

20 Tram & bus to School

Normal child fares are listed under the relevant tram or bus tickets. This chapter deals with school children’s concessions. *See also the section on Prepaid token tickets.*

Two trip tickets were introduced in 1.10.40 To assist children travelling by two vehicles, tram/tram/ tram/bus, bus/bus or bus/tram. They were replaced by the free travel scheme in 19?? Although valid in **Newcastle**, special ½d tickets were also issued there.

Day school concession certificates for those aged 15-18 were issued in 1951. They were also used by scouts, those attending ambulance classes and naval cadets. School term passes were first issued in 1957. In 1966 a flat fare of 6d applied for school travel. This became 5c at decimal currency but was abolished from 1 June 1975 when normal half fares applied unless a certificate was produced or there was free travel. School term passes rose from \$2.50 to \$3 at this time.¹

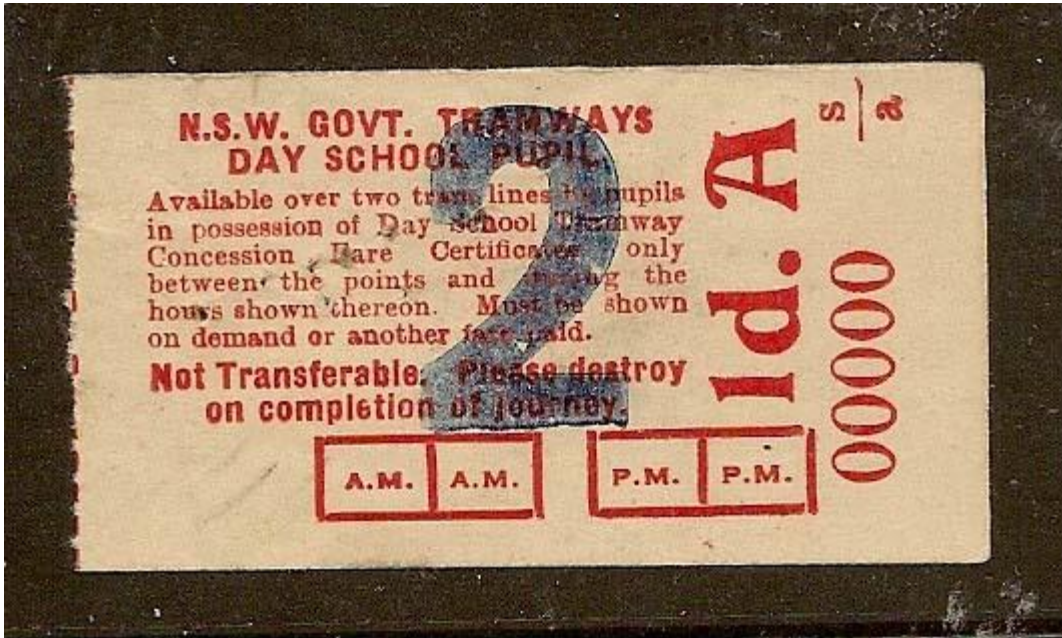
28 May 1968 School travel made free within 2 miles of the school. School term passes, daily concession fare certificates & group permits available. 24.3.69 sch concess fare \$6 unrestricted.



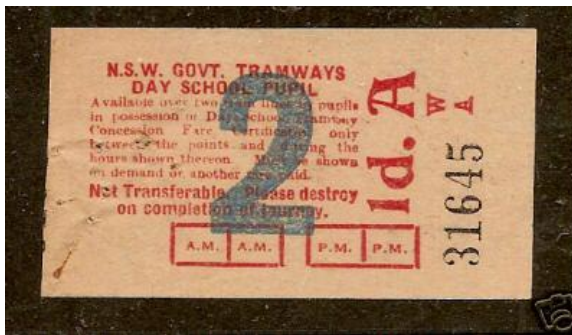
Passes of various types were also used. They are outside the scope of this work.

¹ Details from G Travers, *From city to suburb.*

School



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1. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS/DAY SCHOOL PUPIL² (1.10.40)
 1d red/yellow with blue overprint. (Depot code red or black). S/L
 1.7.56 holders of 2 rte tickets = 3d each vehicle.

2. N.S.W. Govt. Tramways & Omnibuses/DAY SCHOOL PUPIL
 1d red/white with blue overprint. (Depot code red or black).



² Introduced 7/4/1941 WN14/1941, Newcastle from 28/4/1941. These examples from TN 12/91

