

POST OFFICE  
SCHEME P4/1974

NOTE: The Scheme which follows this note has been made under Section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969 and amends the Post Office Inland Post Scheme 1972. The Scheme, which will come into operation on 24th June 1974, provides for new charges for letters, registered letters, parcels and various services.

(This note is not part of the Scheme).

THE POST OFFICE INLAND POST AMENDMENT (No. 5) SCHEME 1974

Made ... .. 31st May 1974  
Coming into Operation ... .. 24th June 1974

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by Section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969, and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

*Commencement, citation and interpretation*

1.—(1) This Scheme shall come into operation on 24th June 1974 and may be cited as the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 5) Scheme 1974.

(2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Post Office Inland Post Scheme 1972 (Post Office Scheme P7/1972) (hereinafter called "the Scheme") as amended by the Post Office Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme P1/1973), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme P10/1973), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 3) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme P11/1973) and the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 4) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme P12/1973).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889 applies for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Scheme were an Act of Parliament.

*Rates of postage and other charges and fees*

2.—(1) The following amendments are made to the Scheme:

- a. In paragraph 6(2) for the amount "7½p" there shall be substituted "10p".
- b. In paragraph 30(8) for the amount "£5" there shall be substituted "£10". In the case of a licence granted before the day on which this Scheme comes into operation, the first annual fee under paragraph 30(8) of the Scheme shall be due and payable on the relevant anniversary following on or next after that day, without prejudice to the right of the Post Office to recover from the licensee the amount of any fee due or payable before that day under the provisions of the Scheme which remains unpaid.

c. In paragraph 30(9) for the amount "£5" there shall be substituted "£10".

d. In paragraphs 31(9), 31(10)(a) and 31(11) for the amount "£5" wherever it occurs there shall be substituted in each case "£10". For the purposes of the application of sub-paragraphs (9), (10) and (11) of paragraph 31 in relation to a Freepost Licence granted before the day on which this Scheme comes into operation and in force on that day:

- (a) if when that licence was granted the licensee was the licensee in respect of a Business Reply Licence, every anniversary of the day when the Business Reply Licence was granted on which the Freepost Licence remains in force shall be a relevant anniversary;
- (b) in every other case, every anniversary of the day when that licence was granted and on which it remains in force shall be a relevant anniversary;

and the first annual fee under those sub-paragraphs shall be due and payable on the relevant anniversary falling on or next after the day on which this Scheme comes into operation, without prejudice to the right of the Post Office to recover from the licensee the amount of any fee due and payable before that day under the provisions of the Scheme which remains unpaid.

e. In paragraphs 32(3), 40(3), 44(2) and 44(3) for the amount "4p" wherever it occurs there shall be substituted in each case "5p".

f. For sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) of paragraph 69 there shall be substituted the following:

"(5) With respect to the clearance through customs of a parcel or parcels stored in bond, the Post Office may charge a as follows:—

(a) Where a parcel or parcels are stored for a period not exceeding 28 days, the fee shall be 80p for each parcel, except where two or more parcels are posted simultaneously by a sender to the same addressee, when the fee shall be:—

- (i) Where there are not more than 5 parcels:  
75p for each parcel
- (ii) Where there are more than 5 parcels but not more than 30 parcels:  
75p for each of the first 5 parcels and then 50p for each additional parcel
- (iii) Where there are more than 30 parcels:  
for the first 30 parcels the fee for each as in (ii) and then 27p for each additional parcel.

(b) Where a parcel or parcels are stored for a period of more than 28 days, the fee for each parcel shall be as in (a) with an additional sum for each parcel calculated at the rate of 5p for each working day (or residual part of such day) of storage after the first 28 days".

(6) The fees charged under sub-paragraph (5) of this paragraph with respect to each parcel (other than a parcel which is returned to its sender) shall be paid by the addressee if the parcel shall be delivered to him, or by the original addressee if the parcel shall be re-addressed in accordance with (c) or (d) of sub-paragraph (1)."

