

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 The heading appearing before section 3 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section and heading are inserted in its stead:—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