3. Department of Road Transport and/Tramways, New South Wales/TWO-TRIP TICKET (29.9.42)

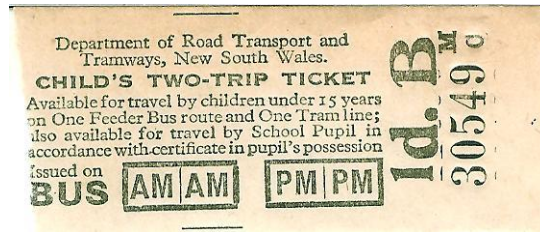
1d black/white BUS RW/D S/E

1d black/white TRAM S/L N/D

4. N.S.W. Govt. Tramways and/Omnibuses/SCHOOL PUPIL

1d black/white BUS (KG/A)³

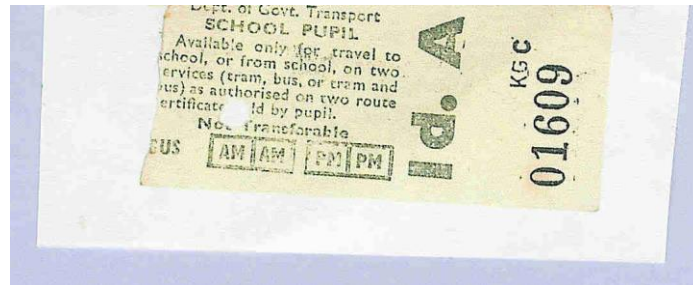
1d black/white TRAM



5. Department of Road Transport and/Tramways, New South Wales/CHILD'S TWO TRIP TICKET

1d black/white BUS M/C

TRAM NC/T



6. Dept. of Govt. Transport/SCHOOL PUPIL (1951)

1d black/white BUS (bold week letter⁴) KGC

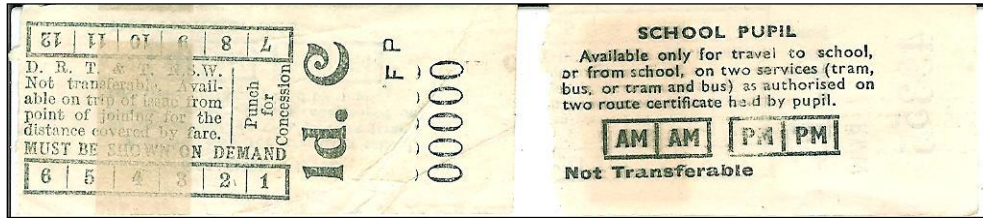


7. N.S.W. Govt. Tramways and/Omnibuses/ SCHOOL PUPIL

³ Weekly Notices 1941 show a “Day school pupil” ticket for Sydney and Newcastle, printed in red on yellow overprinted ‘2’.

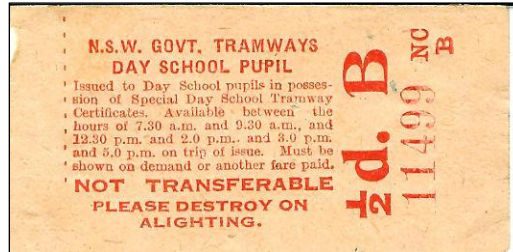
⁴ Otherwise all other issues gothic

1d black/white BUS RW/I RW/H(different) T/I⁵ W/F⁶



8. D.R.T &T. NSW (1954)

1d normal grey bar ticket with SCHOOL PUPIL details on back



9. A special ½d ticket for school pupils in **Newcastle** travelling by two trams was introduced in 1938. It was printed in red on yellow paper.⁷ And later ???

Additional notes:

Free school travel intro by Askin Govt 67 cost \$7m pa, by 86 \$54m pa. Changed 87 to live more than 1.6km from sch “as the crow flies”, introduce ticket cancel machines (MetroTen type), many rte services convert to charter (cheaper)

New \$25 discount sch pass for those inelligible for free passes, replacing \$4 term ticket abolished start 86.

1.90 **Newc** buses issue own passes for free travel on **Newc** b&f. Laminated wallets “I travel to school in a Mercedes”.

51 day sch concess certs aged 15-18, scouts, ambo & naval cadets 15-18, special 2 rte tickets

66 6d sch travel flat fare, prepurchase term & free tickets

1.6.75 flat fare abolished, normal concess unless cert/free, sch term pass \$2.50>\$3

The free school student transport scheme was abolished in a mini budget in November 2008, this will no doubt apply to the 2009 school year.

⁵ TN12/91

⁶ PRO 12/8200

⁷ PRO 8/1536, specimen on file.

401. **“TWO-ROUTES” TICKETS FOR SCHOOL TRAVEL—ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS**—Consequent upon the use of **“Ultimate”** ticket machines on **“one-man”** buses operating on services in North Sydney districts, the following additional instructions regarding the issue and recognition of **“Two-Routes”** tickets for school travel are to be observed:—

- (1) On **“one-man”** buses 1d. white **“Ultimate”** machine tickets (double 1d. tickets in the case of 2d. fares) are to be issued in lieu of the ordinary school pupil (Two-Routes tickets), but are **NOT** to be punched.
- (2) When school pupil (Two-Routes) tickets are produced for travel on a **“one-man”** bus, they are to be punched in accordance with existing instructions as applied to all trams and buses.
- (3) 1d. (single or double) white **“Ultimate”** machine tickets produced on a tram or bus in conjunction with **“Day School Concession Fare Certificates available for travel over Two Routes”** are to be recognised as Two-Routes tickets for travel in accordance with the conditions of the certificate, but need not be punched.
- (4) When the children's fare on the second vehicle exceeds 1d. (when the journey includes travel over the Sydney Harbour Bridge and one or more sections or the adult fare for the journey is more than 1s.) the amount of fare in excess of 1d. must be collected and cash fare tickets issued to the amount collected.

