

Price Order No. 1000 (Hotel Tariffs)

PURSUANT to the Control of Prices Act, 1947, the Price Tribunal, acting with the authority of the Minister of Industries and Commerce, doth hereby make the following Price Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as Price Order No. 1000.
2. This Order shall come into force on the 16th day of May, 1949.

3. In this Order unless the context otherwise requires—  
 "Accommodation" means the provision of lodging, meals, and the services normally rendered to guests in hotels of the class concerned:

"Guest" means a person who, pursuant to an agreement with the licensee to accept and pay for lodging at an hotel, is occupying a bedroom in that hotel, but does not include any person who occupies a room in an hotel in accordance with a contract of service with the licensee. Until a bedroom is vacated it shall be deemed to be occupied and a bedroom shall not be deemed to be vacated until the licensee or his agent is notified by the guest to that effect:

"Hotel" means premises in respect of which a publican's licence, an accommodation licence, or a tourist-house licence has been granted and is for the time being in force under the Licensing Act, 1908, and includes any premises deemed by any enactment to be an inn for the purposes of that Act, but does not include any premises operated for the purpose of providing accommodation for members of the public by the Government of New Zealand.

APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

4. This Order applies to charges that may be made in respect of accommodation provided at hotels.

5. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Order each hotel shall be assigned one of the following grades—

Maximum	3 star plus.
5 star plus.	3 star.
5 star.	2 star.
4 star plus.	1 star.
4 star.	

(2) The grade assigned to an hotel shall be the grade specified in the Schedule hereto in respect of that hotel.

(3) If no grade is so specified in respect of any hotel that hotel shall, for the purposes of this Order, be an ungraded hotel.

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Order the maximum charge that may be made or received for accommodation in an hotel shall, according to the grade of the hotel, be at the rate per day specified hereunder:—

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Maximum	33	6	3 star plus	25	0
5 star plus	31	6	3 star	23	0
5 star	30	0	2 star	20	0
4 star plus	28	0	1 star	18	0
4 star	26	6	Ungraded	16	0

(2) The maximum charge that may be made for any separate item of accommodation shall, according to the grade of the hotel, be the appropriate charge specified hereunder:—

Grade of Hotel.	Items of Accommodation.			
	Bedroom (Each Person, Per Day).	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Lunch.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Maximum	15 0	5 0	8 6	5 0
5 star plus	14 6	4 0	8 0	5 0
5 star	14 0	4 0	7 6	4 6
4 star plus	13 0	4 0	6 6	4 6
4 star	12 6	4 0	6 0	4 0
3 star plus	12 0	3 6	5 6	4 0
3 star	11 0	3 0	5 0	4 0
2 star	9 6	3 0	4 6	3 0
1 star	8 0	3 0	4 0	3 0
Ungraded	7 6	2 6	3 6	2 6

(3) Unless an agreement to the contrary is made between the licensee of an hotel and a guest at the hotel the charges specified in subclause (2) hereof may be made for each of the items of accommodation prescribed in that subclause that are available to the guest, notwithstanding that he may not have availed himself of any such accommodation.

(4) Where a guest occupies a bedroom after 10 a.m. on any day but vacates the bedroom before 7 p.m. on that day he may be charged one-half the amount prescribed in subclause (2) hereof as the daily charge for a bedroom if he vacates the room before 2.30 p.m. on that day, and three-quarters of the amount so prescribed if he vacates the room before 7 p.m. on that day. A bedroom occupied at any time after 7 p.m. on one day and before 10 a.m. on the following day may be charged for at the full daily rate so prescribed. The provisions of this subclause shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to suites and the charges authorized in respect thereof by paragraph (c) of clause 7 hereof.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

7. (1) In addition to the charges hereinbefore authorized the charges specified in this clause may be made in accordance with the terms thereof.

(a) *Private Bath.*—Where a private bathroom (with or without shower or toilet) is provided a charge not exceeding 5s. per day or part thereof may be made therefor:

Provided that where any such bathroom is available to more than one person the said charge shall be apportioned equally among the persons to whom the private bath is available:

(b) *Private Shower-room.*—Where a private shower-room (with or without a toilet) is provided a charge not exceeding 2s. 6d. per day or part thereof may be made therefor:

Provided that where any such shower is available to more than one person the said charge shall be apportioned equally among the persons to whom the private shower-room is available. No guest may be charged for both a private shower-room and a private bath:

(c) *Suite.*—Where a suite consisting of bedroom and sitting-room (with or without other amenities) is occupied a charge at the rate of 30s. a day may be made in respect of any such occupancy. The said charge shall be additional to the charges authorized by this Order to be made for a bedroom and a private bathroom, but shall not exceed the rate specified in this paragraph irrespective of the number of persons occupying the suite:

(d) *Teas and Suppers.*—Where, at the request of any person, morning tea, (not including tea served before breakfast for which no charge may be made), afternoon tea, or supper consisting of tea, cocoa, coffee, or milk with toast and butter, or bread and butter or biscuits is supplied an additional charge not exceeding 1s. 6d. may be made for each such meal. Where any foodstuffs in addition to those mentioned are supplied, a further charge may be made for these at current rates or, where prices have been approved by the Tribunal, at those prices:

(e) *Meals Served in Bedroom or Suite.*—Where any meal, other than early morning tea is served in a bedroom or suite or in a private sitting-room, a charge not exceeding 1s. may be made for each such meal:

(f) *One-night Surcharge.*—Where a bedroom is occupied for only one night a charge not exceeding 2s. per guest may be made:

(g) *One Person in Double Room.*—Where at the request of a guest that guest is the sole occupant of a double bedroom (excluding a bedroom in a suite) the charge for that room may be twice the appropriate charge for a bedroom authorized by subclause (2) of clause 6 hereof:

(2) Except as provided in this Order no charge for any services rendered or accommodation supplied at an hotel shall be made unless the Tribunal has previously approved of the charge or unless an agreement is made between the licensee of the hotel and the person to be charged for payment of special charges for services additional to those customarily rendered at the hotel.

CHARGES FOR CHILDREN

8. The charges fixed by the foregoing provisions of this Order are fixed with respect to adults and children not less than ten years of age. The maximum charges exclusive of those authorized by clause 7 that may be made with respect to children under ten years of age shall be:—

- (a) For children under two years: No charge;
- (b) For children two years and under five years: One-quarter the charges fixed by this Order;
- (c) For children five years and under ten years: One-half the charges fixed by this Order.

9. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Order, the Tribunal, on application by the licensee of any hotel or on its own initiative, may regrade any hotel to a higher or lower grade or may assign a grade to any hotel that is ungraded and, upon the grade of any hotel being altered pursuant to this clause, this Order shall be read and construed as if the name of the hotel were included in the Schedule hereto and the altered grade specified therein in respect of the hotel.

10. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Order where charges higher than those authorized by this Order were being charged by the licensee of an hotel immediately prior to the date of this Order those higher charges may, with the consent in writing of the Director of Price Control granted pursuant to a written application in that behalf by the licensee, continue to be charged by that licensee in respect of accommodation provided at that hotel.

11. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Order and subject to such conditions, if any, as it thinks fit, the Tribunal, on application by any licensee may authorize special maximum prices in respect of any services to which this Order applies where special circumstances exist or for any reason extraordinary charges are incurred by the licensee. Any authority given by the Tribunal under this clause may apply with respect to a particular service, or may relate generally to all services to which this Order applies rendered by the licensee while the approval remains in force.