

POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES.

No. 27 of 1920.

An Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902-1918.

[Assented to 1st October, 1920.]

BE it enacted by the King'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 Rates Act* 1920.

(2.) The *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902-1918 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 Rates Act* 1902-1920.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Rates to be paid on Government correspondence.

3. Section five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting all words from and including the words "subject to such regulations" to and inclusive of the words "Commonwealth Meteorological Department".

Repeal of section 6A. Newspapers.

4. Section six A of the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

5. Part I. of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is omitted and the following Part inserted in its stead:—

"PART I.—NEWSPAPERS.

On all newspapers, printed and published in Australia, posted for delivery within the Commonwealth (without condition as to the number contained in each addressed wrapper) by—

(a) the proprietors thereof to *boná fide* subscribers and to newsvendors and agents for *boná fide* trade requirements;

(b) newsvendors and agents to *boná fide* subscribers and to other newsvendors and agents for *boná fide* trade requirements; and

(c) newsvendors and agents for return to the publishing office.

On other newspapers posted within the Commonwealth for delivery therein

One penny and a halfpenny per twenty ounces on the aggregate weight of newspapers posted by any one person at any one time.

For each newspaper—One penny per ten ounces or part of ten ounces."

6. Part II. of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Part inserted in its stead :—

Part II.—
Postal Articles

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First Column. POSTAL ARTICLES.	Second Column. RATES OF POSTAGE.
Letters	2d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Letter Cards	Single, 2d. each Reply, 2d. each half
Post Cards	Single, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. each Reply, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. each half
Printed papers, as prescribed	1d. per 2 oz. or part of 2 oz.
Books printed outside Australia, except as prescribed	1d. per 4 oz. or part of 4 oz.
Books printed in Australia, except as prescribed ...	1d. per 8 oz. or part of 8 oz.
Magazines, that is to say—	
(a) Magazines, reviews, and other similar publications, wholly set up and printed in Australia, and published for sale in numbers at intervals not exceeding three months	For each magazine, 1d. per 8 oz. or part of 8 oz.
(b) Magazines, reviews, and other similar publications (including newspapers), not wholly set up and printed in Australia, and published for sale in numbers at intervals not exceeding three months	For each magazine, 1d. per 4 oz. or part of 4 oz.
Catalogues wholly set up and printed in Australia	For each catalogue, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 4 oz. or part of 4 oz.
<i>Hansard</i> , that is, reports of Parliamentary debates printed and published by the authority of the Commonwealth or of a State	1d. per 12 oz. or part of 12 oz.
Commercial papers, patterns, samples, and merchandise, as prescribed	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 2 oz. or part of 2 oz.

7. Part III. of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

Repeal of Part III.—War Postage.

8. Part I. of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Part is inserted in its stead :—

Ordinary Telegrams.

“PART I.—ORDINARY TELEGRAMS.

	Town and Suburban, within prescribed limits, or within fifteen miles from the sending station.	Other places within the State, except Town and Suburban.	Inter-State, <i>i.e.</i> , from any one State to any other State.
Including address and signature—			
Not exceeding sixteen words	Ninepence ...	One shilling ...	One shilling and fourpence
Each additional word	One penny ...	One penny ...	One penny

Double the foregoing rates shall be charged for the transmission of—

- (a) telegrams on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday;
- (b) urgent telegrams;
- (c) telegrams sent after hours as prescribed; and
- (d) telegrams on the public service when required, under section ninety-five of the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1916*, to be transmitted before other telegrams.

The foregoing rates are exclusive of portorage charges.”

Press telegrams.

9. Part II. of the Second Schedule of the Principal Act is repealed and the following Part is inserted in its stead:—

“PART II.—PRESS TELEGRAMS.

(a) Press Telegrams within the Commonwealth relating to Parliamentary, Executive, Departmental, and other Commonwealth Proceedings as prescribed—

Including address and signature—		
Not exceeding twenty-five words	...	One shilling and fourpence
Exceeding twenty-five but not exceeding fifty words	...	One shilling and eightpence
Exceeding fifty but not exceeding one hundred words	...	Two shillings
Every additional fifty words or portion of fifty words	...	Eightpence

(b) Other Press Telegrams—

	Within any State.	Inter-State, i.e., from any one State to any other State.
Including address and signature —		
Not exceeding twenty-five words	Eightpence	One shilling and fourpence
Exceeding twenty-five but not exceeding fifty words	Elevenpence	One shilling and teppence
Exceeding fifty but not exceeding one hundred words	One shilling and ninepence	Threeshillings and sixpence
Every additional fifty words or portion of fifty words	Eightpence	One shilling and fourpence

The rates specified in this Part are exclusive of portorage charges.”

Letter telegrams and shipping telegrams.

10. Part III. of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Parts are inserted in its stead:—

“PART III.—LETTER TELEGRAMS, AS PRESCRIBED.

Including address and signature, One shilling and threepence for the first thirty words and one halfpenny for each additional word.

Double the foregoing rate shall be charged for the transmission of letter telegrams on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday.”

“PART IV.—SHIPPING TELEGRAMS.

Telegrams, relating to the movements of shipping, sent by officers of the Commonwealth Navigation and Lighthouse Services, for the purpose of being posted up at telegraph offices—the same rates as are specified in division (b) of Part II. of this Act.”