

**18 Pensioner Excursion (PET)**

***NB. Includes Sydney & Newcastle***

In 1951 a person in receipt of certain approved types of pensions were eligible to obtain a Retired Person's Railway, Tramway and Departmental Omnibus Fare Concession Certificate which entitled the holder to half fare travel less any half penny.<sup>1</sup>

In 1966 a 5c return pensioner ticket was available for the first two sections. This pensioner ticket was not recognized on ferries. Discontinued from 1.9.73.

From 31 December 1967 a Sunday pensioner concession was available in Sydney and **Newcastle**. In 1972 a 45c Bus/Rail ticket was for use on Sunday only. There was an “A” series in grey and a “B” in blue. (**Newcastle** had the opposite). 12.7.71 increased to 45c.

From 9.74 the Pensioner combined bus & rail ticket became the Sunday Pensioner ticket. There was a 50c ultramarine Bus/Rail for Sydney & **Newcastle** suburban areas, and a \$1 outer metropolitan (Rail only). The Awayday Sunday was for Rail use only. You had to write in the week code/datestamp.

In 1975 a Day Rover available after 9am in Sydney and **Newcastle** allowed travel for the day on buses, trains and ferries except Blue Arrow express buses and Manly hydrofoils. Restraints were later gradually liberalised. From 4.10.78 the 80c pensioner ticket was available after 9am also on Wednesdays. 22.7.79 the PET ticket was available Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. From 8.11.81 it was available after 9am every day. From 15.2.87 the “no travel before 8am” restriction was lifted. From 2.88 the Sydney outer now included **Newcastle**.

From 31.8.92 the PET ticket could be purchased weekly any day of week. **Newcastle** did not have a \$2 ticket, but recognized flimsy \$1 rail issue 4.5.93. From 10.5.93 a railway machine at Devonshire St Central issued PETS & TravelPass tickets.

From 4.1.2005 there was a flat \$2.50 ticket available on all modes of transport (including private buses) in the area previously covered by the \$1.10 ticket. A new type for private buses was introduced and although it was a magnetic ticket there was also provision for date stamping the front if the operator did not have the suitable machinery for the ticket to be dipped.

STA fares books list in 2006 ***Pensioner Excursion- all area, Pensioner Excursion- all area + Airport, Pensioner Excursion- all area + Mascot/Green Sq.***

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<sup>1</sup> G Travers, *From city to suburb*, p.95. Details of free travel passes are also given.

**Pensioner  
DGT**

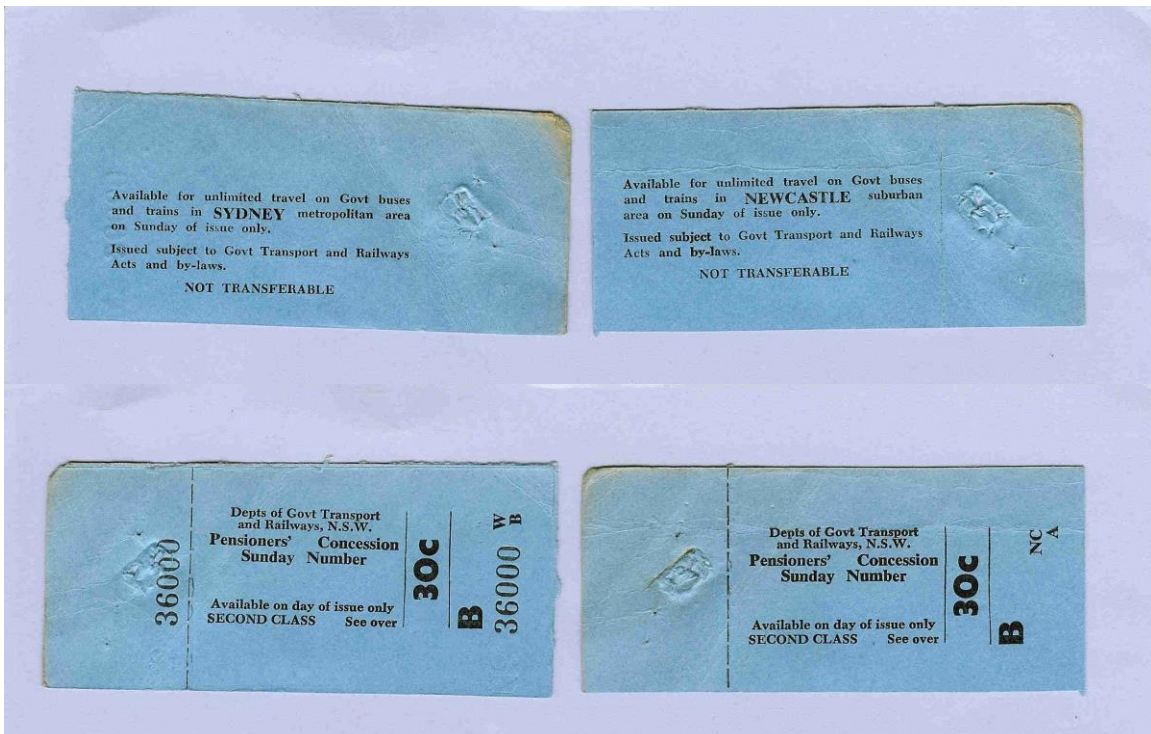
*For combined pensioner/child 6d ticket (from 1.7.56) see normal tickets.*



