

# POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES.

**No. 66 of 1956.**

## An Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1951*.

[Assented to 28th September, 1956.]

**B**E 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 Rates Act 1956*.

(2.) The *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1951*\* 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 1902-1956*.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

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\* Act No. 13, 1902, as amended by No. 10, 1906; No. 24, 1910; No. 8, 1911; No. 23, 1913; No. 24, 1918; No. 27, 1920; No. 16, 1923; No. 12, 1924; No. 20, 1930; No. 1, 1931; No. 23, 1940; No. 54, 1941; No. 23, 1949; No. 28, 1950; and No. 12, 1951.

3. The First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting Part II. and inserting in its stead the following Part :—

PART II.

Letters and Letter Cards .. .. .	Fourpence for the first ounce or part of an ounce, and Twopence half-penny for each additional ounce or part of an ounce
Post Cards .. .. .	Fourpence each
Second Class Mail Matter—	
(a) Commercial papers, patterns, samples and merchandise, as prescribed	Threepence half-penny for the first two ounces or part of two ounces, and Twopence for each additional two ounces or part of two ounces
(b) Printed matter (including printed papers, circulars and catalogues, and books, periodicals and newspapers not registered at a General Post Office), as prescribed	Threepence half-penny for the first four ounces or part of four ounces, and Twopence for each additional four ounces or part of four ounces
Third Class Mail Matter (comprising books registered at a General Post Office and periodicals and newspapers registered at a General Post Office posted otherwise than as specified in Part I. of this Schedule), as prescribed	Twopence half-penny for the first six ounces or part of six ounces, and Twopence for each additional six ounces or part of six ounces
<i>Hansard</i> , that is, reports of Parliamentary debates printed and published by the authority of the Commonwealth or of a State	Twopence per twelve ounces or part of twelve ounces.

4. The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting Part I. and inserting in its stead the following Part :—

PART I.—ORDINARY TELEGRAMS.

	Between offices which are not more than fifteen miles apart.	Between offices which are more than fifteen miles apart.
Including address and signature—		
Not exceeding twelve words ..	Two shillings and ninepence	Three shillings
For each additional word ..	Threepence ..	Threepence

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

- (a) urgent telegrams ; and
- (b) telegrams on the public service when required, under section ninety-five of the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1950*, to be transmitted before other telegrams.

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

5. The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting Part III. and inserting in its stead the following Part :—

PART III.—BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION TELEGRAMS, AS PRESCRIBED.

Telegrams, accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions—the same rates as are specified in Part II. of this Schedule.

6. The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting Part VI.