



**THE POST OFFICE (INLAND POST) REGULATIONS 1977,
AMENDMENT NO. 7**

DAVID BEATTIE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 17th day of June 1985

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. DAVID LANGE PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Post Office Act 1959, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

ANALYSIS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title and commencement 2. Franking of official postage 3. Articles which may be transmitted without payment of postage 4. Compensation for loss of or damage to registered or insured postal articles | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Compensation for loss of or damage to any uninsured article 6. Conditions as to claim for compensation 7. Inland postage rates and fees for other services <p style="text-align: center;">Schedule</p> |
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REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Post Office (Inland Post) Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 7, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Post Office (Inland Post) Regulations 1977* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1985.

*S.R. 1977/253

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1979/66
 Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1979/158
 Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1980/58
 Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1980/194
 Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1980/250
 Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1982/11

2. Franking of official postage—Regulation 12 (2) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the word “Supreme”, and substituting the word “High”.

3. Articles which may be transmitted without payment of postage—Regulation 13 of the principal regulations is hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting from paragraph (c) the word “Supreme”, and substituting the word “High”;
- (b) By inserting in paragraph (d), after the word “Crown”, the words “and members of the House of Representatives”.

4. Compensation for loss of or damage to registered or insured postal articles—Regulation 44 (b) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subparagraphs (vii) and (viii), and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(vii) Bullion may not be insured for more than the first step in the scale of insurance fees set out in the First Schedule to these regulations:

“(viii) An article containing coin may not be insured for more than the first step on the scale of insurance fees set out in the First Schedule to these regulations:

“(ix) Where the compensation payable in respect of any registered article under regulation 48 of these regulations exceeds that payable under this regulation, compensation shall be paid under that regulation instead of this regulation.”

5. Compensation for loss of or damage to any uninsured article—

(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 48 (as amended by regulation 7 of the Post Office (Inland Post) Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 2 and regulation 3 of the Post Office (Inland Post) Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 6), and substituting the following regulation:

“48. The Director-General may, in his discretion, pay compensation not exceeding \$60 in respect of damage to or loss of any uninsured article other than standard letters and non-standard articles posted in enveloped format (including postcards, business reply cards, and aerogrammes) occurring during its transmission through the post:

“Provided that compensation will be paid only if, in the opinion of the Director-General, the article was reasonably and sufficiently packed or was damaged by mishandling in the post.”

(2) Regulation 7 of the Post Office (Inland Post) Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 2 and regulation 3 of the Post Office (Inland Post) Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 6 are hereby consequentially revoked.

6. Conditions as to claim for compensation—Regulation 49 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words “Where a claim for compensation is made under these regulations in respect of the loss of or damage to any registered or insured postal article or any uninsured parcel”, and substituting the words “Where a claim for compensation is made under regulation 44 or regulation 48 of these regulations”.

7. Inland postage rates and fees for other services—(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the First Schedule (as substituted by regulation 4 (1) of the Post Office (Inland Post) Regulations

1977, Amendment No. 6), and substituting the new First Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The Post Office (Inland Post) Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 6 are hereby consequentially amended by revoking regulation 4 and the Schedule thereto.

SCHEDULE

NEW FIRST SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

“FIRST SCHEDULE

INLAND POSTAGE RATES AND FEES FOR OTHER SERVICES

1. **Airmail**—For articles sent by airmail the following postage is payable:

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| (1) Letters | .. | .. | .. | 35c for the first 10 g. 5c for each additional 10 g. |
| (2) Parcels | .. | .. | .. | \$2.75 for the first 1 kg. 55c for each additional 500 g. |

NOTES:

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| (1) Fly Phone Airmail Parcels | .. | .. | .. | The fee payable for airmail parcels handled by the “Fly Phone” service is \$1.00 in addition to postage. |
| (2) Chatham Island Surcharge—
Air Parcels | .. | .. | .. | The fee payable for airmail parcels to and from the Chatham Islands is at the rate of \$1.34 per kg in addition to postage. |

2. **Surface mail**—For articles sent by surface mail the following postage is payable:

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| (1) Standard letters | .. | .. | .. | 25c for each article. |
| (2) Christmas cards | .. | .. | .. | Posted during the period 1 November to 31 December each year, if enclosed in an envelope conforming to the dimensions prescribed for a standard letter: 18c for each article. |
| (3) Non-standard articles—
(a) First-class | .. | .. | .. | 40c for each article weighing up to 100 g.
65c for each article weighing over 100 g, but not exceeding 250 g.
\$1.00 for each article weighing over 250 g, but not exceeding 500 g.
\$1.25 for each article weighing over 500 g, but not exceeding 1 kg.
90c for each additional 1 kg in excess of 1 kg. |

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- (b) Second-class 35c for each article weighing up to 100 g.
40c for each article weighing over 100 g, but not exceeding 250 g.
65c for each article weighing over 250 g, but not exceeding 500 g.
\$1.00 for each article weighing over 500 g, but not exceeding 1 kg.
- (4) Registered publications .. Posted in bulk by the publisher or proprietor or his distributing agent under conditions specified in these regulations and the Post Office Guide—
- (a) Within standard letter dimensions 25c for each copy of a registered publication less a discount of 50 percent.
- (b) Exceeding standard letter dimensions 35c for each copy of a registered publication weighing up to 100 g.
40c for each copy of a registered publication weighing over 100 g, but not exceeding 250 g.
65c for each copy of a registered publication weighing over 250 g, but not exceeding 500 g.
\$1.00 for each copy of a registered publication weighing over 500 g, but not exceeding 1 kg.
Less a discount of 50 percent in all cases.
- (5) Unaddressed mail—
- (a) Within standard letter dimensions and weighing up to 50 g 5c for each article.
- (b) Exceeding standard letter dimensions and weighing up to 50 g 8.5c for each article.
- (c) (i) Weighing over 50 g but not exceeding 100 g 12c for each article.
(ii) Weighing over 100 g but not exceeding 150 g 15.5c for each article.
(iii) Weighing over 150 g but not exceeding 200 g 19c for each article.
- (d) Unaddressed mail prescribed in paragraph (c) (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subclause is available for delivery to rural boxholders, to private letterbox lessees, to private mail bag lessees, or over the post office counter.
- (6) Parcels—The postage rates for parcels are assessed on the basis of the following zones:
- (a) Parcels delivered within a district or within 50 kilometres of the office of posting.
- (b) All other parcel deliveries within an island.
- (c) Inter-island parcel deliveries.

SCHEDULE—*continued*

The following postage rates are payable:

	Within a District or Within 50 km	Within an Island	Inter- Island
Up to 3 kg	\$1.80	\$2.00	\$2.90
Over 3 kg, but not exceeding 5 kg	\$2.10	\$2.40	\$4.00
Over 5 kg, but not exceeding 10 kg	\$2.60	\$3.30	\$6.30

(7) Bulk mail—

(a) The following postage is payable in respect of bulk mail postings of standard letters, or non-standard second-class articles, comprising 3000 articles or more, which meet such conditions as may from time to time be notified by the Postmaster-General in the Post Office Guide:

(i) General postings—For standard letters pre-sorted by the sender into:

	District Delivery Order	Delivery Office Order	Street Delivery Order
25c for each letter	Less 15 percent discount	Less 20 percent discount	Less 30 percent discount

For non-standard articles in the second-class category pre-sorted by the sender into:

	District Delivery Order	Delivery Office Order	Street Delivery Order
35c for each article weighing up to 100 g	Less 15 percent discount	Less 20 percent discount	Less 30 percent discount
40c for each article weighing over 100 g, but not exceeding 250 g			
65c for each article weighing over 250 g, but not exceeding 500 g			
\$1.00 for each article weighing over 500 g, but not exceeding 1 kg			

(ii) Promotional postings—As in paragraph (a) above, less an additional 10 percent discount:

Provided that in no case shall the total discount exceed 30 percent.

(b) Promotional postings between 1000 and 3000 articles shall attract 50 percent of the discounts applicable under paragraph (a) above.

(c) The following postage is payable in respect of bulk mail postings of 500 parcels or more, within a period of one week, which meet such conditions as may from time to time be notified by the Postmaster-General in the Post Office Guide:

SCHEDULE—continued

For parcels pre-sorted by the sender into:

	District Delivery Order	Delivery Office Order
The rates payable shall be those prescribed in clause 2 (6) above	Less 15c per parcel	Less 20c per parcel

3. **Miscellaneous rates and charges**—The following miscellaneous rates and charges shall be payable:

(1) Fee for registration of a publication—A fee of \$20 is payable upon the initial registration of a publication. A further fee of \$15 is payable in respect of each annual renewal of registration.