Green/white card with black number

*See also the chapter on Ultimate machines (Bus)*

BWN2/79 Newc 40c red Pet, 8/79 use existing till new print S/S/H



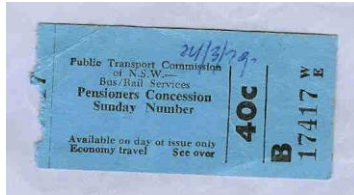
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**SYDNEY  
DGT**

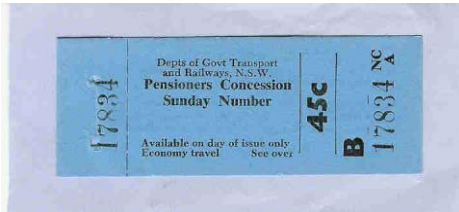


grey

blue



blue

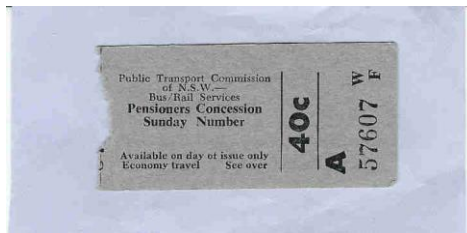


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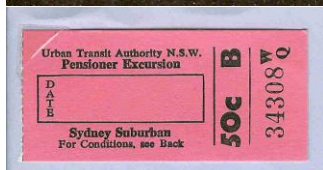
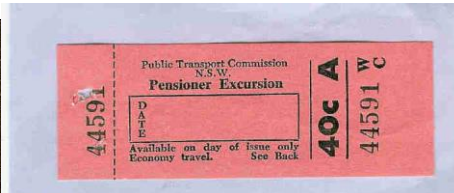


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**PTC**

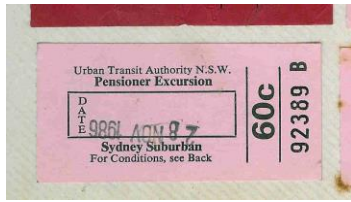


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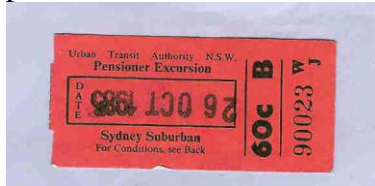


pink

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pink

All of the following are black/red (Sydney or pink (Newcastle) with white back unless stated. Undenominated.

