

121. *Toll Accounts.*—Accounts for toll communications are payable to the Department on demand.

122. *Non-payment of Toll Charges.*—If payment of the charge for any toll communication is not made within seven days after demand, an exchange subscriber may be refused further toll communications until the outstanding amount has been paid, and if the amount is not paid within one month after demand the exchange service may be discontinued, without prejudice to any proceedings for the recovery of any moneys due under these regulations.

PART VI.—TOLL FACILITIES AT NIGHT AT EXCHANGES WITH RESTRICTED ATTENDANCE.

123. On payment of the undermentioned annual fee, and provided that the Department can conveniently make the necessary arrangements, individual and party lines connected with a telephone exchange that is not open continuously may, after the local exchange is closed, be bunched and switched through to another exchange that is still open.

	Annual Fee.
	£
Individual line	2
Two-party line (fee to include all persons of a party)	2
Three-party line	3
Four-party line	4
Five-party line	5
Six-party line	6
Seven-party line	7
Eight-party line	8
Nine-party line	9
Ten-party line	10

124. Any calls made by the subscribers shall be subject to the fees prescribed for toll communications. For the purposes of computing the charge for calls, the distance shall be calculated from the exchange with which the subscriber is ordinarily connected.

PART VII.—PRIVATE-LINE CIRCUITS FOR DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PLACES OF BUSINESS.

125. At the principal centres or other places specially approved, where, in the opinion of the Chief Telegraph Engineer, 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 connection through a telephone exchange, such circuits shall be leased and maintained by the Department at the annual rates specified hereunder:—

For the first mile of single-wire circuit, or where the total distance is less than one mile, £4 10s. per annum, and £1 2s. 6d. for every additional quarter of a mile or fraction thereof.

For the first mile of metallic circuit, or where the total distance is less than one mile, £6 10s. per annum, and £1 12s. 6d. for every additional quarter of a mile or fraction thereof.

126. All telephones, other instruments, and the inside wiring connected with private-line circuits shall be supplied, installed, and maintained by and at the cost of the applicant; or, as an alternative, telephones and other instruments may be installed at the cost of the applicant and leased and maintained by the Department at the following rates:—

For each telephone, including inside wiring not exceeding 110 yards in length—
Wall type, £1 10s. per telephone.

Desk type, £1 15s. per telephone.

For other items of miscellaneous equipment the charges prescribed in Regulation 91 shall apply.

127. If a private-line circuit or any portion thereof cannot be erected on any existing telephone-poles and therefore necessitates the erection of new poles, the applicant shall be charged, in addition to the annual rates specified in Regulation 125, the cost of the labour in erecting such poles, and also any other initial costs in connection therewith which, in the opinion of the Minister, the circumstances may warrant.

128. In the event of any poles being required on private property, such poles shall be supplied, erected, and renewed at the cost of the applicant.

129. The minimum period of lease shall in all cases be one year for each mile or fraction thereof of circuit leased.

130. No additional instruments shall be installed or any alterations made to any private-line circuit without the lessee first obtaining the approval in writing of the District Telegraph Engineer.

131. The lessee of a private-line circuit must use the circuit for his own *bona fide* business only, and must on no account, directly or indirectly, allow the line to be used for any purpose which might be construed as an attempt to deprive the Department of revenue.

132. In cases where private-line circuits and the telephones, &c., connected therewith have, prior to the commencement of these regulations, been provided and erected at the cost of the holder, such circuits, instruments, &c., shall remain the property of the person who paid for them; and such person shall continue to pay the maintenance fees hitherto charged and prescribed hereunder:—

For the first mile of single-wire circuit, or where the total distance is less than one mile, £3 per annum, and 15s. per annum for every additional quarter of a mile or fraction thereof.

For the first mile of metallic circuit, or where the total distance is less than one mile, £4 per annum, and £1 per annum for every additional quarter of a mile or fraction thereof.

For telephones of approved pattern—

Wall type, £1 per telephone.

Desk type, £1 5s. per telephone.

133. The maintenance fees prescribed in the last preceding regulation shall not cover the maintenance of poles required exclusively for the private-line circuit, which shall be maintained at the expense of the holder of such circuit.