

Concerns on MTR Student Travel Scheme

1. The MTR Corporation is one of the only two public transport operators in Hong Kong offering concessionary fares to students in addition to the Student Travel Subsidy Scheme offered by the HKSAR Government.
2. Any person aged between 12 to 25 who is currently enrolled on a full-time course offered by a registered school in Hong Kong is eligible to apply for the MTR Student Travel Card.
3. Other than the Student Travel Scheme, the Corporation also offers concessions to the senior citizen aged 65 or above and children aged between 3 to 11.
4. The above concessions are offered by the Corporation from its own resources. Any extension of the scheme would result in more revenue being foregone which is considered undesirable. At present, the Corporation has no plan to adjust the eligibility criteria for the MTR Student Travel Scheme.
5. According to the MTR By-laws Item 15(1d), passengers with a concesssionary ticket when he/she does not meet the conditions upon which the ticket is used are subject to a surcharge of \$500. This is to ensure that fare revenue of the Corporation is not deprived by any means, i.e. abuse of the concessionary tickets, with a view to safeguarding the interest of our fare-paying passengers.
6. Appeal to surcharge should be made in writing to the Corporation.

MTR Corporation
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