

POST OFFICE AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title and the date of commencement. The date of commencement is 1 November 1972.

Clause 2 repeals the present detailed procedure for the making of deposits in Post Office Savings Bank accounts, and provides, in effect, that the procedure shall be prescribed by regulations made under the principal Act or determined from time to time by the Postmaster-General.

Clause 3 repeals the present detailed procedure for the making of withdrawals from Post Office Savings Bank accounts, and provides, in effect, that the procedure shall also be prescribed by regulations made under the principal Act or determined from time to time by the Postmaster-General.

Clause 4 repeals section 117 of the principal Act which provided that a Post Office Savings Bank account could only be transferred from an office in one postal district to an office in another district if it had been opened for at least 3 months.

Clause 5 amends the provisions which deal with the calculation of interest on deposits in Post Office Savings Bank accounts.

Subclause (1) provides that the Minister of Finance may, in his discretion, direct that, in respect of any class of accounts or any class or group of depositors, interest on deposits in Post Office Savings Bank accounts may be computed with daily rests.

Subclause (2) provides that interest on deposits in Post Office Savings Bank accounts shall accrue until 31 March in each year, or until the date of the closing of the account, whichever is the earlier, and shall then be added to the principal money.

Clause 6 repeals the present provisions regarding the computation and payment of interest in respect of deposits in 2-year Investment Accounts and the conditions upon which that interest is added to and becomes part of the principal money. It also makes it clear that the general provisions regarding interest in section 122 of the principal Act (as modified by *clause 5* of the Bill) do not apply to interest on deposits in Investment Accounts.

Hon. Mr Walker

POST OFFICE AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Post Office Act 1959

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,
5 as follows:

1. **Short Title and commencement**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Post Office Amendment Act 1972, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Post Office Act 1959* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 10 (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of November 1972.

- 15 **2. Deposits**—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 115 (as amended by section 5 of the Post Office Amendment Act 1968), and substituting the following section:

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“115. Deposits for the credit of a depositor’s account may be received at any Post Office Savings Bank office upon or subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by this Act or by any regulations made under this Act or as the Postmaster-General may from time to time determine.” 5

(2) Section 5 of the Post Office Amendment Act 1968 is hereby consequentially repealed.

3. Withdrawals—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing section 116 (as amended by section 3 of the Post Office Amendment Act 1971), and substituting the following section: 10

“116. (1) Withdrawals of any amounts to the credit of a depositor may be made at any Post Office Savings Bank office upon or subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by this Act or by any regulations made under this Act or as the Postmaster-General may from time to time determine. 15

“(2) The Postmaster-General may require prior notice of any withdrawals of such duration (not exceeding 7 days) as he may deem necessary, either generally or in any particular case or class of cases.” 20

(2) Section 3 of the Post Office Amendment Act 1971 is hereby consequentially repealed.

4. Transfer of accounts—The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing section 117.

5. Calculation of interest—(1) Section 122 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the third proviso to subsection (1) (as added by section 4 (1) of the Post Office Amendment Act 1971), and substituting the following proviso: 25

“Provided further that the Minister of Finance may, in his discretion, direct that interest be computed with daily rests in respect of deposits in any class of account or in respect of deposits made by any class of depositor or by any group of depositors.” 30

(2) Section 122 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing subsection (2) (as amended by section 4 (2) of the Post Office Amendment Act 1971), and substituting the following subsection: 35

“(2) All interest so computed shall accrue until the 31st day of March in each year or until the date of the closing of the account, whichever is the earlier, and shall then be added to and become part of the principal money.” 40

(3) Section 4 of the Post Office Amendment Act 1971 is hereby consequentially repealed.

6. Investment Accounts—(1) Section 127 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (5) (as added by section 2 of the Post Office Amendment Act (No. 2) 1970), and substituting the following subsection:

5 “(5) Nothing in section 122 of this Act shall apply with respect to any deposit in an Investment Account.”

(2) The Post Office Amendment Act (No. 2) 1970 is hereby consequentially repealed.