(2) The following amendments are made to Schedule 1 to the Scheme as amended by the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1973:

a. For item 1 there shall be substituted the following item:

"1. Letter

(a) preferred letter	(a) (i) For transmission as a first class letter ... 4½p (ii) For transmission as a second class letter ... 3½p	(a) Rectangular and oblong the longer side being at least 1.414 times the shorter Length: Max. 9¼ inches Min. 5½ inches	(a) Not exceeding 2 oz.
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(b) any other	(b) (i) For transmission as a first class letter-weight not exceeding 2 oz.	Such rate, not exceeding 5½p, as the Post Office may fix	Width: Max. 4¼ inches Min. 5½ inches (b) Length 2 feet Width or depth 18 inches In roll form: (Length plus twice diameter) 3 feet 5 inches Greatest dimension 2 feet 11 inches	(b) (i) No limits
	Weight exceeding 2 oz. but not exceeding 4 oz. ...	6½p		
	Exceeding 4 oz. but not exceeding 6 oz. ...	10p		
	Exceeding 6 oz. but not exceeding 8 oz. ...	12½p		
	Exceeding 8 oz. but not exceeding 10 oz. ...	15p		
	Exceeding 10 oz. but not exceeding 12 oz. ...	17½p		
	Exceeding 12 oz. but not exceeding 14 oz. ...	20p		
	Exceeding 14 oz. but not exceeding 1 lb. ...	22½p		
	Exceeding 1 lb. but not exceeding 1 lb. 8 oz. ...	32½p		
	Exceeding 1 lb. 8 oz. but not exceeding 2 lb. ...	42½p		
	Exceeding 2 lb.: For the first 2 lb. ...	42½p		
	For each additional ½ lb. or part thereof ...	10p		
	(ii) For transmission as a second class letter-weight not exceeding 2 oz.	Such rate, not exceeding 4½p, as the Post Office may fix		(ii) Not exceeding 1 lb. 8 oz.
	Weight exceeding 2 oz. but not exceeding 4 oz. ...	5p		
	Exceeding 4 oz. but not exceeding 6 oz. ...	7p		
	Exceeding 6 oz. but not exceeding 8 oz. ...	9p		
	Exceeding 8 oz. but not exceeding 10 oz. ...	11p		
	Exceeding 10 oz. but not exceeding 12 oz. ...	13p		
	Exceeding 12 oz. but not exceeding 14 oz. ...	15p		
	Exceeding 14 oz. but not exceeding 1 lb. ...	17p		
	Exceeding 1 lb. ...	22½p		
b.	For Column 2 of item 2 there shall be substituted the following: "Weight not exceeding 2 oz. ... Exceeding 2 oz.: The rate specified in item 1(b)(ii) which is appropriate to its weight"	3½p		
c.	For columns 1 and 2 of item 4 there shall be substituted the following:			
"4. Parcel:				
(a) ordinary	Weight not exceeding 2 lb.	23p		
	Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 4 lb. ...	30p		
	Exceeding 4 lb. but not exceeding 6 lb. ...	36p		
	Exceeding 6 lb. but not exceeding 8 lb. ...	42p		
	Exceeding 8 lb. but not exceeding 10 lb. ...	48p		
	Exceeding 10 lb. but not exceeding 12 lb. ...	53p		
	Exceeding 12 lb. but not exceeding 14 lb. ...	58p		
	Exceeding 14 lb. but not exceeding 16 lb. ...	63p		
	Exceeding 16 lb. but not exceeding 18 lb. ...	68p		
	Exceeding 18 lb. but not exceeding 20 lb. ...	73p		
	Exceeding 20 lb. ...	78p		
(b) local	The appropriate rate in paragraph (a) minus 5p"			

