



Statutory Rules

1974 No. 176

REGULATIONS UNDER THE POST AND TELEGRAPH ACT 1901-1974.*

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1974*.

Dated this second day of October, 1974.

JOHN R. KERR
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BISHOP
Postmaster-General.

POSTAL (OVERSEAS RATES) REGULATIONS

- Citation.** 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Postal (Overseas Rates) Regulations.
- Interpretation.** 2. (1) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears, a word or expression has the same meaning as in the Universal Postal Convention as in force on the date of commencement of these Regulations.
- (2) For the purposes of these Regulations, a place in Papua New Guinea shall be deemed to be a place outside Australia and a place in an external territory, other than Papua New Guinea, shall be deemed not to be a place outside Australia.
- Surface mail.** 3. (1) The postage payable for a letter, lettercard or postcard addressed to a place outside Australia for transmission by surface mail shall be as follows:—
- (a) in respect of a letter, lettercard or postcard addressed to a place specified in Schedule 1, an amount ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of letter, lettercard or postcard	Amount of postage
	\$
Not more than 20 g	0.11
More than 20 g but not more than 50 g	0.20
More than 50 g but not more than 100 g	0.25
More than 100 g but not more than 250 g	0.45
More than 250 g but not more than 500 g	0.80
More than 500 g but not more than 1,000 g	1.40
More than 1,000 g but not more than 2,000 g	2.10

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- (b) in respect of a letter, lettercard or postcard addressed to any other place outside Australia, an amount ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of letter, lettercard or postcard	Amount of postage
	\$
Not more than 20 g	0.15
More than 20 g but not more than 50 g	0.30
More than 50 g but not more than 100 g	0.40
More than 100 g but not more than 250 g	0.70
More than 250 g but not more than 500 g	1.30
More than 500 g but not more than 1,000 g	2.10
More than 1,000 g but not more than 2,000 g	3.40

- (2) Subject to sub-regulation (3), the postage payable for printed papers addressed to a place outside Australia for transmission by surface mail shall be an amount ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of printed papers	Amount of postage
	\$
Not more than 50 g	0.11
More than 50 g but not more than 100 g	0.24
More than 100 g but not more than 250 g	0.33
More than 250 g but not more than 500 g	0.48
More than 500 g but not more than 1,000 g	1.30
More than 1,000 g but not more than 2,000 g	1.70
More than 2,000 g	1.70 plus 40 cents per each additional 1,000 g

- (3) The postage payable for printed papers that are addressed to the same addressee in a place outside Australia and enclosed in a special bag (the weight of which and its contents is not less than 10 kilograms and not more than 27 kilograms) for transmission by surface mail is 60 cents for each kilogram or part of a kilogram of the total weight of the special bag and its contents.

- (4) The postage payable for a small packet addressed to a place outside Australia for transmission by surface mail shall be an amount ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of small packet	Amount of postage
	\$
Not more than 100 g	0.24
More than 100 g but not more than 250 g	0.33
More than 250 g but not more than 500 g	0.48

- (5) Any Braille or Moon article or prescribed article addressed to a place outside Australia by surface mail shall be transmitted by post free of charge if—

- the article is sent by or addressed to a blind person or an institution or organization that is recognized by the Postmaster-General as an institution or organization which serves the blind;
- the envelope, package or wrapper containing the article is not sealed against inspection; and

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- (c) the words "Materials for the use of the Blind" and the name and address of the sender appear on the outside of the envelope, package or wrapper containing the article.

(6) For the purposes of sub-regulation (5), a prescribed article is an article containing—

- (a) aids for the teaching of Braille to the blind;
- (b) plates for embossing literature for the blind;
- (c) special paper intended solely for the use of the blind; and
- (d) any form of speech recording for the use of the blind.

