

Commercial Passenger Vehicle Service Levy

What is the levy?

It is a \$1.15 levy on every taxi and hire car trip, including ride share, originating in Victoria from 1 July 2018.

Who pays the levy?

If a trip is booked, the business taking the booking is liable for the levy. If a trip starts at a rank or when a vehicle is hailed by a passenger, the driver must pay the levy, unless they are employed by the owner of the vehicle, in which case the owner is liable.

What do I need to do?

REGISTER

Taxi and hire car businesses, including ride share, must register with the State Revenue Office (SRO) online. You can register from 1 July 2018 at sro.vic.gov.au/triplelevyregistration.

LODGE RETURNS

Once registered, a business must access the online portal to submit a quarterly return and pay the levy at sro.vic.gov.au/triplelevyreturn. The online portal will be available from 1 July 2018.

Completing a return involves reporting the number of trips attracting the levy in each quarter and paying the levy. It is a matter for you to keep a record of all your trips so you can complete your return. Videos will be available online to help businesses familiarise themselves with registration and quarterly returns.

Does GST apply to the levy?

GST applies on the full-fare of any trip. If a business passes the cost of the levy on to its customers via increased fares, it is part of the full-fare and is subject to GST.

How will you ensure everyone pays the levy?

The levy is designed to create a level playing field in the commercial passenger vehicle industry. The SRO will be enforcing the levy and ensuring it is paid by both taxi and hire-car services, including ride share.

Businesses that do not pay the levy when it is due may incur interest and penalties.

Where can I get more information?

More information is available at sro.vic.gov.au/triplelevy.

