

17. Newspaper Reporters' Tickets.

1. Tickets may, at the option of the Department, be issued for journeys of not less than 25 miles to newspaper reporters exclusively engaged on Press work and engaged (either permanently or for the special occasion) on the staff of any newspaper published in New Zealand approved by and registered with the Department for the purposes of this regulation, at the rates and subject to the conditions specified below, namely:—

Single tickets—At two-thirds of the ordinary fares.

Season tickets—At two-thirds of the ordinary or annual season ticket rates.

2. Newspaper reporters' tickets will be available for use only when the holder is travelling expressly for the purpose of reporting for his own newspaper on a matter of general public interest. The decision of the Department as to whether any matter is of general public interest shall be final.

3. Application for newspaper reporters' ordinary and season tickets must be accompanied by a certificate in the form set forth hereunder, signed by the editor or proprietor or other person duly authorized in that behalf.

4. For journeys other than those made on season tickets single tickets only will be issued. On the outward journey tickets will be issued to enable the reporter to arrive at his destination not more than three days before the event in connection with which the journey is being made. Tickets for the homeward journey must be taken out within one month from the date of the event in connection with which the outward journey was made.

5. Reporters' tickets will be available for the same period as ordinary single tickets.

6. Not more than one reporter of the same newspaper will be allowed to travel at this concession fare to any one meeting or event, except when otherwise especially authorized.

7. Any reporter's ticket that is improperly used may, without prejudice to any other penalty attaching to such improper use, be absolutely forfeited at the option of the Department.

8. A charge of £1 5s. will be made for each newspaper reporter's annual season ticket issued in lieu of a ticket lost.

9. Every reporter travelling on a reporter's season ticket shall when requested by any officer of the Department so to do certify as follows:—

(a.) I hereby certify that I am a reporter exclusively engaged on Press work and that I am travelling from _____ to _____ for the purpose of reporting [after having reported]† to the* newspaper upon‡ _____, which will take [took]‡ place at § _____ on|| _____

Date : _____ (Signature of reporter.)

* Insert name of newspaper. † Strike out words not required. ‡ Insert particulars of event. § Insert name of place. || Insert date.

REQUISITION FOR REPORTER'S TICKET (OTHER THAN A SEASON TICKET)

(b.) To Stationmaster,

Please issue a reporter's _____-class ticket from _____ to _____ to Mr. _____, who is travelling for the purpose of reporting [after reporting]* to this newspaper upon‡ _____, and I certify that the above-named person is exclusively engaged on Press work and is on the staff of the _____ newspaper (has been specially engaged to report to the _____ newspaper on the above-named event).*

Date : _____ (Signature of Proprietor, Editor, or other duly authorized person.)

* Strike out words not required. † Insert name of show, race meeting, or other event to be reported.

I hereby certify that I am the reporter referred to above, that I am engaged on Press work, and that the ticket herein required to be issued to me will be used only for the purpose of travelling to report to the said newspaper as above set forth.

Date : _____ (Signature of reporter.)

REQUISITION FOR REPORTER'S SEASON TICKET.

(c.) To Stationmaster,

Please issue a reporter's _____-class season ticket, available between _____ and _____

I hereby certify that such ticket will be used only by a reporter engaged on Press work when travelling for the purpose of reporting to the newspaper as provided in the Railway Regulations regarding such tickets.

Date : _____ (Signature of Proprietor, Editor, or other duly authorized person.)

10. Newspaper-proprietors must furnish the Department with a list giving names and signatures of the persons on the staff of their respective papers who are authorized to sign certificates (b) or (c) of paragraph 9 of this regulation. Certificates signed by persons other than those so notified to the Department will not be recognized. The Department reserves the right to decline any application.

11. "Newspaper," for the purposes of this regulation, means a news-sheet in which the principal matter published is news of general public interest and of which the primary purpose is the publication of such news. The Department reserves to itself the right to decide whether any publication is a newspaper within the meaning of this regulation.

18. News Agents' Season Tickets.

1. Season tickets at half the rates of ordinary or annual season tickets will be issued to news agents upon the production of a certificate from the proprietor or manager of a newspaper certifying that the ticket is to be used only for the purpose of selling newspapers or reading-matter on the trains by a *bona fide*