

# POSTAGE, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH RATES REGULATIONS, 1951.<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

## Regulations.

### No. 9 of 1951.

#### Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Postage, Telephone and Telegraph Rates Regulations, 1951.*<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

#### Definitions.

2.—(1.) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

“British Empire” includes Trust Territories;

“Commonwealth Post Office Guide” means the issue of the Post Office Guide issued by the Postmaster-General’s Department of the Commonwealth current at the date of posting;

(1) The *Postage, Telephone and Telegraph Rates Regulations, 1951* (made under the *Post and Telegraph Ordinance, 1912–1951*) comprise the original *Postage, Telephone and Telegraph Rates Regulations, 1951* as amended by the other Regulations referred to in the following Table:—

#### REGULATIONS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.

Short title or description and year and number.	Date on which made by Administrator. (a)	Date on which published in Papua and N.G. Govt. Gaz.	Date on which took effect and came into operation.
<i>Postage, Telephone and Telegraph Rates Regulations, 1951</i> (1951, No. 9)	14.5.1951	17.5.1951	17.5.1951 (Papua and N.G. Govt. Gaz. of 17.5.1951)
<i>Amending Regulations</i> (1951, No. 21) ..	6.10.1951	1.11.1951	18.10.1951 (Papua and N.G. Govt. Gaz. of 1.11.1951)(b)

(a) These Regulations stated in their respective Introductory parts that they were made by the Administrator. See, however, Section 95 of the *Post and Telegraph Ordinance, 1912–1951*.

(b) These Regulations stated in their introductory part that they were “to come into operation on the eighteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one”. *Quare* whether in view of Section 37 (2) of the *Ordinances Interpretation Ordinance 1949–1950*, they could come into operation before the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

(2) Amendments made by the *Amending Regulations* (1951, No. 21) (printed in this Volume on pp. 1585–1589) to the *Postage, Telephone and Telegraph Rates Regulations, 1951* have been indicated by footnotes to the latter Regulations. A section and Schedule repealed by the *Amending Regulations* is enclosed in square brackets and printed in *italics*.



“Postmaster-General’s Air Mail Schedule” means the table of air mail charges issued by the Postmaster-General’s Department of the Commonwealth current at the date of posting;

“Member of the Defence Forces” means—

- (a) a member of the Permanent Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth;
- (b) any other member of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth who has been called up or enlisted for war service;
- (c) a member of the Citizen Military Forces of the Commonwealth while in camp; or
- (d) a member of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of other parts of the British Empire.

(2.) For the purposes of these Regulations, the definition of “books”, “commercial papers”, “merchandise”, “newspapers”, “patterns”, “periodicals”, “printed matter”, and “samples” shall be as stated in the Commonwealth Post Office Guide.

3. The rates of postage and air mail charges on postal articles posted within the Territory shall be as set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Rates of postage and air mail charges.

4. The maximum weight of postal articles posted within the Territory shall be as set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations where appropriate, and in other cases, as set out in the Commonwealth Post Office Guide.

Maximum weight of postal articles.

5. The registration fees payable in addition to postage or air mail charge on any postal article shall be as set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Registration fees.

6. The charges for telephone services shall be as set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

Telephones.

7. All charges prescribed by these Regulations for telephone services shall be due and payable upon the installation of the relevant service:

Payment for telephone service.

Provided that in the case where the installation has already been made at the date of commencement of these Regulations the charges shall be payable on demand:

Provided further that for any year subsequent to the first year of service the annual rental shall be payable half-yearly in advance.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, the Chief Postmaster may render an interim account at any time after the connexion of a telephone service for any charges that have accrued, and may demand payment forthwith or within a specified period and, failing compliance with such demand for payment, may cancel the agreement and cause the premises to be disconnected from the exchange to which they are connected, and any telephone and other apparatus belonging to the Chief Postmaster to be removed.

Interim accounts.

9. In the event of any subscriber failing to pay any charge due and payable under the Second Schedule to these Regulations, the Chief Postmaster may, after giving fourteen days’ notice to the subscriber and without prejudice to his right to recover the charge, disconnect the line or discontinue the service to the subscriber.

Line may be disconnected, &c.