The production of **“Day School Concession Fare Certificates available for travel over Two Routes”** and valid for the journeys concerned, must be demanded on all occasions when the concession is claimed. (52—T. 193—741.)

Weekly Notice 27/1952



Trials of magnetic stripe school passes in the Ryde and **Newcastle** areas took place from 1 November 1993 though there were many problems with dates on passes being rejected by the ‘green machines’. As an interim measure these tickets were used as ‘flash passes’ similar to those they replaced. Passes were also weakened at the magnetic stripe and began to break apart.⁸

See separate CD for other pass illustrations.

⁸ For later changes to the School Transport Scheme see FL 11-12/1995 which also notes improvements in the type of cards used.

buses in September.

Changes to free school pass availability

The Premier, Mr Wran, announced on 29 October that between 20,000 and 50,000 children who use the State Government's free school travel service will lose their passes next year. He said the new arrangements, as listed below, were expected to save the Government at least \$11.6 million in the 1985-86 financial year and \$27 million in a full year.

The new arrangements are:

- For a free bus pass, students will have to live 1.6km or more from the school they attend. This distance will be measured "as the crow flies". At present, students have to live 1.6km or more away measured by the nearest road route.
- Ticket-cancelling machines will be gradually introduced into many buses next year to ensure the Government pays only for bus passes used. Currently, bus operators are paid fares for every bus pass issued, regardless of whether students use them or not.
- The Government will abolish the two cent loading on fares paid to bus operators.
- Many route services will be converted to charter services which are cheaper for the Government.
- Infant school pupils will not be affected. They will continue to travel free of charge regardless of how far they live from school.

The Government will study the possibility of setting up a transport tariffs tribunal, introducing standard fares for all student travel and the "rationalisation" of some routes to reduce travel distances and fares. The free school travel service was introduced in 1967 by the Askin (Liberal) Government at an annual cost of about \$7 million. It is now costing more than \$154 million a year. Mr Wran said the Government was trying to save some of this money "by getting rid of the wastage (and) the windfalls of the bus proprietors."

Bus proprietors subsequently warned that many bus companies, especially those in the metropolitan area, could be forced to lay off up to 15% of their staff and probably cut some services. A spokesman for the Bus and Coach Association, Mr Roger Graham, said that at least 30% of school children

FL 6/86 further reported that a new discount school pass would be offered to students ineligible for free passes as the \$4 term ticket was abolished at the start of 1986.

10. FARES FOR DAY SCHOOL PUPILS WHEN TRAVELLING BY TWO TRAMS OR ONE TRAM AND ONE OMNIBUS—METROPOLITAN AREA—Commencing Monday, 7th April, 1941, the concession permitting children to travel by two trams to and from school has been extended to permit of children travelling also by one tram and one omnibus, when in possession of a Day School Tramway and Omnibus Concession Fare Certificate.

Facsimile of Cash Fare Ticket.

N.S.W. GOVT. TRAMWAYS
DAY SCHOOL PUPIL

Available over two tram lines by pupils in possession of Day School Tramway Concession Fare Certificates only between the points and during the hours shown thereon. Must be shown on demand or another fare paid.
Not Transferable. Please destroy on completion of journey.



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Colour, Yellow. Printed in Red.
Overprinted with figure "2."

DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND TRAMWAYS,
917 NEW SOUTH WALES.

DAY SCHOOL TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS
CONCESSION FARE CERTIFICATE

Available for travel over two routes.

DATE OF EXPIRY, 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

AVAILABLE } BETWEEN _____ AND _____
BY TRAM }

AVAILABLE } BETWEEN _____ AND _____
BY OMNIBUS }

Pupil's Name _____

School _____

Principal _____

This Certificate must be returned to Secretary's Office on expiry.
(Front.)

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DAY SCHOOL TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS
CONCESSION FARE CERTIFICATE.

CONDITIONS.

Not transferable, and must only be used when travelling to or from school by the most direct route.

Not available in smoking compartments or during school vacations.

This certificate must be shown to the conductor when purchasing ticket on the first journey, and again, together with cash fare ticket on the second journey. This certificate may be detained for examination, if necessary, and will not be recognised if it is cut or otherwise mutilated.

The holder of this certificate, when travelling by omnibus, must not occupy a seat when a seat is not available for a passenger who has paid an adult fare.

Available from Monday to Friday, inclusive, between 7.30 and 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 and 2.0 p.m. and 3.0 and 5.0 p.m.

J. F. ROSS,
Secretary.

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(Back.)

All school pupils under 18 years of age on production of Day School Concession Fare Certificates are to be issued day school pupil's one penny (1d.) cash fare tickets on payment of 1d. fare for travel over one tram line and one omnibus route between their homes and school by the most direct route and only between the hours shown on the certificate.

Where travel is made over Sydney Harbour Bridge 1d. additional fare is to be charged and an ordinary ticket to that value issued.