

PASSENGERS

6. **Surcharges.**—Any person failing to occupy a seat reserved in accordance with his application, or failing to give notification to a railway booking-office or agency not later than six working-hours (calculated between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.) prior to the scheduled departure time of the train from its starting station of his intention not to occupy such seat, shall pay a surcharge on the following basis :—

Length of Journey.	Surcharge.	
	s.	d.
Up to 100 miles	3	0
Over 100 miles	5	0

In the case of a seat reserved for a child under 15 years of age the full surcharge will be payable.

7. **Special Conditions.**—Notwithstanding anything contained in these provisions, the Department shall have the right, subject to such conditions as it may think fit, to reserve on any train, for any distance, any railway-carriage, or any compartment or seat in a railway-carriage (for any particular reason), for any person or class of persons.

25. Sleeping-berths

1. **General.**—Sleeping-berth tickets will be issued only to passengers by the Auckland-Wellington, Christchurch-Dunedin-Invercargill, and *vice versa*, night express trains.

Except as provided hereafter, not more than one person will be allowed to occupy any one berth. In no case will more than two children be permitted to occupy the same berth.

2. **Charges.—Sleeping-berths :** One full sleeping-berth ticket at a charge of 25s. 6d. must be held for each berth occupied.

Rail Tickets.—In addition to the sleeping-berth charge referred to above, passengers will require to hold first-class rail tickets as follows :—

One adult	} One full rail ticket.
One child 15 years of age and over	
Parent or guardian occupying one berth with a child under 4 years of age	} One full and one half rail tickets.
Parent or guardian occupying one berth with a child over 4 and under 15 years of age	
A child four years and under fifteen years of age (sole occupant)	} Half rail ticket.
A child under four years of age (sole occupant)	
Two children, one under four years, and one fifteen years of age or over (in one berth)	} One full rail ticket (equivalent to half-fare for each child).
Two children, each over four and under fifteen years of age (in one berth)	
Two children, one under four years, and one under fifteen years of age (in one berth)	} Half rail ticket (equivalent to quarter-fare for each child).
Two children, each under four years of age (in one berth)	

Conditions.—3. Sleeping-berth tickets are not transferable, and are not available for break of journey.

4. Passengers who hold sleeping-berth tickets must claim their berths not later than fifteen minutes after the departure of the train from the terminal or intermediate station at which they are booked to join such train.

5. Sleeping-carriages will, as far as possible, be reserved for the use of passengers holding sleeping-berth tickets. The Department reserves to itself the right to require passengers holding sleeping-berth tickets to ride in the sleeping-carriages throughout the journey. The Department also reserves to itself the right to accommodate any passengers not holding sleeping-berth tickets in the sleeping-carriages until it is necessary to make up berths for the night, when passengers who have not been allotted sleeping-accommodation must move to another part of the train.

Ordering and Allotment of Berths.—6. Sleeping-berths may be reserved at any station where there is an officer in charge, the City Booking-office, Courtenay Place, Wellington, or duly authorized booking agencies. The Department reserves the right to cancel trains and alter train time-tables without notice, and reservations of sleeping-berths will be made subject to such cancellation or alteration.

7. Application for the reservation of sleeping-berths will be received as under :—

- (a) At the station from which the train commences its journey—not later than one hour before the time-table time of departure of the train from the starting-station.
- (b) At other stations or offices—not later than two hours and a half before the time-table time of departure of the train from the original starting-station.

8. Passengers who have not reserved berths may obtain berthing on application to guard of train after train has left starting-station, provided there are berths available.