

Price Order No. 1793 (Queenstown and Rotorua Private-hotel Tariffs)

PURSUANT to the Control of Prices Act 1947, the Price Tribunal hereby makes the following price order:

1. This order may be cited as Price Order No. 1793, and shall come into force on the 18th day of December 1959.

2. (1) Price Order No. 1725* 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 grade concerned:

“Guest” means a person who, pursuant to an agreement with the proprietor 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 proprietor. Until a bedroom is vacated it shall be deemed to be occupied, and a bedroom shall not be deemed to be vacated until the proprietor or his agent is notified by the guest to that effect:

“Hotel” means premises customarily known as private hotels, and includes guesthouses and accommodation-houses, but does not include any premises in respect of which a licence under the Licensing Act 1908 has been granted or any premises not for the time being referred to in the Schedule hereto.

APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

4. This order applies to charges that may be made in respect of accommodation provided at any hotel 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:

AA.	BB.	CC.	DD.
A.	B.	C.	D.

(2) The grade assigned to an hotel shall be the grade specified in the Schedule hereto in respect of that 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.
AA	..	..	37 6	CC	..	..	28 0
A	..	..	36 0	C	..	..	27 0
BB	..	..	33 6	DD	..	..	25 6
B	..	..	31 0	D	..	..	24 6

(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.
AA	20 0	4 6	7 6	5 6
A	19 6	4 6	7 0	5 0
BB	18 0	4 0	6 6	5 0
B	16 6	3 6	6 0	5 0
CC	15 0	3 6	5 6	4 0
C	14 0	3 6	5 6	4 0
DD	13 0	3 6	5 0	4 0
D	12 0	3 6	5 0	4 0

(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 proprietor may charge that person for any such meal an amount not exceeding 1s. in the case of a dinner or 6d. in the case of a breakfast or lunch in excess of the amount authorised by the said subclause (2) to be charged for the meal.

(4) Unless an agreement to the contrary is made between the proprietor 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 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 full daily rate so prescribed.

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

(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 authorised by this clause are subject to the modifications in respect of charges for bedrooms indicated in the Schedule to this order.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

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

(a) Bathroom:

(i) Where a bathroom and toilet are provided for the exclusive use of the occupant or occupants of one bedroom or two single bedrooms a charge not exceeding 5s. per person per day or part thereof may be made therefor.

(ii) Where a bathroom and toilet are provided for the exclusive use of the occupants of two rooms which together accommodate more than two persons, a charge not exceeding 2s. 6d. per person per day or part thereof may be made therefor.

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

(b) Shower Room:

(i) Where a shower room and toilet are 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 and toilet are available) may be made therefor.

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

(c) Meals Served in Bedroom—Where any meal, other than early morning tea, is served in a bedroom a charge not exceeding 1s. may be made for each such meal.

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

(e) One Person in Double Room—Where at the request of a guest that guest is the sole occupant of a double bedroom the charge for that room may be twice the appropriate charge for a bedroom authorised 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 proprietor 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 six years of age. The maximum charges that may be made with respect to children under six years of age shall be half of the charge fixed for adults.

GENERAL

9. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this order, the Tribunal, on application by the proprietor of any hotel in the Towns of Queenstown or Rotorua or on its own initiative, may regrade any hotel to a higher or lower grade or may assign a grade to any hotel that has not been graded 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 proprietor, may authorise 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 proprietor. 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 proprietor while the approval remains in force.