 19 October 2026 and 15 November 2026)

The New South Wales Industrial Relations Commission has issued orders varying the temporary fuel surcharge rates (**Surcharge Rates**) payable under the NSW Transport Industry — *General Carriers Contract Determination 2017* (**Contract Determination**).

What are the new Surcharge Rates for the October to November period?

The new Surcharge Rates for pay periods commencing between 19 October 2026 and 15 November 2026 are:

Vehicle Carrying Capacity	Surcharge Rate (per km)
Rigid-carrying capacity over 3 and including 5 tonnes	$0.20
Rigid-carrying capacity over 5 and including 8 tonnes	$0.25
Rigid-carrying capacity over 8 and including 10 tonnes	$0.37
Rigid-carrying capacity over 10 and including 12 tonnes	$0.37
Rigid-carrying capacity over 12 and including 14 tonnes	$0.37
Rigid-carrying capacity over 14 tonnes or more	$0.47
Single Axle Prime Mover	$0.47
Bogie Axle Prime Mover	$0.57

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For contracts of carriage performed in or in connection with waterfront areas and container depots,[1] principal contractors may pay a per hour surcharge rate (**Waterfront & Container Depot Surcharge Rate**), in lieu of the per kilometre Surcharge Rate. The new Waterfront & Container Depot Surcharge Rates for pay periods commencing between 19 October 2026 and 15 November 2026 are:

Vehicle Carrying Capacity	Waterfront & Container Depot Surcharge Rate (per hour)
Rigid-carrying capacity over 8 and including 10 tonnes	$5.11
Rigid-carrying capacity over 10 and including 12 tonnes	$5.11
Rigid-carrying capacity over 12 and including 14 tonnes	$5.11
Rigid-carrying capacity over 14 tonnes or more	$6.55
Single Axle Prime Mover	$6.57
Bogie Axle Prime Mover	$7.99

The Surcharge Rates above have increased compared to the Surcharge Rates applicable in the preceding period. The Surcharge Rates for the September to October 2026 period are set out below.

What are the Surcharge Rates for the preceding September to October 2026 period?

Members were previously advised of the Surcharge Rates applicable to pay periods commencing between 21 September 2026 and 19 October 2026, however, for convenience, those Surcharge Rates are:

Vehicle Carrying Capacity	Surcharge Rate (per km)
Rigid-carrying capacity over 3 and including 5 tonnes	$0.17
Rigid-carrying capacity over 5 and including 8 tonnes	$0.21
Rigid-carrying capacity over 8 and including 10 tonnes	$0.30
Rigid-carrying capacity over 10 and including 12 tonnes	$0.30
Rigid-carrying capacity over 12 and including 14 tonnes	$0.30
Rigid-carrying capacity over 14 tonnes or more	$0.39
Single Axle Prime Mover	$0.39
Bogie Axle Prime Mover	$0.48

[1] 1 This applies in relation to contacts of carriage covered by Schedule B of the Contract Determination.

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Members were previously advised of the Waterfront & Container Depot Surcharge Rates applicable to pay periods commencing between 21 September 2026 and 19 October 2026, however for convenience, those Surcharge Rates are:

Vehicle Carrying Capacity	Waterfront & Container Depot Surcharge Rate (per hour)
Rigid-carrying capacity over 8 and including 10 tonnes	$4.26
Rigid-carrying capacity over 10 and including 12 tonnes	$4.26
Rigid-carrying capacity over 12 and including 14 tonnes	$4.26
Rigid-carrying capacity over 14 tonnes or more	$5.46
Single Axle Prime Mover	$5.48
Bogie Axle Prime Mover	$6.66

A copy of the Commission's Notice of Orders made is attached.

When is the next variation to the Surcharge Rates expected?

It is expected that the next variation to the Surcharge Rates will be issued by **16 November 2026**. Members will continue to be updated regarding any subsequent changes to the Surcharge Rates.

What if I have further questions?

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