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1073. (1.) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, overtime shall be paid for as follows :----

- (a.) To officers called on to perform either postal duties in the sorting and delivery of mails or in operations incidental thereto, or telegraph duties, at the following post or telegraph offices at which there are regular shifts or changes of staff—namely, the post or the telegraph office at Ashburton, Auckland, Blenheim, Bluff, Christchurch, Dannevirke, Dunedin, Gisborne, Gore, Greymouth, Hamilton, Hastings, Hokitika, Invercargill, Masterton, Napier, Nelson, New Plymouth, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Thames, Timaru, Wanganui, Wellington, Wellington South, and Westport: For Sunday attendance; for attendances on departmental holidays; and for attendance on other days in excess of forty-eight hours weekly.
- (b.) To officer called on to perform telegraph duties for Presswork on Sunday at the following offices—namely, Feilding, Hawera, Kaikoura, Lyttelton, Marton, Onehunga, Port Chalmers, Reefton, Rotorua, and Waitara.

(2.) When any day prescribed as a post and telegraph departmental holiday is not observed as a holiday in the public offices of the Government throughout New Zealand, such day shall, for the purposes of these regulations, be deemed not to be a departmental holiday.

1074. Overtime for fractional portions of the first or any hour is to be computed on the following basis: No allowance will be made to officers of either branch of the service unless the attendance exceeds fifteen minutes. Attendance up to forty-five minutes will count as half an hour; over forty-five minutes, as one hour. No overtime payment will be made for midnight cable Press attendance, or for the attendance of any staff specially appointed for the sorting of mails between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

1075. Overtime payable to an officer drawing an allowance under classification regulation 40, 41, or 42 is to be paid on the basis of the classification salary plus the allowance.

1076. No payment for overtime for services other than those provided for by these regulations will be allowed except in cases of extraordinary or exceptional attendance, and then only on the special authority of the Minister.

1077. No person will be made any special allowance for doing any kind of work for which he is paid as for work done in overtime.

1078. When it is necessary at any telegraph-office to relieve a number of officers for military or other duty, a special dutysheet should be prepared providing for a minimum daily duty of seven hours per officer. On such occasions, when payment for overtime has been authorized the claim will be recognized only after the claimant has performed the minimum duty of seven hours.

1079. In lieu of payment for overtime it shall be optional with the Minister to allow an equivalent reduction of ordinary duty either immediately before or immediately after the overtime duty is performed, at the rate of an hour and a half for every hour of overtime worked on Sunday, and at the rate of an hour for an hour at all other times.

1080. Overtime to non-permanent officers is not to exceed 1s. 6d. an hour.

1081. All overtime claims must be submitted monthly, for the period ending the 15th of each month, to the Secretary through the Chief Accountant before payment is made. Neglect of this instruction will render the certifying officer liable for any amount erroneously paid. Overtime on Sundays is only to count from the time officers are required to be on duty—namely, 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.—unless the officers are ordered to attend earlier. This instruction must also be observed in regard to holiday