

# POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES.

## No. 20 of 1930.

### An Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1924.*

[Assented to 30th July, 1930.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1930.* Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1924\** 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 1902-1930.*

2. This Act shall commence on a date to be fixed by Proclamation. Commencement.

3. Section four of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

“4. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears— Definitions.

‘Rates for telegrams’ means the charges for transmission of telegrams within the Commonwealth, exclusive of additional fees prescribed under the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1923* for special services;

‘Rates of postage’ means the charges for transmission of postal articles posted in the Commonwealth for delivery therein, exclusive of additional fees prescribed under the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1923* for special services;

‘Periodicals’ means magazines, reviews and other similar publications, as prescribed, wholly set up and printed in the Commonwealth, and published for sale in numbers at intervals as prescribed;

‘*Bona fide* subscriber’ means a person who has ordered that a copy of a newspaper or periodical be sent to him regularly by post.”

4. Section five of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting the word “, letters,”; and

(b) by omitting the words “postal and telegraphic rates” and inserting in their stead the words “rates for telegrams and the rates of postage”.

Rates to be paid on Government correspondence.

5. Section six of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

“6. The rates of postage shall be as set out in the First Schedule to this Act.” Rates of postage.

\* Act No. 13 of 1902, as amended by No. 24 1910; No. 8, 1911; No. 23, 1913; No. 24 1918; No. 27, 1920; No. 16, 1923; and No. 12, 1924.

Telegraphic rates.

6. Section seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "the transmission of" and the words "within the Commonwealth".

Limits of town and suburban telegraph rates.

7. Section nine of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "the limits within which the rates for town and suburban telegrams shall have effect, and for prescribing charges for the portorage of telegrams." and inserting in their stead the following paragraphs:—

- “(a) the limits within which the rates for town and suburban telegrams shall have effect ;
- (b) the fees for accelerated transmission or delivery of telegrams and other special services ;
- (c) the fees for accelerated transmission or delivery of postal articles and other special services; and
- (d) any other matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for giving effect to this Act.”.

8. The First Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Schedule inserted in its stead :—

“ FIRST SCHEDULE.

PART I.

Newspapers registered at a General Post Office posted (without condition as to the number contained in each addressed wrapper) by—

- (a) the proprietors thereof to *bona fide* subscribers and to newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale ; and
- (b) newsvendors and agents to *bona fide* subscribers and to other newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale

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

Periodicals registered at a General Post Office posted (without condition as to the number contained in each addressed wrapper) by—

- (a) the proprietors thereof to *bona fide* subscribers and to newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale ; and
- (b) newsvendors and agents to *bona fide* subscribers and to other newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale

Twopence per sixteen ounces or part of sixteen ounces on the aggregate weight of periodicals posted by any one person at any one time

PART II.

Letters and Letter Cards .. .. .

Two pence per ounce or part of an ounce

Post Cards .. .. .

One penny and a half-penny each

Second Class Mail Matter (comprising printed papers (including books, periodicals and newspapers not registered at a General Post Office), commercial papers, catalogues, patterns, samples and merchandise) as prescribed

One penny per two ounces or part of two ounces

Third Class Mail Matter (comprising books, periodicals and newspapers registered at a General Post Office posted otherwise than as specified in Part I. of this Schedule) as prescribed

One penny per six ounces or part of six ounces

Hansard, that is, reports of Parliamentary debates printed and published by the authority of the Commonwealth or of a State

One penny per twelve ounces or part of twelve ounces.”.