(7) Subject to sub-regulation (8), the postage payable for an article consisting of—

- (a) newspapers registered under section 29 of the *Post and Telegraph Act* 1901-1974; or

(b) periodicals registered under regulation 46 of the Postal Regulations, at a General Post Office as Category A, Category B or Category C publications addressed to a place outside Australia shall, where the article is posted by the proprietors, printers or publishers of the newspapers or periodicals or by news-vendors or agents, be an amount ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Amount of postage
	\$
Not more than 50 g	0.09
More than 50 g but not more than 100 g	0.17
More than 100 g but not more than 250 g	0.26
More than 250 g but not more than 500 g	0.39
More than 500 g Printed Papers rates apply.	

(8) In the case of Category A, Category B or Category C publications posted by the proprietors, printers or publishers of the publications—

- (a) before 1 March 1975—a minimum amount of \$1.50; or
- (b) on or after 1 March 1975—a minimum amount of \$3.00,

is payable in respect of articles posted by any one person at any one time.

Surface
air lifted mail.

4. (1) The postage payable for an article addressed to a place outside Australia, being a place in a country that has entered into an agreement with Australia in relation to the surface air lifting of mail, is—

- (a) an amount calculated at the rate of 90 cents for each 250 grams or part of 250 grams of the article; or
- (b) \$3.50,

whichever amount is the greater.

(2) In sub-regulation (1), "article" means an article for transmission by post to which the agreement referred to in sub-regulation (1) applies.

International
priority paid
mail.

5. (1) The postage payable for a priority paid article addressed to a place outside Australia, being a place in a country that has entered into an agreement with Australia in relation to priority paid mail, is—

- (a) where the weight of the article does not exceed 250 grams—\$8; or
- (b) where the weight of the article exceeds 250 grams—\$8 for the first 250 grams and \$5 for each additional 250 grams or part of 250 grams.

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(2) In sub-regulation (1), "article" means an article for transmission by post to which the agreement referred to in sub-regulation (1) applies.

6. (1) The postage payable for a postal parcel addressed to a place outside Australia, being a place included in a Zone specified in Schedule 2, is an amount ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Rates		
Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
\$1.20 plus 45c per kg	\$1.40 plus 60c per kg	\$1.40 plus 80c per kg

(2) The sender of a postal parcel that is addressed for delivery in a place outside Australia, being a place in a country that makes provision for acknowledgement of the delivery in that country of postal parcels, may, upon payment of a fee of 40 cents, obtain an acknowledgement of the delivery of a postal parcel delivered in that place.

(3) In this regulation, "postal parcel" has the same meaning as in the Act of the Universal Postal Union known as the Postal Parcels Agreement as in force at the date of commencement of these Regulations.

7. The postage for articles specified in the following table that are addressed to a place outside Australia, being a place included in a Zone specified in Schedule 3, for transmission by airmail shall be an amount ascertained in accordance with the table:—

Item	Rates				
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Aerogrammes	20c	20c	20c	20c	20c
Letters and Lettercards	15c per 10 g up to and including 50 g	20c per 10 g up to and including 50 g	25c per 10 g up to and including 50 g	30c per 10 g up to and including 50 g	35c per 10 g up to and including 50 g
	15c for each additional 20 g	20c for each additional 20 g	25c for each additional 20 g	30c for each additional 20 g	35c for each additional 20 g
Postcards and Greeting Cards	11c per 10 g up to and including 50 g	12c per 10 g up to and including 50 g	13c per 10 g up to and including 50 g	15c per 10 g up to and including 50 g	18c per 10 g up to and including 50 g
	11c for each additional 20 g	12c for each additional 20 g	13c for each additional 20 g	15c for each additional 20 g	18c for each additional 20 g
Printed Papers and Small Packets	24c per 50 g	30c per 50 g	40c per 50 g	50c per 50 g	55c per 50 g
Articles for use of the Blind	3c per 50 g	3c per 50 g	3c per 50 g	3c per 50 g	3c per 50 g
Postal Parcels	90c per 250 g	\$1.20 per 250 g	\$1.60 per 250 g	\$2.00 per 250 g	\$2.20 per 250 g

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International
reply coupons.

