

Serial Number 178/1937.



THE TELEPHONE AMENDING REGULATIONS, 1937.

Enacting authority : His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.
Act pursuant to which the regulations were made : The Post and
Telegraph Act, 1928.

Date on which the regulations were made : 18th day of May, 1937.

Date of notification in *Gazette* : 27th day of May, 1937.

REGULATIONS.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Telephone Amending Regulations, 1937.

2. These regulations shall be read together with and form part of the Telephone Regulations made on the 17th day of September, 1923,* as amended by regulations made on the 2nd day of March, 1931,† the 27th day of April, 1932,‡ the 12th day of July, 1935,§ the 5th day of August, 1935,|| and the 7th day of February, 1936,¶ the whole of which regulations are hereinafter referred to as “ the Telephone Regulations ”.

3. These regulations shall come into force on the day following notification in the *Gazette* of the making thereof.

4. Regulation 1 of the Telephone Regulations is amended by revoking the definition of “ private telephone-line ”, and substituting the following :—

“ ‘ Private telephone-line ’ is a line used for telephonic or other approved means of communication, and as a general rule adapted for being linked up with the Department’s telephone system as provided by these regulations, but not provided or erected by the Department.”

5. The Telephone Regulations are amended by inserting next after Regulation 5 thereof the following additional regulation :—

“ 5A. In addition to being liable for the payment of any telephone charges in respect of the telephone-exchange connection leased by him, a subscriber shall be liable for the charges payable in respect of inland and overseas toll calls emanating from his telephone station, and also for the charges payable in respect of inland telegrams, overseas telegrams, and radio telegrams telephoned from his telephone station to a telegraph office for onward transmission.”

* *Gazette*, 17th September, 1923, Vol. III, page 2449.

† *Gazette*, 5th March, 1931, Vol. I, page 449.

‡ *Gazette*, 28th April, 1932, Vol. I, page 1147.

§ *Gazette*, 18th July, 1935, Vol. II, page 1944.

|| *Gazette*, 8th August, 1935, Vol. II, page 2206.

¶ *Gazette*, 20th February, 1936, Vol. I, page 308.

6. Regulation 6 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted :—

“ 6. The Director-General may, either before or after the acceptance of a telephone contract, and before or after the installation of a telephone connection, demand security in such form and amount as he thinks necessary for the payment of any of the charges specified in Telephone Regulation 5A, and, failing compliance with his demand, may cancel the contract and cause the premises to be disconnected from the telephone exchange with which they are connected and any telephone instruments and apparatus to be removed.”

7. Regulation 16 of the Telephone Regulations is amended by altering the additional annual and monthly charges for automatic or common-battery desk telephones with hand-microphone (black) from £1 and 1s. 9d. respectively to 10s. and 11d. respectively.

8. Regulation 28 of the Telephone Regulations is amended by revoking clause (1) thereof, and substituting the following :—

“ (1) In the event of the number of subscribers' stations connected with a line being reduced by the withdrawal of one or more of the subscribers, the amended rates in respect of the remaining stations shall take effect from the first day of the next half-yearly rental period for which accounts are to be issued, irrespective of whether the subscribers pay monthly or half-yearly.”

9. Regulation 46 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted :—

“ 46. Subject to the Minister's approval, telephone service may be afforded at the residential rate to—

“ (a) Primary public schools and school dental clinics ;

“ (b) Public hospitals and benevolent and charitable institutions having for their object the relief of poor, destitute, or afflicted persons in New Zealand and supported wholly or partly by voluntary subscriptions or from the funds of a local body.”

10. Regulation 49 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted :—

“ REMOVALS.