(2) Literature for the blind—No postage is payable in respect of literature posted for blind persons if the article weighs not more than 7 kg.

(3) Express delivery packages—The fee payable in respect of packages delivered by express delivery up to 5 km is \$1.30 in addition to postage.

(4) Business reply and Freepost—The following charges shall be payable in addition to postage in respect of items sent “business reply post” or “freepost”:

(a) For 500 or more items per month to the same addressee provided such conditions as may be notified from time to time by the Postmaster-General in the Post Office Guide are met \$10 per month.

(b) For all other items 2c per item.

(5) Insurance—The following fees are payable, in addition to postage, in respect of insured articles:

(a) For any article insured for an amount up to \$100 \$2.00.

(b) For each additional \$50 of insurance cover or fraction thereof up to a maximum of \$1,000 25c.

(6) Registration—The fee payable, in addition to postage, in respect of registered letters is \$1.30.

(7) Advice of delivery of a registered or insured article—

(a) The charge payable in respect of an advice of delivery of a registered or an insured article is 90c.

(b) The charge payable for obtaining a certificate of delivery of a registered or an insured article up to 1 year after the date of posting is \$1.30.

(8) Late fee—The late fee payable in respect of a letter is 25c in addition to postage.

(9) Customs clearance fee—For each postal article a Customs clearance fee of \$1.25 is payable.

(10) Storage—The following storage fees are payable in respect of postal articles:

(a) If the article is collected within 5 working days after the end of the free storage period 30c per day.

(b) If the article is collected after the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (a) of this clause 60c per day.

(11) Pharmaceutical requirements—For each package of pharmaceutical requirements posted by a pharmacist under the Social Security (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 1965 a fee of 25c additional to postage shall be payable by the addressee.

SCHEDULE—*continued*

(12) Private letterbox rental rates—

(a) The following charges are payable in respect of the renting of private letterboxes on or before 31 March 1986—

(i) At an office where service is provided 7 days a week:
For a box of the small size at the rate of
\$35 per
annum.

For a box of the large size at the rate of
\$70 per
annum.

(ii) At an office where service is provided 6 days a week:
For a box of the small size at the rate of
\$30 per
annum.

For a box of the large size at the rate of
\$60 per
annum.

(iii) At an office where service is provided 5 days a week:
For a box of the small size at the rate of
\$25 per
annum.

For a box of the large size at the rate of
\$50 per
annum.

(iv) At places where there is no postman's delivery:
For a box of the small size at the rate of
\$11.50 per
annum.

For a box of the large size at the rate of
\$23 per
annum.

(b) The following charges are payable in respect of the renting of private letterboxes on or after 1 April 1986:

(i) At an office where service is provided 7 days a week:
For a box of the small size at the rate of
\$40 per
annum.

For a box of the large size at the rate of
\$80 per
annum.

(ii) At an office where service is provided 6 days a week:
For a box of the small size at the rate of
\$35 per
annum.

For a box of the large size at the rate of
\$70 per
annum.

(iii) At an office where service is provided 5 days a week:
For a box of the small size at the rate of
\$30 per
annum.

For a box of the large size at the rate of
\$60 per
annum.

SCHEDULE—*continued*

(iv) At places where there is no postman's delivery:

For a box of the small size	at the rate of \$12.50 per annum.
For a box of the large size	at the rate of \$25 per annum.

(13) Private mail bag charges—

(a) Private mail bag charges on or before 31 March 1986—

(i) The fee for a private bag for the delivery of correspondence to an address which is within an area served by a postman's delivery shall be as follows:

(A) For a bag that is collected at the Post Office by the holder:
\$120 a year for each closing a day, Monday to Friday.

\$36 a year for each closing on Saturday.

\$48 a year for each closing on Sunday.

(B) For a bag that is delivered by the Post Office—

\$120 a year for each closing a day, Monday to Friday.

\$36 a year for each closing on Saturday.

\$48 a year for each closing on Sunday.

