

Rideshare industry solutions COVID-19

The Rideshare Driver Network and Transport Workers' Union call on the Federal Government to support rideshare drivers on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring the following:

Declare rideshare an essential service

This industry is being pushed to continue operating at a time when non-essential services are being shut down. The Federal Government should acknowledge this with an official declaration.

Minimum wage for all drivers

The Federal Government to enforce that all rideshare drivers whose weekly pay after costs falls below minimum wage must have their pay topped up to meet the requirements of the Passenger Vehicle Transport Award. Hours worked must be inclusive of time spent waiting for a job.

All rideshare drivers that are not working due to being high-risk, have been instructed to self-isolate by health authority, or have tested positive to COVID-19 must also be paid commensurate with the minimum wage of the Passenger Vehicle Transport Award.

Drivers don't pay GST

The Federal Government must suspend GST payments for all rideshare drivers until the health crisis is over.

Safety measures for rideshare drivers

1. Limit passenger numbers to two per five-seater car or as per social distancing rules for bigger cars, ensuring the front passenger seat is not used.
2. Passengers required to declare if they're unwell or visiting a COVID-19 testing centre; drivers able to cancel these trips without being penalised
3. Suspension of the customer rating system so that drivers are confident to follow health and safety advice without being marked down by the customer