

Serial Number 1940/159.



THE POSTAL NOTE REGULATIONS 1940.

GALWAY, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 31st day of
July, 1940.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS.

I. PRELIMINARY.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Postal Note Regulations 1940.
2. These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of August, 1940.
3. In these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context,—
 - “ Director of Accounts ” means the person for the time being holding the office of Director of Accounts in the Post and Telegraph Department and includes his deputy :
 - “ Officer ” includes every person employed in or for the purposes of any business of the Post Office, whether as a servant of the Crown or otherwise.
4. The respective regulations made or enuring under the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928, and referred to in the Schedule to this regulation are revoked.

SCHEDULE OF REVOKED REGULATIONS.

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	Year.	Page.
16th December, 1907	1907	3591
16th August, 1909	1909	2152
3rd August, 1931	1931	2318
30th September, 1939 (The Postal Note Amending Regulations 1939): Statutory Regulations, Serial number 1939/191.		

5. All postal notes, appointments of officers, and generally all acts of authority, documents, matters, acts, and things which originated or had effect under the regulations hereby revoked and are of continuing effect at the time of coming into force of these regulations shall enure for the purposes of these regulations as if they had originated under these regulations, and shall, where necessary, be deemed to have so originated.

II. CREATION OF POSTAL NOTES.

6. Every postal note shall be numbered, and shall be for one of the following amounts, and in respect of each postal note the following poundage shall be paid :—

Amount.		Poundage.		Amount.		Poundage.		Amount.		Poundage.				
s.	d.	d.		s.	d.	d.		s.	d.	d.				
1	0	..	..	2	7	6	..	..	3	14	0	..	..	4
1	6	..	..	2	8	0	..	..	4	14	6	..	..	4
2	0	..	..	2	8	6	..	..	4	15	0	..	..	4
2	6	..	..	2	9	0	..	..	4	15	6	..	..	5
3	0	..	..	3	9	6	..	..	4	16	0	..	..	5
3	6	..	..	3	10	0	..	..	4	16	6	..	..	5
4	0	..	..	3	10	6	..	..	4	17	0	..	..	5
4	6	..	..	3	11	0	..	..	4	17	6	..	..	5
5	0	..	..	3	11	6	..	..	4	18	0	..	..	5
5	6	..	..	3	12	0	..	..	4	18	6	..	..	5
6	0	..	..	3	12	6	..	..	4	19	0	..	..	5
6	6	..	..	3	13	0	..	..	4	19	6	..	..	5
7	0	..	..	3	13	6	..	..	4	20	0	..	..	5

7. Postal notes shall be printed on such paper and in such characters, and with such distinctive marks, whether on the face of them or in the paper or otherwise, and the amount of the poundage shall be indicated by means of such stamp or mark as the Postmaster-General from time to time directs.

III. OFFICES FOR ISSUE AND PAYMENT OF POSTAL NOTES.

8. Postal notes shall be issued and paid at such post-offices as the Postmaster-General from time to time appoints for that purpose, and during such hours of business there as the Postmaster-General from time to time appoints :

Provided that the issue of postal notes of specified denominations may be restricted to such post-offices as the Postmaster-General from time to time appoints.

9. Postal notes shall be issued and paid by officers authorized by the Postmaster-General in that behalf.

10. Officers authorized to issue and pay postal notes shall account for the postal notes supplied to and issued and paid by them in their post-office accounts, and shall treat the money received by them for postal notes as part of the balance due from them on Post Office Account.

IV. ISSUE OF POSTAL NOTES.

11. Before an officer issues a postal note the amount of the note and the poundage thereon shall be paid to him, and he shall ~~sign the note with his initials and~~ stamp it with the proper stamp specifying the name of the post-office at which and the actual date on which the note is issued.

12. Unobliterated postage-stamps (not being fractions of a penny) not exceeding three in number and 5d. in value may be affixed to the front of a postal note of any denomination not exceeding 4s. 6d. in value, and any postal note above that value which contains a fractional part of 1s. Unobliterated postage-stamps (not being fractions of a penny) not exceeding three in number and 11d. in value may be affixed to the front of a postal note of the value of 5s. or any multiple of 1s. above that value.

13. The blanks in a postal note for the name of the person to whom payment is to be made (in these regulations referred to as the payee) and for the name of the office at which payment is to be made may be filled in at the time of issue or at any subsequent time.

14. No alteration made in the name of the payee shall be recognized except by direction of the Director of Accounts.

V. LOST NOTES.

15. On conclusive proof to the satisfaction of the Director of Accounts of the destruction of a postal note and of the number and amount and ownership thereof, an order may be issued to the owner enabling him to obtain payment of the amount of such note.

16. If any person giving satisfactory proof that he was the owner of a postal note and of the number and amount thereof claims that such note has been lost or destroyed but conclusive proof of its destruction cannot be given, an order as aforesaid may be issued to such owner at any time after the expiration of six months and not later than two years from the date of issue of the original postal note.