8. The amount payable for an international reply coupon is 24 cents.

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3 (1) (a)

American Samoa	Maldives, Republic of
Bangladesh	Mariana Islands
Bhutan	Nauru, Republic of
British Solomon Islands Protectorate	Nepal
Brunei	New Caledonia and Dependencies
Burma	New Hebrides
Caroline and Marshall Islands	New Zealand and Territories
China, Peoples Republic of	Pakistan
Cook Islands	Papua New Guinea
Fiji	Philippines
French Polynesia	Pitcairn Islands
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	Singapore
Hong Kong	Sri Lanka
India	Taiwan
Indonesia	Thailand
Irian Jaya	Timor
Japan	Tonga
Khmer Republic	United States Territories in Oceania
Korea, Democratic Peoples Republic of	Vietnam, Democratic Republic of
Korea, Republic of	Vietnam, Republic of
Laos	Wallis and Futuna
Macao	Western Samoa
Malaysia	

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 6 (1)

ZONE 1

American Samoa	New Caledonia and Dependencies
British Solomon Islands Protectorate	New Hebrides
Brunei	New Zealand and Territories
Cook Islands	Papua New Guinea
Fiji	Pitcairn Islands
French Polynesia	Singapore
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	Timor
Indonesia	Tonga
Irian Jaya	Wallis and Futuna
Malaysia	Washington Island
Nauru, Republic of	Western Samoa

ZONE 2

Bangladesh	Maldives, Republic of
Bhutan	Mariana Islands
Burma	Marshall Islands
Caroline Islands	Mauritius
China, Peoples Republic of	Nepal
Hawaii	Pakistan
Hong Kong	Philippines
India	Reunion
Japan	Sri Lanka
Khmer Republic	Taiwan
Korea, Democratic Peoples Republic of	Thailand
Korea, Republic of	Vietnam, Democratic Republic of
Laos	Vietnam, Republic of
Macao	

ZONE 3

Afghanistan	Austria
Albania	Bahamas
Algeria	Bahrain
Angola	Barbados
Argentine Republic	Belgium
Ascension	Belize

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SCHEDULE 2—continued

Bermuda	Mali
Bolivia	Malta
Botswana	Martinique
Brazil	Mauritania
Bulgaria	Mexico
Burundi	Morocco
Cameroon	Mozambique
Canada	Netherlands
Cape Verde Islands	Netherlands Antilles
Cayman Islands	Nicaragua
Central African Republic	Niger
Chad	Nigeria
Chile	Norway
Colombia	Oman
Congo, Peoples Republic of the	Panama
Costa Rica	Panama Canal Zone
Cuba	Paraguay
Cyprus	Peru
Czechoslovakia	Poland
Dahomey	Portugal (including Azores and Madeira Islands)
Denmark	Puerto Rico
Dominican Republic	Qatar, State of
Ecuador	Roumania
Egypt, Arab Republic of	Rwanda
El Salvador	St. Helena
Equatorial Guinea	St. Pierre and Miquelon
Ethiopia	St. Thomas and Prince
Falkland Islands and Dependencies	Saudi Arabia
Faroe Islands	Senegal
Finland	Seychelles
France (including Corsica)	Sierra Leone
French Guiana	Somali Democratic Republic
French Territory of the Afars and Issas	South Africa
Gabon	Southern Rhodesia
Germany, Democratic Republic of	South West Africa
Germany, Federal Republic of	Spain (including Balearic and Canary Islands)
Ghana	Spanish West Africa
Gibraltar	Sudan, Democratic Republic of
Greece	Surinam
Greenland	Swaziland
Guadeloupe	Sweden
Guatemala	Switzerland
Guinea	Syria
Guinea Bissau	Tanzania
Guyana	The Gambia
Haiti	Togo
Honduras, Republic of	Trinidad and Tobago
Hungary	Tristan Da Cunha
Iceland	Tunisia
Iran	Turkey
Iraq	Turks and Caicos Island
Ireland	Uganda
Israel	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Italy	United Arab Emirates
Ivory Coast	United Kingdom
Jamaica	United States of America
Jordan	Upper Volta
Kenya	Uruguay
Kuwait	Vatican City State
Leeward Islands	Venezuela
Lebanon	Virgin Islands (British)
Lesotho	Virgin Islands (United States of America)
Liberia	Windward Islands
Libyan Arab Republic	Yemen, Arab Republic of
Liechtenstein	Yemen, Peoples Democratic Republic of
Luxembourg	Yugoslavia
Malagasy Republic	Zambia
Malawi	Zaire

