

POST OFFICE ACT
(CAP. 254)

Inland Post (Amendment) Regulations, 1997

IN exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3, 10, 17, 23, 36 and 38 of the Post Office Act, the Minister for Transport and Ports, in concurrence with the Minister for Economic Affairs and Finance, has made the following regulations:-

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Inland Post (Amendment) Regulations, 1997, and shall be read and construed as one with the Inland Post Regulations, 1985, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Citation and commencement.

L.N. 35 of 1985.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st February, 1997.

2. For the First Schedule to the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

Substitutes the First Schedule to the principal regulations.

"FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 5)

Inland Rates of Postage

<i>First Column</i>		<i>Second Column</i>
		Rates of Postage
<i>Letters</i>	Up to 50g	6c
	Each additional 50g up to 2Kg	4c
<i>Postcards</i>		6c
<i>Printed Papers</i>	Up to 50g	6c
	Each additional 50g up to 2Kg	2c

The weight limit for printed papers is 2Kg but packets of books or pamphlets weighing up to 5 Kg may be sent as Printed Papers at the following rate:

For every additional Kg or fraction thereof over 2Kg 30c

Locally Registered Newspapers

For each copy not exceeding 100g 4c

Every additional 50g or fraction thereof per copy 2c

Parcels

Not exceeding 1Kg in weight 50c

Exceeding 1Kg but not 3Kg 76c

Exceeding 3Kg but not 5Kg Lm1.00

Exceeding 5Kg but not 10Kg Lm1.20

Articles for the Use of the Blind (including parcels containing solely articles for the use of the blind) Free.”.

Substitutes the
Third Schedule to
the principal
regulations.

3. For the Third Schedule to the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

“THIRD SCHEDULE

(Regulation 53)

**Post Office Charges, Fees, Commissions, Compensations and
Maximum and Minimum amounts of a Money Order**

Regulation 28 Selling Prices of Post Office Stationery

Registration Envelopes

Size G At Cost + 15%

Size H At Cost + 15%

Aerogrammes At Cost + 15%

Presentation pack At Cost + Value of Stamps

First Day Cover (blank) At Cost + 15%

Souvenir Folder (blank) At Cost + 15%

Maximum Card (Mint) At Cost + 15%

Postcard (Mint) At Cost + 15%

Philatelic Handling Charges with the exception of authorised agents:

(a) For any order for the affixing of stamps on any envelope, card, aerogramme or other item of postal stationery: 5c per envelope

(b) For any order for the supply of mint and/or cancelled stamps and postal stationery, but excluding postal stationery with stamps affixed thereon: 5% of Value of Stamps

Regulation 35	Search fee prior to withdrawal of a postal article .	16c
Regulation 41	Redirection	
	Normal annually	Lm2
	To PO Boxes annually	Lm10
Regulation 47	Registration fee for newspapers/periodicals	Lm5 per annum
Regulation 54	Certificate of posting of unregistered postal articles	10c
Regulation 56	Business Reply Service Licence	Lm10 per annum
	Business Reply Service, per item	1c plus postage
Regulation 57	Registration fee	20c
Regulation 61	Advice of Delivery of a registered letter	16c
Regulations 61 and 66	Enquiry fee	16c
Regulations 67 and 132	Fee in connection with certificate of loss or damage	50c
Regulation 68	Maximum compensation for the loss of a registered postal article or parcel	Lm20
Regulation 101	Stamp Vendor Licence	Lm1 per annum
Regulation 106	Commission to stamp vendors	
	For every Lm1 of stamps purchased	2c
	For every Lm1 of Year Packs purchased	10c
	For every Lm1 of Telecards purchased	4c
Regulation 109	Rent of a private delivery box, per annum	Lm20
Regulation 111	Deposit on key of Private Delivery Box	Lm5
Regulation 111	Supply of extra keys	At Cost + 15%
Regulation 111	Charge for replacement lock	At Cost + 15%
Regulation 111	Charge for non-return of key/s	Lm5
Regulation 112	Sharing facility of Private Delivery Box, per annum	Lm10

Regulation 119	Annual fee for Private Posting Box	Lm50
Regulation 137	Minimum amount of a Money Order	20c
	Maximum amount of a Money Order	Lm250
Regulation 138	Commission on Money Orders	
	For sums not exceeding Lm20	25c
	For sums exceeding Lm20	45c.”.

Substitutes the
Sixth Schedule to
the principal
regulations.

4. For the Sixth Schedule to the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

“SIXTH SCHEDULE

(Regulation 4)

Hours of Business of Post Offices

1. (a) General Post Office counters - Valletta
During the period running from the 1st day of October to the 15th day of June:

Mondays to Saturdays: 8.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

During the period running from the 16th day of June to the 30th day of September:

Mondays to Saturdays: 7.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
- (b) Branch Post Offices in Malta and Gozo (except those at Malta International Airport, Gudja and Victoria, Gozo)
All the year round

Mondays to Saturdays: 7.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.
- (c) Victoria Branch Post Office, Gozo
All the year round

Mondays to Saturdays: 7.30 a.m. to 5.20 p.m.
- (d) Malta International Airport Post Office, Gudja
All the year round

Mondays to Saturdays: 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.
(including public holidays)

(e) Parcel Post Office, Valletta

During the period running from 1st day of October to the 15th day of June:

Mondays to Fridays: 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
1.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

During the period running from the 16th day of June to the 30th day of September :

Mondays to Fridays: 7.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.

(f) Central Mail Room, Valletta

All the year round

Mondays to Fridays: 7.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Saturdays 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

(g) P.O. Boxes and Poste Restante Section, Valletta

All the year round

Mondays to Fridays: 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Saturdays: 7.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

2. Where a public holiday falls on a weekday, the General Post Office, the Parcel Post Office, Branch Post Offices, the Mgarr Post Office, Gozo, the Central Mail Room and P.O. Boxes/Poste Restante Sections, Valletta shall be kept closed unless otherwise notified.

3. The General Post Office, the Parcel Post Office, Branch Post Offices, the Malta International Airport Post Office, Gudja, the Mgarr Post Office, Gozo, the Central Mail Room and the P.O. Boxes/Poste Restante Sections, Valletta or any of them, may be kept closed on any particular day owing to some particular occasion and the hours of business on any such day in respect of any or all of the said offices may be different from those set out in the preceding paragraphs.

4. Counter Service at the Parcel Post Office shall close fifteen minutes before the closing time of the said office.”.