

## S\$ 6-8 surcharge for taxi rides from Changi starting May 19

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Singapore : The surcharge for taxi rides starting from Changi Airport will be raised by SD 3. According to a May 12 announcement by the airport on social media, the surcharge for a taxi ride will soon be SD 8 from 5:00 pm to before midnight, and SD 6 at all other times.

Currently, the surcharge is SD 5 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 5:00 pm to before midnight and SD 3 for all other times.

The airport added that this is to ensure a "better supply" of taxis for passengers.

According to reports, taxi drivers are avoiding the airport due to high fuel costs, the risk of long waiting times for passengers and the ease of making more money in the Central Business District.

In a bid to attract more drivers to the airport, Changi Airport announced in April that drivers who made a minimum of three trips from Terminal 1, Terminal 3 or Jewel Changi Airport, during the window periods of 6:00 am to 10:00 am, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, would be given a reward of SD 10.

However, the measures are reportedly inadequate.

Changi Airport has seen an increase in passenger volume amidst a revival in international travel, with the number of passengers passing through the airport in April reaching nearly 40 per cent of pre-Covid-19 levels.