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### Melbourne Uber drivers strike for day over pay, safety



Melbourne taxi drivers will be busier today as Uber drivers strike. Picture: Jake Nowakowski

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People looking to catch an Uber in Melbourne today may have to hail a taxi instead as Uber drivers are urged to go on strike today until 5pm.

RideShare Drivers United is calling for all of their members and other Uber drivers to logoff in protest over allegations of poor pay and working conditions, safety concerns and Uber's failure to respond to their list of demands.

Melbourne drivers' list of demands includes consultation with drivers on base rates, which the RSDU argued should be increased to match Sydney rates and allow for flexibility to compensate for petrol price fluctuations.

Drivers are also asking for a limit to the number of hours a driver can work per day and the flag fall should increase by \$2 once the state government levy is introduced.

"Current base fares in Melbourne are too low and leave very little take home profit for drivers after calculating all car expenses and most importantly, fast car value depreciation," the RSDU said.

"At current base rates, many drivers are now finding themselves having to drive much longer shifts, with no daily limits just so they can make ends meet. Drivers working 12-16 hour shifts are fast becoming the norm."

The RSDU said it intended to intensify and prolong service disruptions over the coming weeks until Uber meets their full list of demands.

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