

INCREASE IN RATES.

Owing to the increased cost of maintaining the Department's services it was found necessary to increase the rates and charges generally. The schedule below shows the principal changes. The alterations took effect from the 1st August, 1920, unless otherwise stated.

Item.	Old Rate.	New Rate.
Letters and letter-cards for inland delivery..	1½d. up to 4 oz., and ½d. for each additional 2 oz.	2d. up to 2 oz. and 1d. for each additional 2 oz.
Letters and letter-cards addressed to United Kingdom, British possessions, United States of America, and certain other places	1½d. for the first ounce..	2d. for the first ounce.
Post-cards for inland delivery	1d.	1½d.
Newspapers for inland delivery	½d.	1d.
Registered magazines—		
For inland delivery	1d. for first 8 oz., and ½d. for each additional 8 oz.	2d. for each 8 oz. (altered from 28th October to 2d. for first 8 oz., and 1d. for each additional 8 oz.).
Addressed to Australia, Fiji, and certain islands in Pacific	½d. up to 2 oz.; 1d. up to 4 oz.; 1½d. up to 8 oz.; ½d. for every additional 4 oz.	2d. for each 8 oz.
Inland packets	½d. each 2 oz. up to 1 lb., plus war-tax ½d. per packet; total for 1 lb., 4½d.	1½d. each 4 oz. up to 1 lb.; total for 1 lb., 6d.
Parcels for inland delivery	4½d. for first pound	6d. for first pound.
Late fee on correspondence	1d.	2d.
Registration fee	2d.	3d.
Fee for insurance up to £2 of parcel for inland delivery	2d.	3d.
Fee for private box at place where there is postman's delivery	£1 per annum	£1 10s. per annum. (From 20th January, 1921, double ordinary fee, charged hitherto only at Auckland and Wellington, was charged generally for larger-size boxes.)
Fee for private bag	£2 per annum	£2 10s. per annum.
Money-orders payable in New Zealand ..	3d. for each £5	1d. for each £1, with minimum charge of 6d.
Money-orders payable beyond New Zealand, except in Australia, United States of America, or Canada	3d. for each £1	6d. for each £1.
Postal notes	½d. for 1s., 1s. 6d., 2s., or 2s. 6d.; 1d. for 3s. or 5s.; 2d. for 10s., 15s., or £1	1d. up to 2s. 6d.; 2d. for 3s. to 15s.; 3d. for £1.
Telegrams (ordinary)	8d. for 12 words	1s. for 12 words. (Requirement that double week-day rates be paid for telegrams lodged on Sundays made applicable also to public holidays as follows: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, and the King's Birthday.)
Press telegrams (other than parliamentary news from Wellington)	1s. or 1s. 4d. for 100 words according to time of presentation	1s. 6d. for 100 words, from 16th February, 1921; 1s. for message not exceeding 50 words, from 16th March, 1921.
Press telegrams containing parliamentary news from Wellington	1s. for 100 words presented between 11 p.m. and midnight	1s. 4d. for 100 words presented between 5 p.m. and midnight or close of office, from 16th February, 1921.
Fee for registration of code addresses ..	10s. per annum	£1 per annum.
Telephone exchange connections—		
At exchanges open continuously	£7 per annum for business connection not exceeding ½ mile from exchange	£9 10s. at Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington for distance up to 1 mile; £8 at any other place up to ½ mile, increased by 15s. the ¼ mile up to 1 mile.
	£5 for private-residence connection not exceeding 1 mile from exchange (or, if two-thirds of each class agreed, £6 "common" rate)	£6. ("Common" rate, £7. Excluded from application to Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington.)
At exchanges not open continuously ..	£5 per annum whether for business or for private-residence connection not exceeding ½ mile or 1 mile respectively from exchange	£6.
At all exchanges	For each ¼ mile beyond the maximum distance for the minimum subscription the charge was increased by 2s. 6d.
Telephone toll communications	Up to 25 miles—6d. for 3 minutes and 2d. for each additional minute	Up to 20 miles (from 1st September 25 miles reverted to)—6d. and 2d.
	Over 25 and not over 50 miles—6d. and 2d.	Over that distance and not over 50 miles—9d. and 3d.
	Over 50 and not over 75 miles—9d. and 3d.	Over 50 and not over 75 miles—1s. and 4d.
	Over 75 and not over 100 miles—1s. and 4d.	Over 75 and not over 100 miles—1s. 6d. and 6d.
	Beyond 100 miles—charge increased by 6d. and 2d. respectively as distance increased by 50 miles	Beyond 100 miles—charge increased by 9d. and 3d. respectively as distance increased by 50 miles.