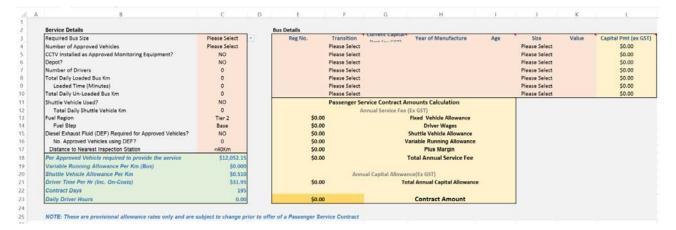
## Payment Calculator Bus Contract Payment Model • Project 2018

The Payment Calculator allows operators to calculate the payment amount for contracts awarded during the Project 2018 recontracting period based on the Bus Contract Payment Model (BCPM).

## Using the Calculator

When you open the calculator you will see the payment calculator sheet below (noting that depending on your screen size and resolution, you may not be able to see all of the model):



The screen has three main parts:

- 1. The **Service Details** input area (salmon coloured) where you enter the basic information about your Service contract
- 2. The **Bus Details input** area (salmon coloured) where you enter your vehicle information, noting that although this box allows for up to seven vehicles on a contract, the vast majority of contracts only have one vehicle.
- 3. The yellow coloured **Passenger Service Contracts Amounts Calculation** output area which displays your estimated contract payments. This shows \$0.00 until you have correctly entered the input information required.

To use the calculator, enter the relevant information into the salmon coloured fields.

Some of the fields, such as the first one ('Required Bus Size'), are 'drop downs' and you will see the grey drop down arrow to the right of the cell when you select it. Most of these default to **'Please Select'**, however where it is expected that most operators won't need to change the field an answer is pre-selected.



Using this drop down means you can select the correct answer from a list, rather than typing it directly. To make a selection, click on the answer field and then on the down arrow that appears to the right of the field. A list will appear, allowing you to select the correct answer.

If an arrow does not appear, the field will require you to type the answer directly.

Once the fields have been filled out the green box at the bottom right will show an estimate of the amount expected to be paid. **As notes above this will not calculate correctly unless every field is answered.** 

## Service Details Sections - User Input Fields

- **Required Bus Size** This is the minimum bus size <u>required</u> for the service (as determined by the Department), even if a larger bus will be used;
  - <u>Note:</u> If you elect to use a larger bus (and it is approved by the Department), you will receive the Annual Capital Allowance for the larger bus size. However, the Annual Service Fee will calculate using values for the Required Bus Size.
- **Number of Approved Vehicles** This is the number of vehicles operated on your contract on a given day. For the vast majority of contracts this will be one (1), but some contracts, e.g. urban fringe student only services, run two or more buses on the same contract due to numbers. If in doubt, contact State Growth for advice.
- **CCTV Installed as Approved Monitoring Equipment?** Only select 'Yes' if there is <u>approved</u> CCTV installed. Generally this will be No.
- **Depot?** Select 'yes' where infrastructure such as garaging or a depot is in place and provided specifically to house contracted buses. Where no infrastructure is provided or the vehicle is kept at the driver's residence for the majority of the year, select 'no'.
- **Number of Drivers** This is the number of drivers that operate the contract on a given day, not the total number of drivers you have. For the vast majority of school bus contracts this will be one (or one driver per bus).
  - **4 Hour Driver Engagement Declaration Provided?** Select 'yes' if the total driver time for the service is less than 4 hours, and a Statutory Declaration, signed by both the driver and yourself, has been provided (and approved) stating that the driver is engaged as a casual employee who normally does no other paid work of any type for the operator before or after school runs, and that they are paid for a minimum 4 hours per day,
- **Total Daily Loaded Bus KM** This is the total number of kilometres travelled on all the timetabled AM and PM trips for the contracted service.
- **Loaded Time (Minutes)** The total number of minutes taken to travel on all the timetabled AM and PM trips for the contracted service.
- **Total Daily Un-Loaded Bus KM** This is the total number of kilometres the bus travels unloaded for the day between the depot (or normal storage location) and the contracted start and finish locations for the first and last trips of the day and, where the service is contracted to provide multiple trips, between each timetabled trip.
- **Shuttle Vehicles** -This is paid when a car is used to transport drivers to and from your depot or normal vehicle storage location to a different vehicle storage location approved by the Department.
- **Driver Waiting Time** This is the time (in minutes) where the driver is required to wait between contracted trips, whilst waiting for a scheduled interchange with another service (as indicated on the timetable), or whilst stationary on a vehicular ferry. Driver Waiting Time must be approved by the Department.
- Fuel Region All services other than those on Flinders or King Island are Tier 2.
- **Fuel Step** Operators will be paid at the Base rate unless they meet special eligibility requirements for a higher rate these may include, for example, gravel roads or congested areas where fuel usage exceeds a certain threshold. Refer to the BCPM for more detail.
- **Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF)** Payable for services using diesel vehicles that are required to use DEF.
- **Distance to Nearest Inspection Station** Distance to the nearest TBA Services inspection station. The addresses for inspection stations can be found on the Tasmanian Bus Association website http://www.tasbus.com.au/vehicleinspections

## **Bus Details Section User Input Fields**

- **Reg. No –** The registration number for the bus, as shown on the registration plate.
- **Transition** Answer "Yes" if the vehicle was an Approved Vehicle on an existing contract and you are transferring this vehicle to the new Passenger Service contract.
- **Current Capital** This is the current capital payment amount (*not including GST*) for the Approved Vehicle. Refer to the current Schedule 4 of the existing contract for Rural School Bus Services, or Schedule 9 for fare paying services such as Urban Fringe Student Only.
- Year of Manufacture The year the vehicle was manufactured. This is usually found on a plate attached to the body of the vehicle, but can also be found on the Tasmanian Government Motor Registry System website

- https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/MRSWebInterface/public/regoLookup/registrationLookup.jsf

- **Age** Calculated by subtracting the year of manufacture from the year that the bus is to be added to the Contract Vehicle Table.
- **Value** The value, in whole dollars, of the Approved Vehicle as declared when you became the Registered Operator for the purpose of vehicle registration. <u>This cannot exceed the relevant capped entry value</u> refer to the BCPM.