10. The Chief Postmaster may amend or delete any entry in a Telephone Directory issued by him.

Deletion of entries.



# PART B: POST AND TELEGRAPH—

**Charges for telegrams.**

11. The charges for the transmission of telegrams shall be those set out in the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

**Money orders.**

12. [The rates of commission chargeable for the issue of money orders shall be—

(a) for money orders payable in the Territory or in New Guinea 6d. for each £5 or fraction thereof;

(b) for money orders payable in the Commonwealth of Australia 3d. for each £1 or fraction thereof with a minimum of 6d.; and

(c) for money orders payable elsewhere 5d. for each £1 or fraction thereof with a minimum of 9d.<sup>(3)</sup>]

**Postal notes.**

13. The rates of poundage on postal notes shall be as set out in the Commonwealth Post Office Guide.

## FIRST SCHEDULE.<sup>(4)</sup>

### [INLAND POST.

(Includes Commonwealth of Australia, Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, ~~Nauru~~ and New Guinea.)

(POSTAGE RATES—DEFENCE FORCES.—See Special note at foot of Schedule.)

Classification.	Rate of Postage.	Maximum Weight.
<i>First-class Mail Matter—</i>		
<i>Letters and Letter Cards</i> .. .. .	3d. first oz.; 2½d. each additional oz.	..
<i>Post Cards</i> .. .. .	2½d. each .. .. .	..
<i>Second-class Mail Matter—</i>		
<i>Commercial Papers</i> .. .. .	2d. first 2 oz.; 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	5 lb.
<i>Printed Matter (comprising Printed Papers, Circulars and Catalogues; Books, and Newspapers not registered for transmission as such)</i>	2d. first 4 oz.; 1½d. each additional 4 oz.	6½ lb. (Single book 11 lb.)
<i>Patterns, Samples and Merchandise</i>	2d. first 2 oz.; 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	1 lb.
<i>Third-class Mail Matter—</i>		
<i>Magazines and Newspapers registered for transmission as such</i>	1½d. per 6 oz. .. .. .	6½ lb. (Single book 11 lb.)
<i>Hansard, that is, Reports of Parliamentary Debates printed and published by the authority of the Commonwealth or of a State</i>	1½d. each 12 oz. .. .. .	6½ lb.
<i>Articles impressed for the use of the blind</i>	Free .. .. .	..
<i>Air Mail—</i>		
<i>All classes of Postal Articles, except those paid at parcels rate of postage</i>	The postage at ordinary rates according to the class to which the article belongs plus an air mail fee at the rate of 3d. per half-ounce	According to the class to which the article belongs—see above

(3) Regulation 12 has been repealed and replaced by *Amending Regulations 1951, No. 21, Reg. 1*, printed in this Volume on p. 1685.

(4) The First Schedule has been repealed and replaced by *Amending Regulations 1951, No. 21, Reg. 2*, printed in this Volume on p. 1685.



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## FIRST SCHEDULE—continued.

### PARCEL POST (MAXIMUM WEIGHT 11 lb.)

Parcels not exceeding—

Destination.	1 lb.	2 lb.	3 lb.	4 lb.	5 lb.	6 lb.	7 lb.	8 lb.	9 lb.	10 lb.	11 lb.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Posted for delivery within Papua and New Guinea	0 9	1 0	1 3	1 6	1 9	2 0	2 3	2 6	2 9	3 0	3 3

Posted for delivery within the Commonwealth of Australia, Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island

Rates shown in the Commonwealth Post Office Guide, current at time of posting, for transmission of a parcel of similar weight from Australia to Papua and New Guinea

### NEWSPAPERS—BULK RATE.

For newspapers registered for transmission as such (without condition as to the number contained in each addressed wrapper) posted by—

- The Proprietor thereof to bona fide subscribers and to newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale; and
- Newsvendors and agents to bona fide subscribers and to other newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale:—

2½d. per 16 oz. on the aggregate weight of the newspapers posted at one time.

Maximum weight 28 lb. per package.

The rate of postage on bulk postings of newspapers for delivery within the Territory of Papua applies also to bulk postings for delivery in Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, Nauru, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Guinea.

