



Competition and Consumer (Price Notifications—Australia Post Letter Services) Declaration 2025

I, Andrew Leigh, Assistant Minister for Productivity, Competition, Charities and Treasury,
make the following declaration.

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Part 1—Preliminary

1 Name

This instrument is the *Competition and Consumer (Price Notifications—Australia Post Letter Services) Declaration 2025*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	1 October 2025.	1 October 2025

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 95X of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

5 Definitions

Note: Expressions have the same meaning in this instrument as in the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* as in force from time to time—see paragraph 13(1)(b) of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

In this instrument:

Australia Post means the Australian Postal Corporation.

convention has the same meaning as in the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989*.

Section 5

special letter service means a letter service that is:

- (a) supplied at a rate lower than the ordinary rate, subject to the sender meeting certain requirements including, but not limited to:
 - (i) the volume of letters lodged; or
 - (ii) the format of letters lodged; or
 - (iii) the pre-sorting of letters lodged; or
 - (iv) the content of letters lodged; or
 - (v) the sender of letters lodged; or
 - (vi) the method of payment; or
 - (vii) the method of lodgement; or
- (b) supplied at a rate higher than the ordinary rate because Australia Post supplies goods that are integral to the letter service as part of the service including, but not limited to:
 - (i) an envelope; or
 - (ii) a packet; or
 - (iii) a parcel; or
 - (iv) a container; or
 - (v) a wrapper; or
 - (vi) a card; or
- (c) supplied at a rate higher than the ordinary rate because of additional features being supplied by Australia Post as part of the letter service including, but not limited to:
 - (i) priority delivery; or
 - (ii) reply paid; or
 - (iii) carriage of non-rectangular-shaped articles.

the Act means the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.

Part 2—Price notifications

6 Declaration of letter services and declared persons

Notified service

- (1) For the purposes of Part VIIA of the Act, the provision of letter services by Australia Post for the carriage within Australia of letters is declared to be a notified service.
- Note: Under subsection 95X(1) of the Act, the Minister may declare goods and services of a specified description to be notified goods and services for the purposes of Part VIIA of the Act (about prices surveillance).
- (2) Despite subsection (1), none of the following is declared to be a notified service:
- (a) letter services that are *not* reserved to Australia Post under Division 2 of Part 3 the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989*;
 - (b) letter services under an incoming overseas mail service (within the meaning of section 32C of the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989*) to which a convention applies;
 - (c) special letter services.

Declared person in relation to notified service

- (3) For the purposes of Part VIIA of the Act, Australia Post is a declared person in relation to the notified service declared under subsection (1).
- Note: Under subsection 95X(2) of the Act, the Minister may declare a person to be, in relation to goods and services of a specified description, a declared person for the purposes of Part VIIA of the Act (about prices surveillance).

Part 3—Application

7 Cessation and repeal

This instrument:

- (a) ceases to have effect at the end of 31 December 2028; and
- (b) is repealed at the start of 1 January 2029.

Note: Under subsection 95X(4) of the Act, the Minister must specify the time when this instrument ceases to have effect. The instrument will cease to have effect at that time unless it is revoked sooner.

Schedule 1—Repeals

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1 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument.