

Price Order No. 1375 (Hotel Tariffs)

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

1. This Order may be cited as Price Order No. 1375 and shall come into force on the 1st day of May 1952.

2. (1) Price Order No. 1286* is hereby revoked.

(2) The revocation of the said Order shall not affect the liability of any person for any offence in relation thereto committed before the coming into force of this Order.

3. In this Order unless the context otherwise requires—

“Accommodation” means the provision of lodging or meals at hotels, and includes the provision of services of the kind 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 whether that accommodation is provided to guests or to persons who are not guests.

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	39 6	3 star plus	29 6
5 star plus	37 6	3 star	27 6
5 star	36 0	2 star	23 6
4 star plus	33 0	1 star	21 6
4 star	31 6	Ungraded	19 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	17 6	5 6	10 6	6 0
5 star plus	17 0	4 6	10 0	6 0
5 star	16 6	4 6	9 6	5 6
4 star plus	15 6	4 6	7 6	5 6
4 star	15 0	4 6	7 0	5 0
3 star plus	14 0	4 0	6 6	5 0
3 star	13 0	3 6	6 0	5 0
2 star	10 6	3 6	5 6	4 0
1 star	9 0	3 6	5 0	4 0
Ungraded	8 0	3 0	4 6	3 6

(3) Where any meal referred to in subclause (2) hereof is served in an hotel to any person who is not a guest, or who has not agreed to become a guest of the hotel, the licensee may charge that person for any such meal an amount not exceeding 2s. in the case of a dinner or 1s. in the case of breakfast or lunch in excess of the amount authorized by the said subclause (2) to be charged for the meal.

(4) 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.

(5) 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 between 2.30 p.m. and 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.

* Gazette, 13 September 1951, Vol. III, page 1380.

(6) Where tea, cocoa, or coffee is served with any meal or immediately after any meal no additional charge shall be made therefor.

(7) For the purposes of this clause the term “dinner” means the chief meal of the day whenever served and the term “lunch” includes a meal served in the evening if dinner has been served earlier in the day.

(8) The charges authorized by this clause are subject to the modifications in respect of charges for bedrooms indicated in the Schedule to this Order.

(9) Where any item of accommodation referred to in subclause (2) hereof is not available to any guest no charge shall be made to the guest for that item and in any such case the daily rate referred to in subclause (1) hereof shall be reduced by the amount of the charge referred to in subclause (2) hereof in respect of each item not available as aforesaid.

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) *Bathroom*.—(i) Where a bathroom is provided for the exclusive use of the occupant or occupants of one bedroom or for the exclusive use of the occupants of two bedrooms a charge not exceeding 5s. per day or part thereof (to be equally apportioned among the persons to whom the bathroom is available) may be made therefor:

(ii) In no other case shall an additional charge be made with respect to a bathroom.

(b) *Shower-room*.—(i) Where a shower-room is provided for the exclusive use of the occupant or occupants of one bedroom or for the exclusive use of the occupants of two bedrooms a charge not exceeding 2s. 6d. per day or part thereof (to be equally apportioned among the persons to whom the shower-room is available) may be made therefor:

(ii) In no other case shall an additional charge be made with respect to a shower-room and in no case may any person be charged for both a bathroom and a shower-room:

(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 bathroom or a shower-room 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 (including 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 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 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.