### EMPIRE AND FOREIGN POST.

Classification.	To New Zealand and Islands annexed and Fiji.	Rates of Postage.		Maximum Weight.
		To other places within the British Empire and Republic of Ireland (see list contained Post Office Guide).	To Foreign Countries.	
Letters and Letter Cards	3d. first oz., 2½d. each additional oz.	3d. first oz., 2½d. each additional oz.	5½d. first oz., 3d. each additional oz.	4½ lb.
Post Cards ..	2½d. each ..	2½d. each ..	3d. each ..	..
Commercial Papers	2d. first 2 oz., 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	3½d. first 4 oz., 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	5½d. first 6 oz., 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	4½ lb.
Printed Matter ..	2d. first 4 oz., 1½d. each additional 4 oz.	2d. first 4 oz., 1½d. each additional 4 oz.	2d. first 2 oz., 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	6½ lb. Single Volumes 11 lb.
Samples ..	2d. first 2 oz., 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	2d. first 2 oz., 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	2d. first 2 oz., 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	1 lb. U.K. only 5 lb.



# PART B: POST AND TELEGRAPH—

## FIRST SCHEDULE—continued.

Classification.	To New Zealand and Islands annexed and Fiji.	Rates of Postage.		Maximum Weight.
		To other places within the British Empire and Republic of Ireland (see list contained Post Office Guide).	To Foreign Countries.	
Merchandise ..	2d. first 2 oz., 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	No rate ..	No rate ..	1 lb.
Small packets .. (transmissible to certain countries only)	No rate ..	11d. first 10 oz., 2d. each additional 2 oz.	11d. first 10 oz., 2d. each additional 2 oz.	2 lb.
Articles impressed for the use of the blind	½d. per 40 oz.	½d. per 40 oz.	½d. per 40 oz.	11 lb.
Air Mail. Letters, Post Cards, Airletters, Second and Third Class Mail, Parcels	Rates shown in Postmaster - General's Air Mail Schedule current at date of posting	Rates shown in Postmaster - General's Air Mail Schedule current at date of posting	Rates shown in Postmaster - General's Air Mail Schedule current at date of posting	According to class of article as shown in Commonwealth Post Office Guide current at date of posting

Classification.	To New Zealand and Islands annexed and Fiji.	To United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.	To other places within the British Empire.	To Foreign Countries.	Maximum Weight.
* Newspapers	1½d. per 6 oz.	1½d. per 6 oz.	2d. first 4 oz., 1½d. each additional 4 oz.	2d. first 2 oz., 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	6½ lb.
* Periodicals	1½d. per 6 oz.	2d. first 4 oz., 1½d. each additional 4 oz.	2d. first 4 oz., 1½d. each additional 4 oz.	2d. first 2 oz., 1½d. each additional 2 oz.	6½ lb.

\* Registered with the Department for transmission as such.

## PARCEL POST (MAXIMUM WEIGHT 11 lb.).

Destination.	Rate.
For delivery in countries not specified elsewhere in these Regulations	Rates shown in Commonwealth Post Office Guide, current at time of posting, for transmission of parcel of similar weight from Australia to the country of destination



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## FIRST SCHEDULE—continued.

### NEWSPAPERS—BULK RATE, NEW ZEALAND AND THE ISLANDS ANNEXED THERETO, AND FIJI (ONLY).

For newspapers registered for transmission as such posted by the proprietors thereof or by newsvendors or agents to bona fide subscribers or to newsvendors or agents for the purpose of sale (in consignments of not fewer than four newspapers of the same issue):—

2½d. per 12 oz. on the aggregate weight of the newspapers posted at the one time.

### DEFENCE FORCES.

The rates of postage for mail to or from members of the Defence Forces shall be those set out in Special Supplement (No. 4) of October, 1944, to the Commonwealth Post Office Guide.

### REGISTRATION.

#### (a) Inland Post—

(Including the Commonwealth of Australia, Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, Nauru and New Guinea.)

(For articles other than those forwarded by Cash on Delivery Post.)

