

TRAVEL

A29. TAMBO BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld lobby the relevant departments to instigate a separate category of rural and remote school bus runs, reflecting the unique operational circumstances, in order to facilitate ongoing, uninterrupted service.”

CARRIED

Explanation: Currently there are only 6 subsidised school bus runs in Qld. These runs are located in Tambo (2), Richmond, Rolleston, Valkyrie and Kioma. The population of these small communities can fluctuate dramatically for a variety of reasons including seasonal conditions and work opportunities in the vicinity.

These bus runs need to be treated separately as a group according to their unique set of circumstances enabling more flexibility in their management.

A30. TAMBO BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Transport to have Class I conveyance allowance eligible for drought subsidy the same as Class A and C.”

CARRIED

Explanation: Currently Class I conveyance allowance does not qualify for the drought subsidy component that class A and C do. In rural and remote areas where the drought continues and is ongoing and the cost of education continues to increase it is vital to make sure access to education for rural and remote students is equitable and fair.

As it stands families that are eligible for Class A and C are eligible for the drought assistance component of conveyance allowance, however this same drought assistance component is not available for those families who receive Class I conveyance allowance. There are currently only 348 families that access the Class I Allowance.

Class I states that families that live outside of the South East zone or other nominated areas, who travel over 16km to the nearest State School or approved bus service are ineligible for the drought subsidy component of the payment. Class I, A & C of the conveyance allowance should all have access to the same drought components of the allowance, without exclusion. As of 2019 these are the allowance scales for Class A and C, as well as Class I as per the Department of Transport:

Allowance details

The maximum amounts to be paid per vehicle for Conveyance Allowance in 2019 are below:

Class A and C

| | Approved scale | Weekly rate (\$) |
|---|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. | 3.2km/ 4.8km to 9.60km | 11.40 |
| 2. | 9.61km to 14.40km | 19.00 |
| 3. | 14.41km to 19.20km | 26.60 |
| 4. | 19.21km to 24.00km | 34.20 |
| 5. | 24.01km to 28.80km | 41.80 |
| 6. | 28.81km to 33.60km | 49.40 |
| 7. | 33.61km to 38.40km | 57.00 |
| 8. | 38.41km to 49.99km | 69.95 |
| 9. | 50.00km to 59.99km | 87.05 |
| 10. | 60.00km to 69.99km | 102.85 |
| 11. | 70.00km to 79.99km | 118.70 |
| 12. | 80.00km to 89.99km | 134.50 |
| 13. | 90.00km to 99.99km | 150.30 |
| 14. | 100.00km+ | 166.15 |
| Scale 14 is maximum rate for Class A and C. | | |

Class I (available to students residing in isolated areas only)

| | Approved Scale | Weekly Rate (\$) |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| 1. | 16.01km to 20km | 36.05 |
| 2. | 20.01km to 30km | 77.15 |
| 3. | 30.01km to 40km | 135.90 |
| 4. | 40.01km to 50km | 194.65 |
| 5. | 50.01km to 60km | 253.35 |
| 6. | 60.01km to 70km | 312.10 |
| 7. | 70.01km to 80km | 370.85 |
| 8. | 80.01km to 90km | 429.60 |
| 9. | 90.01km to 100km | 488.35 |
| 10. | 100.01km+ | 547.05 |
| Scale 10 is the maximum rate for Class I. | | |

Drought assistance is available to families who:

- are eligible for Conveyance Allowance Class A or C and
 - (a) reside on a primary producing property in a shire council/regional council that is currently drought declared by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Land Management).
 - or
 - (b) reside on a primary producing property which is officially declared an 'Individually Droughted Property' (IDP) by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Land Management).

Allowance Details

The amounts to be paid per vehicle for drought assistance (additional conveyance allowance) in 2019 are set out below:

CLASS A and C

| Approved scale | | | | Weekly rate (\$) |
|--|--------------|----|---------|------------------|
| 1. | 3.2km/ 4.8km | to | 9.60km | 11.40 |
| 2. | 9.61km | to | 14.40km | 19.00 |
| 3. | 14.41km | to | 19.20km | 26.60 |
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| 12. | 80.00km | to | 89.99km | 134.50 |
| 13. | 90.00km | to | 99.99km | 150.30 |
| 14. | 100.00km+ | | | 166.15 |
| Scale 14 is maximum rate for Class A and C | | | | |

A31. YARAKA ISISFORD BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld lobby for student fare discounts on subsidised passenger transport services within Queensland.”

CARRIED

Explanation: Tenders for the provision of subsidised passenger transport services are happening shortly. We would like all operators of these services required to make student fares available. This should help the financial burden for students from rural and remote regions, as regional fares are often disproportionately expensive.

A32. MOONIE BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education and the Department of Transport to make provision for Kindergarten students attending local schools that offer State Delivered Kindergarten who need to travel on-designated bus runs to be eligible for the government conveyance allowance.”

CARRIED

Explanation: Operators of school bus runs servicing local schools offering State Kindergarten do not receive any government benefits. The owner can decide whether to allow these students on their run. At Moonie State School there are currently two bus runs scrambling to keep numbers above minimum cut off whilst they also allow the current seven Kindergarten students aboard. The operators are more than happy to do this but could lose part or their entire run due to numbers. If these seven kindergarten students were counted this would then create more stability for our bus runs which in turn stability for our children.

S10. NEBO BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld lobby Translink and any other Government Departments to request the conveyance allowance be calculated from the home garage – not the property boundary.”

CARRIED

Explanation: Presently, families are compensated for travel from their mailbox at their property boundary to school. This does not adequately cover the travel rural families undertake on property for the distance travelled between their actual place of residence and their front boundary. In our area, families are travelling driveways ranging from 2 to 20 kilometres in each direction to reach their front boundary. The implication for families is that the current calculation is not reflective of

the true distance travelled for children to and from school every day. Due to the location of their front boundary, and not their actual place of residence, some families are also falling into a lower allocation bracket.