UTA



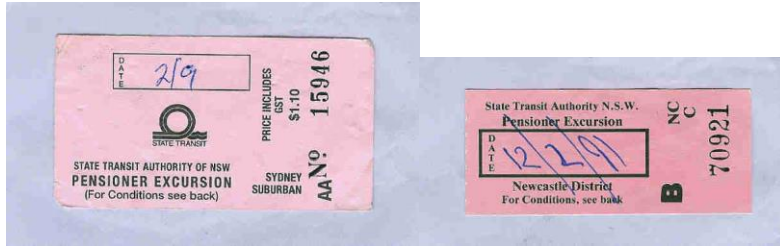
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STA



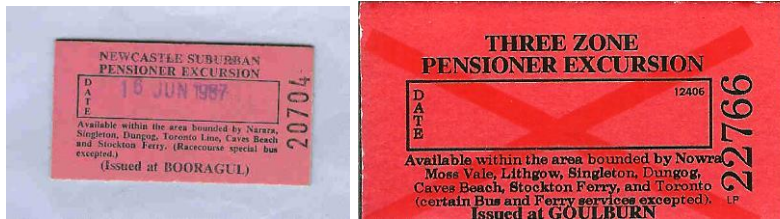
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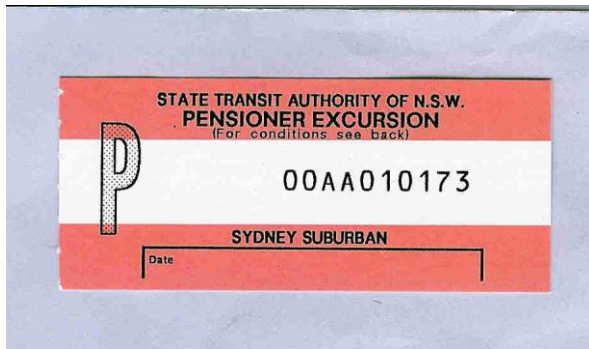


rail issue

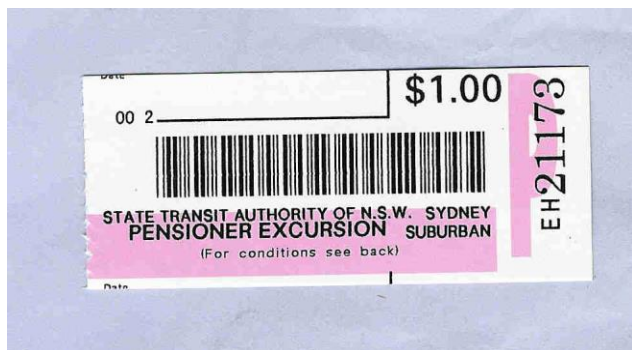
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black & red/white



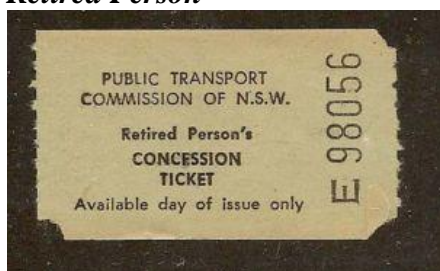
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black & pink/white

*For later issues see the STATS chapter.*

### ***Retired Person***



*(Similar to Surfboard type- see Freight chapter)*

### **Additional notes (Newcastle)**

NWN17.12.92 3 types of magnetic Pets, \$1 Sydney, \$2 Sydney & outer, \$3 within CityRail area, how to issue from AES>

NWN4.5.93 policy change, accept SRA \$1 paper PET but issue with bus type at no cost to passenger.

NWN26.11.93 & 2.8.96 \$1 ferry Pets to be changed to bus type.

**NEWCASTLE**



30c also known.



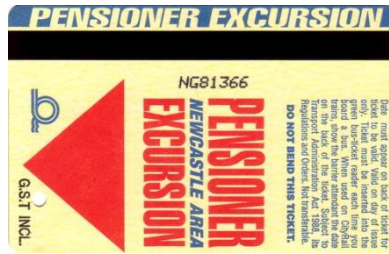
From 17.6.13 PET and concession tickets not available from vending machines on stations after 9am Mon-Fri.

A \$2.50 RED (Regional Excursion Daily) ticket is available on country buses, like the suburban PET. Most seen are machine produced.

Also available is the CPE (Country Pensioner Excursion) which for \$2.50 offers eligible card holders a one way economy trip on NSW TrainLink services.

See the 131500 webiste for other types of concessions.

**STATS Newcastle**



Replaced by Time Base generic stock. (NG).

*Note: With the introduction of MyZone in 2010, Newcastle retained its time based tickets. Following the withdrawal of the green machines from 1.8.16, single fare tickets reverted to paper types issued by the driver.*