- (3) The following amendments are made to Schedule 2 to the Scheme:
- For the amount in item 3 there shall be substituted "5".
  - For the amounts in item 4 there shall be respectively substituted "10p" and "20p".
  - For the amount in item 5 there shall be substituted "20p".
  - For the amounts in item 6 there shall be respectively substituted "10p" and "20p".
  - For the amount in item 7 there shall be substituted "20p".
  - For the amounts in item 8 there shall be respectively substituted "10p" and "20p".
  - For item 9 there shall be substituted the following item:
- "9. Private Posting Boxes. Collection by the Post Office or postal packets (other than parcels) posted in a private posting box (provided by the person requesting the facility) of a design and in a position approved by the Post Office (not being a private roadside letter box in a rural postal delivery area):
- For initial period of one year or less:
    - For each collection, on six or fewer weekdays in every week ... .. £20
    - For each collection on Sundays ... .. £20
    - Where the posting box is above or below ground floor — for each floor which the collector has to ascend or descend to make the collection. Such fee not exceeding £20 as the Post Office may fix, having regard to the facilities available for ascent and descent.
    - Distance fee, payable where the private posting is in a rural postal delivery area, and the collection in the opinion of the Post Office involves travelling in excess of the normal route of the collecting officer. Such fee as the Post Office may fix, having regard to the cost of the excess travelling.
  - For each subsequent full year or part thereof The fees chargeable under (1).
    - For the amounts in paragraph A(1) of item 10 there shall be respectively substituted "£20" and "£40".
    - For the amounts in paragraphs A(4) and A(5) of item 10 there shall be respectively substituted "£40", "£20" and "£20".
    - In paragraph B of item 10 after the words "full year" there shall be inserted "or part thereof".
    - Paragraph C of item 10 is hereby revoked.
    - For item 11 there shall be substituted the following item:
- "11. Private Bags. Use of a private bag, that is to say, a bag or other receptacle (provided by the owner with the approval of the Post Office) in which postal packets for or from a particular address (i) in a town postal delivery area may either be collected by the owner or his agent or at the request of the owner be delivered at the place of address by the Post Office, or may be posted by the owner or his agent, or (ii) in a rural postal delivery area may either be collected and posted by the owner or his agent or be delivered at the place of address and collected therefrom by the Post Office:
- For an initial period of one year or less:
    - Where the address concerned is in a town postal delivery area:
 

Use of bag:

      - For posting packets other than parcels or for posting parcels only ... .. £20
      - For posting all classes of postal packets ... .. £40
      - For posting and collecting postal packets ... .. The fee appropriate under (a) or (b) plus the appropriate fees under item 10A as if the bag were a private box.
      - For delivery of postal packets by the Post Office at the place of address at the owner's request. Fee for each delivery per day in the usual course of post payable in addition to the fees referred to in (a), (b) and (c) above ... .. £20
    - Where the address concerned is in a rural postal delivery area:
      - Bag collected and posted by the owner or his representative:
        - Bag made up for one collection, on one or more days of ... .. £20
        - Bag made up for more than one collection on one or more days of the week ... .. £20 plus £20 each making-up after the first
        - Additional fee where the bag is made available for collection at or after 6 a.m., and before the time of commencement of the first delivery or the time of opening of the post office to the public (whichever is the earlier) ... .. £20
      - Bag delivered and collected by the Post Office:
        - For one delivery or collection on one or more days of the week ... .. £20
        - For each additional delivery or collection on one or more days of the week ... .. £20

(NOTE:—The fees referred to in (b) are payable even though the bag is used only for the delivery of postal packets or only for their posting. If a delivery and a collection are to be made at the same time only one fee is payable for such delivery and collection.)
      - Distance fee, payable where the bag is collected by the Post Office from an address in a rural postal delivery area, and the collection in the opinion of the Post Office involves travelling in excess of the normal route of the collecting officer. Such fee as the Post Office may fix, having regard to the cost of the excess travelling.
    - Diversion fee, payable in addition to the fees chargeable under (1) or (2) in the circumstances referred to item 10A(4). As item 10A(4).
  - For each subsequent full year or part thereof The fees chargeable under paragraph A".
    - For the amounts in item 12 there shall be respectively substituted "75p", "£2", "£5" and "£1".
    - For item 13 there shall be substituted the following item:
- "13. Diversion of Postal Packets. Delivery of postal packets addressed to addressee's private address at his business address, or of postal packets addressed to one or more business addresses at another business address of the same addressee or at his private address, where the fee mentioned in item 12 is not applicable:
- For each address from which packets are diverted, and for each style after the first in which packets are addressed to each such address:

