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THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK INTEREST NOTICE 1976

PURSUANT to the Post Office Act 1959, the Minister of Finance hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Post Office Savings Bank Interest Notice 1976.

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 3rd day of March 1976.

2. Rate of interest on accounts other than investment accounts, money transfer accounts, and personal cheque accounts—The rate of interest to be paid by the Post Office Savings Bank on money deposited with the bank in any class of account, other than an investment account, or a money transfer account, or a personal cheque account (whether the deposit is made before or after the commencement of this notice), shall be 3 percent per annum.

3. Rates of interest for 6-month investment accounts—In the case of 6-month investment accounts (whether the deposit is made before or after the commencement of this notice), the rates of interest shall be—

- (a) On deposits for any period not exceeding 30 days Nil:
- (b) On deposits for any period exceeding 30 days but less than 6 months 2½ percent per annum:
- (c) On deposits for a period of 6 months and each subsequent period of 6 months or less
 - (i) 5½ percent per annum in respect of the first and each subsequent 6-monthly period of deposit; and
 - (ii) 2½ percent per annum in respect of money withdrawn before the expiration of the second or any subsequent 6-monthly period of deposit:

Provided that the rate of interest payable in respect of any 6-monthly period of deposit which commenced before the commencement of this notice shall be that prescribed by the corresponding provision of such previous interest notice as was in force on the date of commencement of the period of deposit.

4. Rates of interest for 1-year investment accounts—In the case of 1-year investment accounts (whether the deposit is made before or after the commencement of this notice), the rates of interest shall be—

- (a) On deposits for any period not exceeding 30 days Nil:
- (b) On deposits for any period exceeding 30 days but less than 12 months $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent per annum:
- (c) On deposits for a period of 12 months and each subsequent period of 12 months or less
 - (i) $6\frac{1}{2}$ percent per annum in respect of the first and each subsequent 12-monthly period of deposit; and
 - (ii) 3 percent per annum in respect of money withdrawn before the expiration of the second or any subsequent 12-monthly period of deposit:

Provided that the rate of interest payable in respect of any 12-monthly period of deposit which commenced before the commencement of this notice shall be that prescribed by the corresponding provision of such previous interest notice as was in force on the date of commencement of the period of deposit.

5. Rates of interest for 2-year investment accounts—In the case of 2-year investment accounts (whether the deposit is made before or after the commencement of this notice), the rates of interest shall be—

- (a) On deposits for any period not exceeding 30 days Nil:
- (b) On deposits for any period exceeding 30 days but less than 12 months $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent per annum:
- (c) On deposits for any period of not less than 12 months but less than 24 months 3 percent per annum:
- (d) On deposits for any period of 24 months and each subsequent period of 24 months or less
 - (i) 7 percent per annum in respect of the first and each subsequent 24-monthly period of deposit; and
 - (ii) 3 percent per annum in respect of money withdrawn before the expiration of the second or any subsequent 24-monthly period of deposit:

Provided that the rate of interest payable in respect of any 24-monthly period of deposit which commenced before the commencement of this notice shall be that prescribed by the corresponding provision of such previous interest notice as was in force on the date of commencement of the period of deposit.

6. Rates of interest for 3-year investment accounts—In the case of 3-year investment accounts (whether the deposit is made before or after the commencement of this notice), the rates of interest shall be—

- (a) On deposits for any period not exceeding 30 days Nil:
- (b) On deposits for any period exceeding 30 days but less than 12 months 2½ percent per annum:
- (c) On deposits for any period exceeding 12 months but less than 36 months 3 percent per annum:
- (d) On deposits for any period of 36 months and each subsequent period of 36 months or less
 - (i) 8 percent per annum in respect of the first and each subsequent 36-monthly period of deposit; and
 - (ii) 3 percent per annum in respect of money withdrawn before the expiration of the second or any subsequent 36-monthly period of deposit:

Provided that the rate of interest payable in respect of any 36-monthly period of deposit which commenced before the commencement of this notice shall be that prescribed by the corresponding provision of such previous interest notice as was in force on the date of commencement of the period of deposit.

7. Maximum amounts on which interest payable—(1) In respect of all deposits except deposits in money transfer accounts, personal cheque accounts, and in those accounts specified in subclauses (2), (3), (4), and (5) of this clause, interest shall be paid on so much of the amount standing to the credit of each account of the depositor as does not exceed \$25,000.

(2) In respect of deposits in accounts opened under regulation 3 of the Post Office Savings Bank Regulations 1944—

- (a) By members of the Post Office staff for the payment thereto of salaries or wages; or
- (b) By retired members of the Post Office staff for the payment thereto of regular amounts of superannuation; or
- (c) By widows of serving or retired members of the Post Office staff for the payment thereto of regular amounts of superannuation—interest shall be paid on so much of the amount standing to the credit of the depositor as does not exceed \$4,000.

(3) In respect of deposits in special purpose accounts, interest shall be paid on so much of the amount standing to the credit of each account of the depositor as does not exceed \$1,000.

(4) In respect of deposits in investment accounts, interest shall be payable on the total amount standing to the credit of each account of the depositor:

Provided that interest shall not be payable in any year on any new deposits made in that year to the extent that the total amount of those deposits exceeds \$25,000.

(5) In respect of deposits in farm ownership accounts, interest shall be paid on so much of the amount standing to the credit of the depositor as does not exceed \$60,000.

(6) For the purposes of this subclause and subclause (4) of this clause—

- (a) The expression “year” means a period of 12 months commencing on the 1st day of October:
- (b) The expression “new deposits” does not include any deposit reinvested under regulation 91 or regulation 92 or regulation 96B or regulation 96C of the Post Office Savings Bank Regulations 1944:
- (c) Any deposits on which interest is not payable in any year by reason of the application of the proviso to subclause (4) of this clause in respect of that year shall be deemed to be new deposits made in the next succeeding year for the purpose of the application of that proviso in respect of that next succeeding year.

8. Revocation—The Post Office Savings Bank Interest Notice 1975* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 1st day of March 1976.

R. D. MULDOON,
Minister of Finance.

*S.R. 1975/102

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Clause 2 repeats the provision that the rate of interest on accounts other than investment accounts, money transfer accounts, and personal cheque accounts shall be 3 percent per annum.

Clauses 3 to 5 raise the rates of interest payable on 6-month, 1-year, and 2-year investment accounts by 1 percent per annum.

Clause 6 raises the rate of interest payable on 3-year investment accounts by 1½ percent per annum.

The higher rates specified in clauses 3 to 6 will be payable only in respect of periods of deposit which commence on or after 3 March 1976.

Clause 7 repeats the provisions fixing the maximum amounts in various classes of account on which interest is payable.

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