Registration Fee.	Maximum Amount of Compensation.
6d.	£5
9d.	£10
1s.	£20
1s. 3d.	£30
1s. 6d.	£40
1s. 9d.	£50

#### (b) Empire and Foreign Post—

Registration Fee.	Maximum Amount of Compensation.
6d.	£2

### CASH ON DELIVERY POST.

(Commission includes 6d. Registration Fee.)

Amount for Collection on Delivery of Package.	Commission.
Not exceeding 10s. .. .. .	1s.
Over 10s. but not exceeding £1 .. .. .	1s. 3d.
Over £1 but not exceeding £1 10s. .. .. .	1s. 6d.
Over £1 10s. but not exceeding £2 .. .. .	1s. 9d.
Each additional £1 or fraction thereof .. .. .	3d. additional



## PART B : POST AND TELEGRAPH—

### FIRST SCHEDULE—continued.

*Where compensation cover in excess of £5 is required by senders of C.O.D. articles the Scale will be as follows:—*

<i>Registration Fee.</i>	<i>Maximum Amount of Compensation.</i>
<i>3d.</i>	<i>£10</i>
<i>6d.</i>	<i>£20</i>
<i>9d.</i>	<i>£30</i>
<i>1s.</i>	<i>£40</i>
<i>1s. 3d.</i>	<i>£50</i>

### SECOND SCHEDULE.

#### TELEPHONE SERVICES.

The charges in respect of telephone services which shall be paid to the Chief Postmaster by subscribers shall be as follows:—

- (a) For a service between a telephone exchange and a subscriber not more than one mile radial distant and—  
(i) by a direct and exclusive line with—

—	Installation.	Annual Rental.
	£   s.   d.	£   s.   d.
(1) One instrument—		
Business .. ..	2   10   0	15   0   0
Residence .. ..	2   10   0	10   0   0
(2) Two instruments in the same building and a change-over switch, but without facility for signalling between instruments—		
Business .. ..	4   10   0	20   10   0
Residence .. ..	4   10   0	15   10   0
(3) Two instruments—		
Business .. ..	3   10   0	20   0   0
Residence .. ..	3   10   0	15   0   0
or		
Three instruments—		
Business .. ..	4   10   0	25   0   0
Residence .. ..	4   10   0	20   0   0
(in either case, in the same building and without facility for signalling between instruments; or		
(4) One portable table type instrument and various plug-points—		
Business .. ..	2   10   0	16   0   0
Residence .. ..	2   10   0	11   0   0
	plus 10s. for each plug-point in either case	
(ii) by a party line—		
Business .. ....	2   10   0	12   10   0
Residence .. ..	2   10   0	9   0   0



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SECOND SCHEDULE—continued.

Provided that when any of the services mentioned is supplied to a subscriber more than one mile radial distant from a telephone exchange the subscriber shall pay an additional annual rental for 12s. 6d. per half-mile or part thereof for that section of the radial distance beyond the said one mile.

- (b) For an extension service with one additional instrument and an extension switch, to be used in connexion with, and in addition to the service mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) (1) of paragraph (a) of this regulation—

	Installation.	Annual Rental.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(i) where both instruments are in the same building—		
Business .. ..	4 10 0	22 0 0
Residence .. ..	4 10 0	17 0 0
(ii) where one instrument is outside, and not more than one mile distant from the building in which the other instrument is installed—		
Business .. ..	5 10 0	23 0 0
Residence .. ..	5 10 0	18 0 0
(c) For an extension bell service with—		
(i) extension bell magneto type ..	1 0 0	0 10 6
(ii) extension bell trembling type ..	1 10 0	1 10 0 or
(iii) extension bell of either magneto type or trembling type with an intercepting switch .. ..	2 0 0	1 15 0
(d) For Private Branch Exchanges—		
Cordless Type—		
4 line .. ..	10 0 0	30 0 0
6 line .. ..	12 0 0	40 0 0
10 line .. ..	15 0 0	60 0 0
Cord Type—		
15-30 line .. ..	25 0 0	80 0 0
30-60 line .. ..	32 0 9	120 0 0

- (i) above-described installation and annual rental fees provide for all exclusive internal extensions from PBX and one exchange line under mileage conditions contained in these Regulations.
- (ii) additional exchange lines will be provided and charged Installation and Annual Rental fees as for direct exclusive services.
- (iii) exclusive external extensions are provided on the following basis:—  
*Installation—£2 10s.*  
*Annual Rental—£7 10s. plus 12s. 6d. per half-mile radial distance beyond the first mile.*
- (iv) both Internal and External *parallel* extensions are provided at the rate shown for internal and external *exclusive* extensions plus £1 Installation Fee and a rental of £5 per annum.

