

Post and Telegraph

No. 7 of 1966

An Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1965* in relation to Money Orders and Postal Orders and in relation to Decimal Currency.

[Assented to 29 April, 1966]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Act 1966*.

(2.) The *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1965** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1966*.

Commencement.

2.—(1.) Sections 1, 2, 9 and 11 of this Act shall come into operation on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(2.) The remaining sections of this Act shall come into operation on the first day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

Heading.

3. Before section 1 of the Principal Act the following heading is inserted:—

“PART I.—PRELIMINARY.”

4. The heading appearing before section 3 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section and heading are inserted in its stead:—

Parts.

“2A. This Act is divided into Parts, as follows:—

Part I.—Preliminary (Sections 1–2A).

Part IA.—General (Sections 3–65).

Part II.—Conveyance of Mails by Ships (Sections 66–73).

Part III.—Money Orders and Postal Orders (Sections 74–79).

Part IV.—Telegraphs (Sections 80–96).

Part V.—Regulations (Section 97).

Part VI.—Penalties (Sections 98–139).

Part VII.—Protection of Telegraph Lines from Injurious Affection by Electric Lines or Works (Sections 140–150).

* Act No. 12, 1901, as amended by No. 25, 1909; Nos. 24 and 28, 1910; No. 30, 1912; No. 23, 1913; No. 14, 1916; No. 17, 1923; No. 45, 1934; No. 77, 1946; No. 35, 1949; No. 80, 1950; No. 85, 1960; No. 64, 1961; and No. 149, 1965.

Part VIII.—Legal Proceedings (Sections 151–156).

Part IX.—Notice and Limitation of Actions (Sections 157–159).

“PART IA.—GENERAL.”

5. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended—

Interpretation
of terms.

(a) by omitting the definition of “Money order” and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

“‘Money order’ means a money order issued under this Act or a money order or similar instrument issued by any postal authority outside the Commonwealth for payment in the Commonwealth.”; and

(b) by omitting the definition of “Postal note” and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

“‘Postal order’ means a postal order issued under this Act or a postal order or similar instrument issued by any postal authority outside the Commonwealth for payment in the Commonwealth.”.

6. The heading to Part III. of the Principal Act is repealed and the following heading inserted in its stead:—

Heading.

“PART III.—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL ORDERS.”.

7. Sections 74, 75 and 76 of the Principal Act are repealed and the following sections inserted in their stead:—

“74.—(1.) The Commonwealth may make arrangements with the Government of a country outside Australia for the payment in the Commonwealth of money orders or postal orders issued in that country and for the payment in that country of money orders or postal orders issued in the Commonwealth, and for the accounting for, and transmission of, moneys for those purposes.

Arrangements
for money
orders and
postal orders.

“(2.) The Postmaster-General may make arrangements with an authority of a Territory of the Commonwealth not forming part of the Commonwealth, including the Territory of Nauru, for the payment in the Commonwealth of money orders or postal orders issued in that Territory and for the payment in that Territory of money orders or postal orders issued in the Commonwealth, and for the accounting for, and transmission of, moneys for those purposes.

“(3.) Subject to the regulations, the Director-General may arrange for the issue and payment of money orders and postal orders within the Commonwealth.

Amount and
cost of money
orders and
postal orders.

“ 75.—(1.) A money order shall not be issued for an amount exceeding the prescribed amount.

“ (2.) A postal order shall not be issued for an amount exceeding the prescribed amount.

“ (3.) The Postmaster-General may make the prescribed charges in respect of money orders and postal orders.”.

Amendments
in relation to
postal orders.

8. The Principal Act is amended as set out in the First Schedule to this Act.

Amendments
in relation to
decimal
currency.

9. The Principal Act is amended as set out in the Second Schedule to this Act.

Application of
amendments.

10. The amendments made by sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this Act do not have effect in relation to postal notes issued before the commencement of this section.

Regulations.

11. Regulations for the purposes of the Principal Act as amended by this Act may be made at any time after this Act receives the Royal Assent, but any regulations so made before the first day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, shall not come into operation before that date.

THE SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 8.

AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO POSTAL ORDERS

Provisions amended	Amendments
Section 38 ..	Omit from sub-section (3.) “ postal notes ”, insert “ postal orders ”.
Section 64 ..	Omit from sub-section (1.) “ postal notes ”, insert “ postal orders ”.
Section 78 ..	Omit “ postal note ” (wherever occurring), insert “ postal order ”.
Section 79 ..	Omit “ postal note ”, insert “ postal order ”.
Section 97 ..	Omit from paragraph (f) “ postal notes ”, insert “ postal orders ”.
Section 100 ..	Omit from paragraph (c) “ or postal notes ” (wherever occurring), insert “, postal notes or postal orders ”.
Section 101 ..	Omit “ or postal notes ”, insert “, postal notes or postal orders ”.
Section 123 ..	Omit “ postal note ”, insert “ postal order ”.
Section 135 ..	Omit “ postal note ”, insert “ postal order ”.
Section 152 ..	Omit from sub-section (1.) “ postal notes ”, insert “ postal orders ”.
Section 159 ..	Omit “ postal note ” (wherever occurring), insert “ postal order ”.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 9.

AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO DECIMAL CURRENCY

Provisions amended	Omit—	Insert—
Section 13	Five pounds	Ten dollars
Section 29 (1.)	Five shillings	Fifty cents
Section 38 (3.)	Five shillings	Fifty cents
Section 47 (2.)	Five pounds	Ten dollars
Section 50	Two pounds	Four dollars
	Five pounds	Ten dollars
Section 53	Forty shillings	Four dollars
Section 66	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 67 (2.)	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 68	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 69 (2.)	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 71 (2.)	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 72	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars
Section 73	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 95 (3.)	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars
Section 97 (r)	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 98 (1.)	Five pounds	Ten dollars
	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 102	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 103 (1.)	One pound	Two dollars
	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 104	One pound	Two dollars
	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 105	One pound	Two dollars
	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 106	One pound	Two dollars
	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 107	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars
Section 108	Twenty-five pounds	Fifty dollars
Section 109	Twenty-five pounds	Fifty dollars
Section 110	Ten pounds	Twenty dollars
Section 111	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars
Section 112	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars
Section 113	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 115	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars
Section 116	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars
Section 117	Twenty-five pounds	Fifty dollars
Section 117A (1.)	Ten pounds	Twenty dollars
Section 118	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 119 (1.)	Ten pounds	Twenty dollars
Section 119 (2.)	Five pounds	Ten dollars
Section 120	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 121	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 122	Five pounds	Ten dollars
Section 125	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars
Section 127	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars
Section 128 (1.)	Five pounds	Ten dollars
Section 129	Two pounds	Four dollars
	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 130	Twenty-five pounds	Fifty dollars
Section 131	Ten pounds	Twenty dollars
Section 133 (1.)	Twenty pounds	Forty dollars
	Two pounds	Four dollars
Section 134	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars
Section 137 (2.)	Twenty-five pounds	Fifty dollars
Section 138	Twenty-five pounds	Fifty dollars
Section 139	Five pounds	Ten dollars
Section 143 (2.)	Ten pounds	Twenty dollars
	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Provisions amended	Omit—	Insert—
Section 144 (1.) (f)	Ten pounds	Twenty dollars
Section 144 (1.) (g)	Ten pounds	Twenty dollars
	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 145 (1.)	Twenty pounds	Forty dollars
Section 145 (3.)	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 146	Ten pounds, and	Twenty dollars, and
	Ten pounds	Twenty dollars
Section 148 (1.)	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
	Five pounds	Ten dollars