“ 49. (1) Subject to the approval of the Department, subscribers may have their telephones and apparatus removed to other premises, or the positions of their telephones and apparatus altered, upon giving sufficient notice and paying the fees prescribed hereunder :—

Equipment.	Removal to other Premises.	Removal from One Room to another in same Premises.	Removal from One Position to another in same Room.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Main station telephone	17 6	12 6	5 0
Extension telephone	10 0*	12 6	5 0
Extension bell or other item of miscellaneous equipment which involves labour in fitting	5 0	5 0	5 0

* When removal effected in conjunction with main station removal.

“(2) In the case of a removal beyond the base-rate area of a telephone exchange, the subscriber shall be required to pay, in addition to the appropriate charge specified in this regulation, the estimated cost of the workmen’s travelling time and expenses for one return trip between the boundary of the base-rate area and the subscriber’s premises: Provided that in no case shall the total charge for the removal of a telephone exceed the service connection fee applicable in the particular circumstances to a new connection. If, however, the period of contract has not expired, the subscriber shall be required to pay, in addition to the foregoing fee or fees, the estimated cost of the labour involved in erecting any new wire between the exchange and the new premises required to establish the connection.

“(3) When a subscriber removes to premises in which a telephone is already installed and no change of position of the instrument is required, a charge of 5s. shall be made, in lieu of the ordinary removal fee, to cover the cost of changing the wires and altering the records at the exchange.

“(4) The charges for the removal of private-branch-exchange switchboards or interphone stations shall be:—

“Internal removal: The cost of the labour and incidental expenses involved in the removal, with a minimum charge of 10s.

“External removal: The cost of the labour and incidental expenses involved as for the internal removal of private-branch-exchange switchboard or interphone stations and, in addition, the charge applicable in the case of the removal of the main-station telephone.”

11. Regulation 50 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted:—

“50. In the case of internal removals and alterations not covered by the provisions of Regulation 49, the subscriber shall pay the cost of the labour and incidental expenses involved in effecting the removal or alteration.”

12. Regulation 52 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted:—

“52. Subject to the approval of the Department, subscribers may obtain a change of apparatus upon agreeing to pay any additional rental involved, and upon payment of the installation charges specified hereunder:—

“CHANGE OF TELEPHONE.

	Installation Charges.	
	For One Change.	For each additional Change effected in One Establishment at the same Time as the First.
	s. d.	s. d.
(a) Change of type of telephone	5 0	2 0
(b) Conversion of extension telephone from “non-inter-communicating” to “inter-communicating”	15 0	7 6

“ The charges specified above shall apply in all cases in which a change in the type of telephone is involved, including changes associated with interphone sets (not involving change or removal of key-box) and those connected to magneto or automatic private branch exchanges.

“ CHANGE OF INTERPHONE SET.

“ When any change of an interphone set or sets is required, the subscriber shall be charged the cost of the labour and incidental expenses involved in effecting the change or changes with a minimum charge of 10s. If, however, it is necessary to replace interphone apparatus by equipment of larger capacity in order to provide for the additional requirements of the subscriber, the labour and incidental charges payable by the subscriber shall be only in respect of the additional positions required. The provision of the ‘ secrecy ’ feature on interphone sets shall also be charged for on the basis of the cost of the labour and incidental expenses involved ; but where the provision of the ‘ secrecy ’ feature alone is involved the minimum charge shall be 5s.”

13. Regulation 55A of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted :—

“ 55A. No subscriber shall have any right to or interest in any particular number, and the Director-General may alter or change any number at his discretion.”

14. Regulation 56 of the Telephone Regulations is amended by revoking the provision relating to the period of attendance authorized for observance “ at exchanges at which the number of paying subscribers’ main stations exceeds 200 and does not exceed 1,000 ”, and substituting the following :—