- (1) For initial period of one year or less ... .. £40
- (2) For each subsequent full year or part thereof ... .. £40"
  - o. For the amount in item 14 there shall be respectively substituted " £20 ", " £5 " and " £5 ".
  - p. For the amount in item 15 there shall be substituted " 10p ".
  - q. For item 16 there shall be substituted the following item:
- " 16. Temporary Retention. Withholding of postal packets from delivery at the request of the addressee for a period not exceeding two months ... .. £4"
  - r. For the amount in item 17 there shall be substituted " £20 ".
  - s. For item 19 there shall be substituted the following item:
- " 19. Special Collections
  - A. From an address in a rural postal delivery area:—
    - (1) For initial period of one year or less:
      - (a) For one collection, on seven or fewer days of the week ... .. Annual fee £20
      - (b) For each additional collection, on seven or fewer days of the week ... .. Annual fee £20
      - (c) Distance fee, payable where the collection in the opinion of the Post Office involves travelling in excess of the normal route of the collecting officer. Such fee as the Post Office may fix, having regard to the cost of the excess travelling.
    - (2) For each subsequent full year ... .. The fees chargeable under (1).
    - (3) For a subsequent part only of a year ... .. A rateable proportion of the fees chargeable under (1).
  - B. From an address in a town postal delivery area ... .. Such fee for each collection as the Post Office may fix, having regard to the number of items involved."
    - t. In item 20 for the amount of " £1.50 " there shall be substituted on both occasions where it occurs " £3 ".
- (4) The following amendments are made to Column 2 of Schedule 3 to the Scheme:
  - a. In items 1, 2 and 4 for the amount of " 20p " there shall be substituted " 50p ".
  - b. In item 3 for " 20p " and " 30p " there shall be substituted respectively " 40p " and " 60p ".
  - c. In item 7 for " 5p " there shall be substituted " 20p ".
  - d. In item 8 for " £1 " there shall be substituted " £2 ".
- (5) For Part I of Schedule 4 to the Scheme there shall be substituted the following:

" PART I

Registration fees and corresponding maximum compensation

Column 1 Registration fee (in addition to postage)	Column 2 Maximum compensation according to fee paid
25p	£150
(minimum registration fee)	
30p	£300
35p	£500 "

Dated 31st May 1974.

Signed on behalf of the Post Office by Nigel N. Walmsley (a person authorised by the Post Office to act in that behalf).

POST OFFICE SCHEME P5/74

NOTE:—The Scheme which follows this note amends The Post Office (Postal Order) Scheme 1971. The amending scheme which comes into operation on 24th June 1974 provides for an increase in the fee payable for postal orders for denominations from 5p up to and including 50p.

(This note is not part of the Scheme).

THE POST OFFICE (POSTAL ORDER) AMENDMENT (No. 3) SCHEME 1974

Made ... .. 3rd June 1974  
Coming into operation 24th June 1974

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by Section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969, and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Commencement and citation:

- 1. This Scheme
  - (a) shall come into operation on the 24th day of June 1974;
  - (b) may be cited at the Post Office (Postal Order) Amendment (No. 3) Scheme 1974;
  - (c) shall be read as one with The Post Office (Postal Order) Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme P5/1971) (hereinafter called "the Scheme"), The Post Office

(Postal Order) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme P4/1973) and The Post Office (Postal Order) Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme P9/1973).

Interpretation:

2. The Interpretation Act 1889 applies for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Fee on Issue of Postal Orders:

3. For the Schedule to the Scheme as substituted by the Post Office (Postal Order) Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1973 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—  
" Paragraph 5

THE SCHEDULE  
FEE ON ISSUE OF POSTAL ORDERS

Denomination	Fee
Any denomination up to and including £1 ... ..	3p
£2, £3, £4 or £5 ... ..	6p
£6, £7, £8, £9 or £10 ... ..	8p "

Dated 3rd June 1974.

Signed on behalf of the Post Office by A. K. Hanton (a person authorised by the Post Office to act in that behalf).