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SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 7

ZONE 1

New Caledonia and Dependencies
New Hebrides
New Zealand and Territories

Papua New Guinea
Wallis and Futuna

ZONE 2

American Samoa
British Solomon Islands Protectorate
Brunei
Cook Islands
Fiji
French Polynesia
Gilbert and Ellice Islands
Indonesia

Irian Jaya
Malaysia
Nauru, Republic of
Singapore
Timor
Tonga
Western Samoa

ZONE 3

Bangladesh
Bhutan
Burma
China, Peoples Republic of
Hawaii
Hong Kong
India
Japan
Khmer Republic
Korea, Democratic Peoples Republic of
Korea, Republic of
Laos

Macao
Maldives, Republic of
Mauritius
Nepal
Pakistan
Philippines
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
Thailand
Tibet
Vietnam, Democratic Republic of
Vietnam, Republic of

ZONE 4

Afghanistan
Bahrain
Canada
Caroline Islands
Cyprus
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Malagasy Republic
Mariana Islands

Marshall Islands
Mexico
Oman
Qatar, State of
Reunion
St Pierre and Miquelon
Saudi Arabia
Syria
United Arab Emirates
United States of America
Yemen, Arab Republic of
Yemen, Peoples Democratic Republic of

ZONE 5

Albania
Algeria
Angola
Argentine Republic
Ascension
Austria
Bahamas
Barbados
Botswana
Belgium
Belize
Bermuda
Bolivia
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burundi
Cameroon
Cape Verde Islands
Cayman Islands
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
Colombia
Congo, Peoples Republic of the

Costa Rica
Cuba
Czechoslovakia
Dahomey
Denmark
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Equador
Egypt, Arab Republic of
Equatorial Guinea
Ethiopia
Falkland Island and Dependencies
Faroe Islands
Finland
France (including Corsica)
French Guiana
French Territory of the Afars and Issas
Gabon
Germany, Democratic Republic of
Germany, Federal Republic of
Ghana
Gibraltar
Greece
Greenland

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SCHEDULE 3—*continued*

Guadeloupe	Roumania
Guatemala	Rwanda
Guinea	St. Helena
Guinea Bissau	St. Thomas and Prince
Guyana	Senegal
Haiti	Seychelles
Honduras, Republic of	Sierra Leone
Hungary	Somali Democratic Republic
Iceland	South Africa
Ireland	Southern Rhodesia
Italy	South West Africa
Ivory Coast	Spain (including Balearic and Canary Islands)
Jamaica	Spanish West Africa
Kenya	Sudan, Democratic Republic of
Leeward Islands	Surinam
Liberia	Swaziland
Libyan Arab Republic	Sweden
Leichtenstein	Switzerland
Lesotho	Tanzania
Luxembourg	The Gambia
Malawi	Togo
Mali	Trinidad and Tobago
Malta	Tristan Da Cunha
Martinique	Tunisia
Mauritania	Turkey
Morocco	Turks and Caicos Islands
Mozambique	Uganda
Netherlands	Uruguay
Netherlands Antilles	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Nicaragua	United Kingdom
Niger	Upper Volta
Nigeria	Vatican City State
Norway	Venezuela
Panama	Virgin Islands (British)
Panama Canal Zone	Virgin Islands (United States of America)
Paraguay	Windward Islands
Peru	Yugoslavia
Poland	Zambia
Portugal (including Azores and Madeira Islands)	Zaire
Puerto Rico	