- (e) For Private Lines—

*Installation—Actual cost of installing the line.*

*Annual Rental—£20 plus 12s. 6d. per half-mile or part thereof beyond the first one mile of line involved.*



## PART B: POST AND TELEGRAPH—

### SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued.*

(f) For Removals or Alterations—

With the approval of the Chief Postmaster, a subscriber may have his telephone service removed to other premises, or the positions of the telephone and apparatus altered, subject to the payment by the subscriber of the following charges:—

- (i) Removal of telephone and/or associated apparatus to new location but not beyond same room—£1 per instrument.
- (ii) Removal of telephone and/or associated apparatus to new location beyond same room—£2 per instrument.
- (iii) Removal of Private Branch Exchanges to new location same room or beyond—

*Cordless Type—*

4 line—£10.

6 line—£12.

10 line—£15.

*Cord Type—*

15-30 line—£25.

30-60 line—£32.

(g) For Transfer of Telephone Service—

With the approval of the Chief Postmaster, a telephone service may be transferred from the subscriber to another person entering into occupancy of the premises in which the service is installed.

A fee of 5s. shall be charged for such transfer.

(h) *Business Service—*

The Chief Postmaster may determine that any installation made in domestic or dwelling quarters shall be a business installation for the purpose of this Schedule.

The charge for every call not exceeding three minutes in duration, or any extension of the call, not exceeding three minutes duration, made over a radio-telephone circuit or trunk line shall be as follows:—

- (a) One penny for each five miles radial distance between the exchanges or telegraph offices involved provided that—
- (b) When the caller makes a request for the attendance of a particular person at the number asked for, when ordering a Trunk Line call, an additional charge of sixpence will be made, irrespective of the success or failure of the attempt to obtain a particular person;
- (c) a minimum charge of 2s. 6d. will be made for each effective radio-telephone conversation and a charge of 1s. 6d. will be made when the particular person called is not available.

Charges for the insertion in block type instead of the type ordinarily used for a subscriber's name, occupation or address in any entry appearing in an issue of the Telephone Directory shall be as follows:—

- (a) First word 17s. 6d. per annum;
- (b) Each additional word 7s. per annum;
- (c) Initials and "&" sign 1s. 6d. per annum.

Charges for extra words included in any entry or additional entries or notices, as permitted in any issue of the Telephone Directory are as follows:—

Extra words or additional entry—

7s. 6d. for each line or portion thereof.

A fee of 4s. shall be charged for each alteration of any entry in the Telephone Directory, except in cases where the alteration is rendered necessary by—

- (a) Change of address (including renumbering of street or road);
- (b) Change of telephone number;
- (c) Additional paid matter.

A fee of 5s. in addition to all amounts due, shall, before a telephone service is again connected to any exchange, be paid by any subscriber whose telephone has been disconnected from the exchange for non-payment of rental or other charges due. If the instruments or wires have been removed, any application for re-connexion to the exchange shall be treated as an application for a new service.



### THIRD SCHEDULE.

#### TELEGRAPH RATES.

*Ordinary Radiograms* (For delivery within Papua and New Guinea)—

Not exceeding 10 words .. .. .	2s. 6d.
Each additional word .. .. .	3d.

*Urgent Radiograms* (For delivery within Papua and New Guinea)—

Not exceeding 10 words .. .. .	5s.
Each additional word .. .. .	6d.

*Press Radiograms* (For delivery within Papua and New Guinea)—

1½d. per word with a minimum charge as for 10 words.

*International Radiograms and Radiotelegrams to ships at sea (All classes)* (For delivery in the Commonwealth of Australia and all other Countries)—

The rates listed in the publication "Rates from Papua-New Guinea Territory" issued by the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia) and current at date of lodgment.