

5A. The charges for ordinary telegrams of 12 words or less, and for letter-telegrams of 24 words or less (including in each case the address and signature), shall be as follows:—

- (a) For messages which do not require to be transmitted beyond the limits of the city or town in which they originate 6d.
- (b) For messages which require to be transmitted beyond the limits of the city or town in which they originate—
 - (i) To any office in the same rating area as the originating office, or to any office in the first encircling group of rating areas—i.e., those 6 rating areas or less bordering the rating area of the originating office 9d.
 - (ii) To any office in the second encircling group of rating areas, taking the rating area of the originating office as the centre—i.e., those 12 rating areas or less immediately beyond the first encircling group 10d.
 - (iii) To any office in the third encircling group of rating areas, taking the rating area of the originating office as the centre—i.e., those 18 rating areas or less immediately beyond the second encircling group 11d.
 - (iv) To any office beyond the third encircling group of 18 rating areas, the rates shall be as indicated in the following table:—

From Postal District of	To Postal District of																	
	Auckland.	Blenheim.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Gisborne.	Greymouth.	Hamilton.	Invercargill.	Napier.	Nelson.	New Plymouth.	Oamaru.	Palmerston North.	Thames.	Timaru.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Westport.
Auckland	1/-	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/2	1/-	1/3	1/2	1/2	1/3
Blenheim	1/3	1/-	1/1	1/2	1/2	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/2	1/-	1/2	1/2	1/1	1/2	1/2	1/1	1/-	1/1
Christchurch	1/3	1/1	1/-	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/2	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/-	1/2	1/1	1/1
Dunedin	1/3	1/2	1/1	1/-	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/3
Gisborne	1/2	1/2	1/3	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/-	1/2	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/2
Greymouth	1/3	1/1	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/2	1/2	1/-
Hamilton	1/-	1/2	1/3	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/1	1/2	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/3
Invercargill	1/3	1/3	1/2	1/1	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/3	1/3
Napier	1/2	1/2	1/3	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/-	1/2	1/1	1/3	1/-	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/1	1/2
Nelson	1/3	1/-	1/1	1/3	1/2	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/2	1/-	1/2	1/2	1/1	1/3	1/2	1/1	1/2	1/-
New Plymouth	1/1	1/2	1/2	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/2	1/-	1/3	1/1	1/1	1/3	1/-	1/1	1/2
Oamaru	1/3	1/2	1/1	1/-	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/2	1/2
Palmerston North	1/2	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/2	1/1	1/3	1/-	1/1	1/1	1/3	1/-	1/2	1/3	1/-	1/-	1/2
Thames	1/-	1/2	1/3	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/2	1/-	1/3	1/1	1/2	1/3
Timaru	1/3	1/2	1/-	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/1
Wanganui	1/2	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/2	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/1	1/-	1/3	1/-	1/1	1/3	1/-	1/-	1/2
Wellington	1/2	1/-	1/1	1/3	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/-	1/1	1/2	1/-	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/1
Westport	1/3	1/1	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/-	1/3	1/3	1/2	1/-	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/3	1/1	1/2	1/1	1/-

5b. For every word in excess of 12 in ordinary telegrams, and for every 2 words in excess of 24 in letter-telegrams, the charge shall be 1d.

Urgent Telegrams.

5c. In respect of urgent telegrams the rates shall be as for ordinary telegrams, plus, in the case of each urgent telegram, an extra charge of 6d. irrespective of the number of words contained in the telegram or of the distance that the telegram requires to be transmitted.

Charges on Sundays and Departmental Holidays.

5d. On Sundays and departmental holidays the charges for ordinary, urgent, and collect telegrams shall be the same as on week-days.

General Rules for writing Telegrams.

10. Printed forms upon which telegrams should be written may be obtained at any telegraph-office on application; but all telegrams, whether written upon the prescribed form or upon any other form, are (subject to the provisions hereinafter stated) considered as presented for transmission under the several conditions contained in these regulations: Provided that telegram forms other than those supplied by the Government are first approved of by the Minister of Telegraphs. Books of telegram forms, interleaved with white forms for use with carbonic paper, may be purchased at the principal telegraph-offices at 9d. per book. One hundred forms, in duplicate, are contained in each book. Books of telegram forms not interleaved may be purchased at telegraph-offices at 5d. per book.

Replies may be prepaid.

27. The cost of a reply telegram may be prepaid. The charge for the reply shall be at the usual ordinary or urgent telegram rate and the minimum charge shall be for 12 words. When the sender of a telegram prepays the reply, a reply form, showing on the back the amount prepaid, shall be delivered to the addressee, who will be at liberty to use it for any inland telegram at any time within six weeks. Should the form be not used, its value will be refunded, at any time within three months, upon application being made, accompanied by the form itself, to the Controller of Accounts, General Post Office.

27A. In all cases in which replies are prepaid the words "Reply paid," followed by the amount prepaid for the reply, shall be written on the forwarded message in the space for "Instructions."

28. The sender of a telegram to which a reply is expected should make sure that an address at which delivery of the reply may be effected is in the possession of the Department.

"Collect" Telegrams: Sender responsible for Transmission Charges.

29. Telegrams may be transmitted with the word "Collect" written thereon by the sender in the space for instructions, and in such case the value of the telegram, plus a special charge of 3d., shall be payable by the addressee; but, in the event of the Department being unable to collect such charges from the addressee, the sender shall be held responsible for the due payment thereof, and action may be taken as set out in Regulation 9 hereof for recovery of the amount.

29A. The sender of a "Collect" telegram may direct that delivery shall be conditional on the addressee first paying the charges. In such cases, the words "Delivery conditional" shall be inserted before the address, as well as in the instructions, and shall be charged for.

30. The sender of a "Collect" telegram shall, if requested so to do, lodge the cost of it. Any difference between the sum required and that lodged will be settled, or any refund will be made, upon delivery of the telegram.

Inland Multiple Address Telegrams.

31. A telegram (known as a "multiple" telegram) will be delivered at two or more addresses in the one city or town on prepayment of the ordinary telegram charges for the total number of words in the addresses, text, and signature, plus an additional charge of 3d. for each copy beyond the first, provided that the number of chargeable words in the text does not exceed 50. For telegrams containing more than 50 words in the text, the additional charge for each copy beyond the first shall be 3d. for each 50 words or fraction thereof. In no case, however, shall the charge for a number of multiple messages exceed the charge for a corresponding number of separate messages.