<p>“ At exchanges at which the number of paying subscribers’ main stations exceeds 200 and does not exceed 1,000</p>	<p>The period of attendance shall be continuous—<i>i.e.</i>, all day and all night : Provided that not less than two-thirds of the business subscribers and not less than two-thirds of the residential subscribers express in writing to the Director-General their desire that the telephone-exchange attendance be so extended ; such expression to be operative until reversed by an expression of the desire of not less than two-thirds of the business subscribers and not less than two-thirds of the residential subscribers that the period of attendance be reduced to eighteen hours per week-day and twelve hours on Sundays and holidays.”</p>
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15. Regulation 80 of the Telephone Regulations is amended by revoking paragraphs (e) and (h) of clause (1) thereof, and substituting the following :—

	Rental Charges.	
	Annual Rate.	Monthly Rate.
(e) For each interphone set, wall or desk, with key-box and telephone combined, and with hand microphone	£ s. d. 3 5 0	s. d. 5 8
(h) For each automatic "call-back" private-branch-exchange extension station	6 0 0	10 6

16. Regulation 80 of the Telephone Regulations is further amended by revoking clause (2) thereof, and substituting the following :—

"(2) The rates specified in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of clause (1) and in clause (3) hereof, as well as those prescribed in Regulation 82, apply to ordinary wall telephones; ordinary desk telephones shall be 5s. per annum (5d. per month) extra; and automatic or common battery desk telephones fitted with hand microphone shall be 10s. per annum (or 11d. per month) extra."

17. Regulation 83 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted :—

"83. Special amplifying telephones and apparatus for use by persons of imperfect hearing may be provided subject to payment of a special installation fee of £1 and a rental of £2 per annum (or 3s. 6d. per month) in excess of the rental charge ordinarily applicable."

18. Regulation 91 of the Telephone Regulations is amended by revoking the provisions relating to the charges for extension telephones within the same premises as the main station and for portable extension telephones without bells, and substituting the following :—

Equipment.	Installation Charge.	Rental Charge.	
		Annual Rate.	Monthly Rate.
	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
Extension telephone (including wiring up to a length of 110 yards) within same premises as main station—			
Magneto, wall type, or automatic or common-battery wall type, with fixed transmitter	15 0*	1 10 0	2 8
Magneto, desk type, or automatic or common-battery desk type, with fixed transmitter	15 0*	1 15 0	3 1
Automatic or common-battery desk type, with hand microphone	15 0*	2 0 0	3 6
Portable extension telephone without bell, equipped with cord ending in plug, for use in connection with jack equipment—			
Magneto desk type or automatic or common-battery desk type with fixed transmitter	..	1 5 0	2 2
Automatic or common-battery desk type with hand microphone	..	1 10 0	2 8

* Includes cost of installing any switches and (or) any wiring in excess of 110 yards.

19. Regulation 113 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted :—

“ 113. If any person uses the public telephone at a toll station for the purpose of—

“(i) Conversing over a private telephone-line connected with the toll station ;

“(ii) Communicating with a local exchange subscriber’s station ;
or

“(iii) Communicating with a subscriber’s station of an exchange the base-rate area of which includes the site of the toll station—

such communication shall be treated as a toll call. The charge for such a call shall be 1d. for each three minutes or fraction thereof in lieu of the charges prescribed in Regulation 106 : Provided, however, that the charge shall not in any case be less than for a similar call from an adjacent public call office.”

20. Regulation 124 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted :—

“ 124. Any calls made by the subscribers or private-line owners shall be subject to the fees prescribed for toll communications. For the purpose of computing the charge for calls the distance shall be calculated from the exchange or toll station with which the subscriber or private-line owner is ordinarily connected.”

