

POST OFFICE ORDINANCE
(Chapter 52)

Post Office Order 1973

No. 6 of 1973.

E. G. LEWIS,
Governor.

Cap. 52.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Post Office Ordinance the Governor in Council has made the following Order:

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the Post Office Order 1973.

2. From and after the 1st day of January 1974, the following rules, rates of postage and fees shall be in force:

AIR MAIL

Aerogrammes.

(a) Aerogrammes will only be accepted when written on the authorised form. The rates shall be 6p (small size) and 7p (large size). If an enclosure is placed in the letter it will be forwarded by surface mail.

1st Class.

(b) First Class postal matter shall be accepted at the rate of 8p per half ounce or part thereof;

2nd Class.

(c) Second Class postal matter shall be accepted at the rate of 4p per half ounce or part thereof;

Postcards.

(d) Postcards 5p;

Small Packets.

(e) Small Packets — 4p per half ounce or part thereof.

SURFACE MAIL

Letters etc.

(f) Postal Packets — the rates shall be:

(i) Inland

Not over	$\frac{1 \text{ oz}}{2 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ oz}}{3 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ oz}}{4 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{8 \text{ oz}}{8 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{16 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ lb}}{30 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ lb}}{40 \text{ p}}$
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(ii) To the United Kingdom or any part of the Commonwealth

Not over	$\frac{1 \text{ oz}}{3 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ oz}}{5 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ oz}}{7\frac{1}{2} \text{ p}}$	$\frac{8 \text{ oz}}{10 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{20 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ lb}}{35 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ lb}}{70 \text{ p}}$
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(iii) To all other parts of the world

Not over	$\frac{1 \text{ oz}}{5 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ oz}}{9 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ oz}}{12 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{8 \text{ oz}}{25 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{50 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ lb}}{83 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ lb}}{\text{£1.33}}$
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Postcards.

(g) Postcards — the rates shall be:

(i) Inland, the United Kingdom or any part of the Commonwealth — 1p.

(ii) To all other countries — 3p.

Printed Papers.

(h) Printed Papers — the rates shall be:

(i) Inland, the United Kingdom or any part of the Commonwealth

Not over	$\frac{2 \text{ oz}}{2 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ oz}}{3 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{8 \text{ oz}}{4 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{5 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ lb}}{7 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ lb}}{9 \text{ p}}$
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for each additional 2 lb or part thereof — 2p.

Literature for the blind — Free.

(ii) To all other countries

Not over	$\frac{1 \text{ oz}}{2\frac{1}{2} \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ oz}}{3 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ oz}}{4 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{8 \text{ oz}}{6 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{12 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ lb}}{20 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ lb}}{33 \text{ p}}$
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for each additional 2 lb or part thereof — 16p.

Literature for the blind — Free.

(iii) Newspapers and Magazines carried by Air to Inland destinations

Not over	$\frac{1 \text{ oz}}{1 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ oz}}{1\frac{1}{2} \text{ p}}$	$\frac{4 \text{ oz}}{2 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{8 \text{ oz}}{4 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{8 \text{ p}}$
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(i) Small Packets — the rates shall be:

Small Packets.

To all parts of the world

Not over	$\frac{4 \text{ oz}}{5 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{8 \text{ oz}}{10 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{16 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{2 \text{ lb}}{30 \text{ p}}$
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PARCEL POST

(j) Parcel Post rates shall be:

Parcel Post.

(i) Inland

Not over	$\frac{2 \text{ lb}}{10 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{5 \text{ lb}}{16 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{8 \text{ lb}}{20 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{11 \text{ lb}}{26 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{22 \text{ lb}}{50 \text{ p}}$
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(ii) To the United Kingdom (Surface — Direct)

Not over	$\frac{2 \text{ lb}}{80 \text{ p}}$	$\frac{7 \text{ lb}}{£1.15}$	$\frac{11 \text{ lb}}{£1.65}$	$\frac{22 \text{ lb}}{£2.60}$
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(Air Mail via South America)

Not over 1 lb — £1.35

for each additional 1 lb or part thereof — 75p.

CASH ON DELIVERY

- (k) There shall be a charge of 10p for each parcel delivered in the Colony. There shall also be a special fee calculated on the value of the Trade Charge at the rate of 4p for the first £ and 2p for each succeeding £ or part thereof. The maximum Trade Charge Money Order permitted is £40. C.O.D.

INSURANCE

- (l) The insurance service is restricted to items sent direct to the United Kingdom. The fees for such insurance shall be 10p for the first £14 of the declared value and 6p for every additional £14 or fraction thereof. The maximum insured value permitted is £100. Insurance.

REGISTRATION

- (m) The fees for registration shall be: Registration.

- (i) Inland 4p
 (ii) To all other parts of the world ... 8p

Advice of delivery of registered or insured articles, applied for at the time of posting ... 4p

Inquiry for a postal packet, and advice of delivery of registered articles applied for after posting 5p.

COMPENSATION

- (n) The maximum limit of compensation for the loss of a registered article is £5.50. Registration in the International Service does not give any title to compensation for the loss Compensation.

or damage of the contents of any registered letter or packet as distinct from the loss of the entire packet. Under an exceptional arrangement, however, with the British Post Office, compensation may, as an act of grace, be paid up to a maximum of £5.50 in cases where the contents of a registered letter or packet, posted to an address in the United Kingdom, are lost. Maximum compensation payable for the loss of a registered item in the Internal Service is £4.00.

MONEY ORDERS

Money Orders.

- (o) The rates of poundage on Money Orders shall be 6p for each £ or part thereof of the first £2 of the order and 1p for each additional £ or part thereof. The fee for an advice of payment shall be 1p. The maximum amount of any one order shall be £50.

POSTAL ORDERS

Postal Orders.

- (p) The rates of poundage on British Postal Orders shall be:

<i>Denomination</i>	<i>Poundage</i>
5p - 50p	4p
55p - £1	5p
£2 - £5	10p
£6 - £10	16p

The value of a Postal Order may be increased by affixing postage stamps not exceeding two in number and not exceeding a total of 4½p in value:

Provided that no payment shall be made by or on behalf of the Postmaster in respect of:

- (a) a stamp not affixed in the space provided for the purpose on the Postal Order; or
 - (b) a stamp which is not a stamp for the time being authorised or required to be used for the purpose of the Post Office; or
 - (c) a stamp which has been cut out of any postal packet, document, instrument, envelope or other cover, or which is perforated with initials or marks.
- (q) The postage rates on all mail to Argentina shall be the same as those specified for posting within the Colony.

Postage rates to Argentina.

Rescission.

3. The Post Office Order 1971 is hereby rescinded.

Made by the Governor in Council this 24th day of October 1973.

R. BROWNING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For Guidance:

FIRST CLASS POSTAL MATTER includes sealed private or business letters or letters or packets up to a limit of 4 lb. in weight.

SECOND CLASS POSTAL MATTER includes:

- (a) printed papers, etc., enclosed in covers open at the ends;
- (b) greeting cards in unsealed envelopes.

No written messages conveying any specific information or making an enquiry or request are admissible as second class postal matter.

Inland includes the Dependency of South Georgia and the British Antarctic Territory.

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