There is also payable under subparagraph (i) (B) of this paragraph a delivery charge of \$200 per annum for each closing a day if the bagholder resides within 5 kilometres of the delivery office, a further \$250 per annum for each closing a day if the bagholder resides between 5 and 10 kilometres of the delivery office, and an additional charge of \$80 per annum for each additional kilometre or part thereof of delivery.

(ii) The fee for a private bag for the delivery of correspondence to an address that is outside an area served by a postman's delivery shall be as follows:

Size of bag and frequency of closing	For carriage on route of established mail service unrestricted as to quantity or weight of mail carried	For collection by holder at Post Office
(A) For a bag of the small size—		
If the bag is dispatched or closed not more than once daily ..	\$70 a year	\$42 a year
If the bag is dispatched or closed more frequently than once daily	\$70 a year for each time a day the bag is dispatched	\$42 a year for each time a day the bag is closed
(B) For a bag of the large size—		
If the bag is dispatched or closed not more than once daily ..	\$84 a year	\$50 a year
If the bag is dispatched or closed more frequently than once daily	\$84 a year for each time a day the bag is dispatched	\$50 a year for each time a day the bag is closed.

SCHEDULE—continued

(b) Private mail bag charges on or after 1 April 1986—

(i) The fee for a private bag for the delivery of correspondence to an address which is within an area served by a postman's delivery shall be as follows:

(A) For a bag that is collected at the post office by the holder:
\$135 a year for each closing a day, Monday to Friday.

\$40 a year for each closing on Saturday.

\$55 a year for each closing on Sunday.

(B) For a bag that is delivered by the Post Office:

\$135 a year for each closing a day, Monday to Friday.

\$40 a year for each closing on Saturday.

\$55 a year for each closing on Sunday.

There is also payable under subparagraph (i)(B) of this paragraph, a delivery charge of \$230 per annum for each closing a day if the bagholder resides within 5 kilometres of the delivery office, a further \$290 per annum for each closing a day if the bagholder resides between 5 and 10 kilometres of the delivery office, and an additional charge of \$95 per annum for each additional kilometre or part thereof of delivery.

(ii) The fee for a private bag for the delivery of correspondence to an address that is outside an area served by a postman's delivery shall be as follows:

Size of bag and frequency of closing	For carriage on route of established mail service unrestricted as to quantity or weight of mail carried	For collection by holder at Post Office
(A) For a bag of the small size—		
If the bag is dispatched or closed not more than once daily . .	\$80 a year	\$45 a year
If the bag is dispatched or closed more frequently than once daily	\$80 a year for each time a day the bag is dispatched	\$45 a year for each time a day the bag is closed
(B) For a bag of the large size—		
If the bag is dispatched or closed not more than once daily . .	\$95 a year	\$55 a year
If the bag is dispatched or closed more frequently than once daily	\$95 a year for each time a day the bag is dispatched	\$55 a year for each time a day the bag is closed.

NOTE—The rural mail delivery fee is charged for a rural private bag when the customer does not have the option of rural delivery service.

SCHEDULE—*continued*

(14) Rural mail service charges—

(a) The following rural mail service charges are payable on or before 31 March 1986:

(i) For delivery 3 times weekly or less . . . \$8.50 a year.

(ii) For delivery more than 3 times weekly . . . \$17 a year.

(b) The following rural mail service charges are payable on or after 1 April 1986:

(i) For delivery 3 times weekly or less . . . \$9.50 a year.

(ii) For delivery more than 3 times weekly . . . \$19 a year.

(15) Redirection orders—A charge of \$12.50 is payable in respect of each renewal of a redirection order after a period of 12 months.

(16) Surcharge on unpaid or underpaid mail—The fee payable, in addition to the deficient postage in respect of unpaid or underpaid postal articles, is 25c per article.

P. G. MILLEN,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 July 1985, amend the Post Office (Inland Post) Regulations 1977 to—

- (a) Recognise the change of name of the Supreme Court to the High Court;
- (b) Provide for articles for Members of the House of Representatives to be transmitted without payment of postage;
- (c) Prescribe limits for the insurance of postal articles containing coin and bullion;
- (d) Prescribe revised compensation provisions for uninsured articles other than standard format and non-standard articles posted in enveloped form;
- (e) Prescribe new postage rates;
- (f) Modify the basis of charging for the delivery of inland surface parcels.

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