

The following scales, conditions, and regulations may be cited as the General Scale of Charges, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the scales, conditions, and regulations fixed and imposed by the Minister of Railways on the 13th day of April, 1939, and therein cited and hereinafter referred to as the Goods—Local Rates Scale of Charges, or any scales, conditions, or regulations duly fixed or imposed in substitution therefor, amendment thereof, or addition thereto.

PASSENGERS.

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. Tickets which entitle the holders to travel on the railways will be issued at the fares specified hereinafter. All tickets issued shall be subject to the by-laws and regulations of the Department and to the conditions hereinafter set forth, and must be surrendered on date of expiry, and at other times when demanded by any Railway officer. Tickets not surrendered on date of expiry shall be given up at any time thereafter on demand being made by any Railway officer.
2. Unless otherwise specified, tickets are not transferable. If they are used by any other than the person to whom issued they will (without prejudice to any penalty to which the transferrer or transferee or any other person may be liable) be forfeited.
3. Unless otherwise provided, children not exceeding 3 years of age in the charge of a responsible person travel free; children over 3 years of age and not exceeding 12 years of age, at half rates.
4. When tickets are issued in the train to passengers entering at any station where tickets are available for purchase instead of being issued from the booking-office at such station, a booking fee of 6d. will be charged in addition to the appropriate fare. In the case of children not exceeding 12 years of age half the additional fee (3d.) only will be charged.
5. When the holder of a season ticket is unable to produce such ticket for the journey being made, he will require to pay the appropriate fare for such journey, but no booking fee will be charged.
6. Except otherwise provided, passengers holding ordinary, season (except annual season tickets, Regulation 13), commutation, or excursion tickets between stations where there are alternative routes will, if they pay fares for the shorter route, be allowed to travel by that route only; but if fares are paid for the longer route passengers may travel by either route. Except otherwise specified in the case of annual season tickets, the holders may travel only over the lines actually specified on the tickets in each case.
7. Tickets may be obtained on the day or in advance of the day the passenger desires to travel, at any railway-station where there is an officer in charge, at duly authorized booking-agencies, or, with the exception of tickets for travel in suburban areas, at the City Booking-offices at Courtenay Place (Wellington), or Christchurch.
8. Tickets are to be obtained at the booking-office at stations where such offices are provided; at stations where there are no booking-offices tickets are to be obtained from the guards of the trains.
9. Unless otherwise provided, all tickets will expire at midnight on the last day of the period of their availability.
10. Tickets on which any concession is granted should be purchased half an hour before the departure-time of the train by which such tickets are intended to be used. The Department reserves to itself the right to decline any application for such tickets if this rule is not observed.
11. Passengers holding return tickets must on the outward journey present them whole; if the outward and return portions shall have been separated, both portions must be shown to the guard.
12. Except where inconsistent with the context or otherwise provided, tickets at fares which are expressed to be a proportion of any other fares, will, in each case, have the same availability (both as to period of time and break of journey) as the tickets at such last-mentioned fares.