17. Before receiving payment the person in whose favour such order is issued shall sign an undertaking that he will, on demand, refund the amount thereof to the Postmaster-General in the event of the original postal note having been already or being at any time presented and paid, and that production of the said note purporting to be stamped with the date-stamp of a paying-office shall be sufficient evidence of such presentation and payment, and shall also furnish such further indemnity or security as in any particular case the Director of Accounts thinks fit to require.

18. The fee for the issue of such order or orders in respect of a postal note or any number of postal notes proved to comprise one remittance of a specified sum shall be ~~6d.~~

Provided that if it appears after investigation that the postal note or postal notes were lost in transmission through the post such order or orders shall be issued free of charge.

VI. PAYMENT OF POSTAL NOTES.

19. The currency of a postal note shall be unlimited in time.

20. If a postal note presented for payment has any erasure or alteration or is cut, defaced, or mutilated an officer may refuse payment until authority to pay is received from the Director of Accounts.

21. When a postal note is presented for payment otherwise than through a bank the officer shall require the person presenting the note to sign his name on the note in his presence before payment, notwithstanding that the receipt may already have been signed.

22. If a name is inserted in a postal note as that of the payee the signature to the receipt must agree with that name, but if the space for the payee's name is left blank the signature of the person who presents the note will be accepted as sufficient signature to the receipt :

Provided that when a postal note is presented by the purchaser for repayment his signature thereto will be accepted, notwithstanding that the name of the intended payee may have been inserted.

23. If the payee of a postal note is described by his official title only or as a club, society, or company, whether trading under the name of the persons comprising it or not, the officer may pay the amount to the signature of the manager, secretary, or other recognized agent of the organization provided that his official designation is written after his signature.

24. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the signature to the receipt shall in all cases be a sufficient authority to an officer for payment of the amount of the note if that signature purports to be the signature of the payee, whether it be a personal signature or a signature by procuration, and it shall not be necessary to prove that the receipt was signed by or under the authority of the payee.

25. An officer may refuse or delay the payment of a postal note for any reason which he deems sufficient.

26. An officer upon paying a postal note shall immediately stamp it with the proper stamp specifying the date of payment ~~and affix his initials~~ thereby cancelling the note.

27. Paid postal notes shall be kept in the custody of the Postmaster-General for two years from the date of payment, and thereafter shall be destroyed by burning in the presence of officers deputed by the Permanent Head of the Post and Telegraph Department to supervise their destruction.

VII. PLACE OF PAYMENT.

28. A postal note in which the name of the office of payment is not filled in may be paid at any post-office appointed for the payment of postal notes.

29. A postal note in which is inserted the name of an office of payment shall not be paid at any other office except as hereinafter provided.

30. Nevertheless, if the applicant for payment of a postal note is well known to the paying officer at any post-office other than that which is inserted as the name of the office of payment, and adds to the note the name of the first-mentioned office, the note may be paid at that office.

31. A postal note in which is inserted as the name of the office of payment a name which is that of a city, borough, or town district in which there is more than one post-office at which postal notes are paid may, unless there are added words sufficient to designate a particular post-office, be paid at any such post-office provided the name of that office be added by the person presenting the note to the name inserted as the name of the office of payment.

32. A postal note in which is inserted as the name of the office of payment a name which is not that of any post-office at which postal notes are paid may be paid at any post-office at which postal notes are paid.

VIII. PAYMENT THROUGH BANKS.

33. A postal note may be crossed, and thereupon payment shall not be made except to a bank.

34. Regulations 35, 36, and 37 hereof apply to payment of a postal note presented by a bank for payment, whether the note be crossed or not, and apply notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of these regulations.

35. If a postal note is presented by a bank for payment and bears the name of the bank stamped on the face of it, together with a bank teller's slip number, that name may be accepted as a sufficient receipt for the amount of the note, and the note may be paid to the bank or an officer of the bank without any other receipt.

36. If a postal note is presented by a bank for payment and bears the name of the bank stamped on the face of it, and also bears either the endorsement of some person on whose behalf payment purports to be claimed or a bank teller's slip number, payment may be made notwithstanding that the note bears by way of receipt a signature not corresponding with the name inserted as that of the payee or notwithstanding that an alteration appears to have been made in the name of the payee.

37. If a postal note is presented by a bank for payment and bears the name of the bank stamped on the face of it it may be paid at any post-office appointed for the payment of postal notes, notwithstanding that the name of some other post-office may be inserted as the name of the office of payment.

IX. SEARCHES.

38. On application to the Director of Accounts, accompanied by a search fee of 2s., any person claiming to be the purchaser, remitter, recipient, or payee of a postal note may, within two years after the date of issue, on supplying particulars of the amount and number of the note, the name of the issuing-office, and the date of issue, be informed whether the note has been paid, and if so, to whom and the date of payment.

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Clerk of the Executive Council.

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These regulations are administered in the Post and Telegraph Department.