

Post and Telegraph Rates

No. 68 of 1968

An Act relating to Postal Charges.

[Assented to 27 September 1968]

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 Rates Act 1968*.

(2.) The *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902–1967** 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 1902–1968*.

Commence-
ment.

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

3. Section 6 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

Rates of
postage.

“ 6. Subject to the next two succeeding sections, the rates of postage are the rates set out in Part I. of the First Schedule to this Act.”.

Articles
addressed
to “The
Householder”.

4. Section 6A of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting in paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.), after the word “ in ”, the words “ Part I. of ”; and

(b) by omitting sub-sections (2.) and (3.) and inserting in their stead the following sub-sections:—

“ (2.) The postage payable in respect of articles to which this section applies shall be prepaid in cash and is—

(a) in the case of each article for delivery within the city area in which it is posted—at the rate of Two cents for each four ounces or part of four ounces; and

(b) in any other case—at the rate of Three cents for each four ounces or part of four ounces.

“ (3.) In the last preceding sub-section, ‘city area’ means an area determined by the Postmaster-General to be a city area for the purposes of this section.”.

* 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; No. 12, 1951; No. 66, 1956; No. 56, 1959; No. 66, 1964; No. 150, 1965; and No. 62, 1967.

5. Section 6B of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-sections (1.), (2.) and (3.) and inserting in their stead the following sub-sections:—

Reduced rates
for bulk
postage.

“(1.) This section applies to such articles as are specified in Part II. of the First Schedule to this Act, not being articles referred to in the last preceding section, that comply with, and are posted in accordance with, conditions determined by the Postmaster-General relating to—

- (a) the manner of packing, addressing and marking the articles;
- (b) the manner and place of posting the articles; and
- (c) the arrangement of the articles so as to facilitate their sorting,

where the number of those articles posted by any one person during a period determined by the Postmaster-General is—

- (d) in the case of articles to which item 1 or item 3 in that Part applies—more than two thousand five hundred; and
- (e) in the case of articles to which item 2 in that Part applies—more than five hundred.

“(2.) Subject to the next two succeeding sub-sections, the rates of postage payable in respect of articles to which this section applies are the rates set out in Part II. of the First Schedule to this Act.

“(3.) Where—

- (a) a person proposes to post more than one hundred thousand articles within the period determined by the Postmaster-General under sub-section (1.) of this section; and
- (b) the articles are articles to which item 1 or item 3 in Part II. of the First Schedule to this Act applies,

the Postmaster-General may enter into an agreement with that person under which—

- (c) if the articles comply with, and are posted in accordance with, the conditions determined by the Postmaster-General under sub-section (1.) of this section; and
- (d) if the person complies with such other conditions (if any) as are set out in the agreement relating to the manner and place of posting the articles and the arrangement of the articles so as to facilitate their sorting and delivery,

the rates of postage payable in respect of the articles shall be such rates as are provided in the agreement, not being lower than the rates set out in Part III. of the First Schedule to this Act.”.

6.—(1.) The First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words—

First Schedule.

“RATES OF POSTAGE.”

and inserting in their stead the words—

“PART I.—ORDINARY RATES OF POSTAGE.”.

(2.) The First Schedule to the Principal Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following Parts:—

" PART II.—BULK POSTAGE RATES.

1. Letters, lettercards and postcards each of which weighs not more than sixteen ounces—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of letter, lettercard or postcard	Rate of postage, in cents, where the number of articles, irrespective of the weights of individual articles, is—		
	More than 2,500 but not more than 25,000	More than 25,000 but not more than 100,000	More than 100,000
Not more than 1 ounce	4.5	4.0	3.5
More than 1 ounce but not more than 2 ounces	8.0	7.0	6.5
More than 2 ounces but not more than 3 ounces	11.5	10.0	9.5
More than 3 ounces but not more than 4 ounces	15.0	13.0	12.5
More than 4 ounces but not more than 8 ounces	18.5	16.0	15.5
More than 8 ounces but not more than 12 ounces	22.0	19.0	18.5
More than 12 ounces but not more than 16 ounces	25.5	22.0	21.5

2. Books registered at a General Post Office, subject to compliance with the regulations—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Number of articles irrespective of the weights of individual articles	Rate of postage, in cents, for—	
	The first 6 ounces or part of 6 ounces	Each additional 6 ounces or part of 6 ounces
More than 500 but not more than 5,000	4.5	3.5
More than 5,000 but not more than 20,000	4.0	3.0
More than 20,000	3.5	2.5

3. Articles each of which weighs not more than sixteen ounces that are not parcels or articles to which item 1 or 2 of this Part applies—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage, in cents, where the number of articles, irrespective of the weights of individual articles, is—		
	More than 2,500 but not more than 25,000	More than 25,000 but not more than 100,000	More than 100,000
Not more than 2 ounces	4.5	4.0	3.5
More than 2 ounces but not more than 4 ounces	8.0	7.0	6.5
More than 4 ounces but not more than 8 ounces	11.5	10.0	9.5
More than 8 ounces but not more than 12 ounces	15.0	13.0	12.5
More than 12 ounces but not more than 16 ounces	18.5	16.0	15.5

" PART III.—MINIMUM AGREED BULK POSTAGE RATES.

1. Letters, lettercards and postcards each of which weighs not more than sixteen ounces—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of letter, lettercard or postcard	Rate of postage, in cents
Not more than 1 ounce	3.0
More than 1 ounce but not more than 2 ounces	5.5
More than 2 ounces but not more than 3 ounces	8.0
More than 3 ounces but not more than 4 ounces	10.5
More than 4 ounces but not more than 8 ounces	13.0
More than 8 ounces but not more than 12 ounces	15.5
More than 12 ounces but not more than 16 ounces	18.0

2. Other articles to which sub-section (3.) of section 6B of this Act applies each of which weighs not more than sixteen ounces—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage, in cents
Not more than 2 ounces	3.0
More than 2 ounces but not more than 4 ounces	5.5
More than 4 ounces but not more than 8 ounces	8.0
More than 8 ounces but not more than 12 ounces	10.5
More than 12 ounces but not more than 16 ounces	13.0