21. Regulation 125 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted :—

“ 125. At any place where, in the opinion of the Department, departmental circuits on existing poles or in telephone cables can conveniently be provided for signalling purposes, or for the purpose of establishing direct communication between places of business or other premises without obtaining connections through a telephone exchange, such circuits shall be leased and maintained by the Department at the annual rates specified hereunder, provided that in no case shall the annual charge be less than the appropriate minimum charge also specified hereunder :—

Composition of Circuit.	Annual Rate per Furlong or Fraction thereof.	Minimum Annual Charge.
Circuits in telephone cables—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Single-wire circuits	0 9 9	1 10 0
Metallic circuits	0 14 0	2 0 0
40 lb. bronze and 40 lb. cadmium copper—		
Single-wire circuits	0 11 3	1 10 0
Metallic circuits	0 16 3	2 0 0
55 lb. insulated bronze—		
Single-wire circuits	0 15 0	1 17 6
Metallic circuits	1 3 9	3 0 0
70 lb. bronze and 70 lb. cadmium copper—		
Single-wire circuits	0 11 9	1 10 0
Metallic circuits	0 17 0	2 5 0
100 lb. copper—		
Single-wire circuits	0 12 0	1 10 0
Metallic circuits	0 17 6	2 5 0
150 lb. copper—		
Single-wire circuits	0 12 6	1 12 6
Metallic circuits	0 19 0	2 7 6

“ These charges shall be payable monthly or half-yearly in advance. If, however, payments are made monthly, the monthly payment shall be one-twelfth of the annual rate, plus 5 per cent.

“ In cases in which private-line circuits are used under the provisions of this part of these regulations for the purpose of direct telephonic communication between places of business or other premises the number of stations on any one circuit shall not exceed four.”

22. Regulation 129 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted :—

“ 129. The minimum period of lease in all cases shall be one year : Provided that, in the event of a circuit being subsequently extended in length, a separate minimum period of lease of one year may be applied in respect of the extended portion of the line.”

23. The Telephone Regulations are amended by inserting next after Regulation 129 the following additional regulation :—

“ 129A. When the use of a private-line circuit is required for a shorter term than the minimum period of lease specified in Regulation 129, such service shall be granted conditionally on the applicant paying, in addition to the estimated cost of the labour and any perishable material involved in establishing the service, a weekly charge based on the annual rate for a permanent private-line circuit plus 50 per cent., with a minimum charge as for a period of two weeks or 10s., whichever is the higher, and a minimum charge of 5s. for every week or fraction thereof after the first week. The estimated cost of establishing the service and the minimum charge shall be payable weekly in advance.”

24. Regulation 132 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted :—

“ 132. In cases in which private-line circuits and the telephones, &c., connected therewith have, prior to the 1st day of October, 1923 (being the date of coming into force of the Telephone Regulations made on the 17th September, 1923), been provided and erected at the cost of the holder, such circuits, instruments, &c., shall remain the property of the person or persons who or the organizations which paid for them. Such owners shall, however, pay to the Department the maintenance fees prescribed hereunder :—

“ MAINTENANCE OF CIRCUITS.

Class of Circuit.	Rate per Furlong.		Minimum Annual Charge.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.
Single-wire circuit	7	6	1	0 0
Metallie circuit	10	0	1	10 0

“ MAINTENANCE OF TELEPHONES.

- “ Wall type .. £1 per telephone per annum.
- “ Desk type .. £1 5s. per telephone per annum.”

25. Regulation 138 of the Telephone Regulations is revoked, and the following substituted:—

“ 138. The conditions on which a private telephone-line may be connected with a toll station are as follow:—

- “ (a) The line must be led into the toll station by or under the supervision of a duly authorized departmental officer:
- “ (b) The apparatus required at the toll station shall be provided free of cost by the Department, but all other costs incidental to the installation shall be a charge against the owner of or the agent for the private telephone-line:
- “ (c) For each private telephone-line connected with a toll station a maintenance fee of 10s. per annum shall be charged to cover the cost of maintaining the apparatus at the toll station:
- “ (d) The written consent of the Telephonist in the case of a non-permanent office shall be obtained before connecting the line to the premises of the toll station.”

26. Regulations Nos. 130, 154, 158, and 162 of the Telephone Regulations are amended by deleting the word “ District ” wherever it appears before the words “ Telegraph Engineer ”.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act, 1936.

These regulations are administered by the Post and Telegraph Department.