

PURSUANT to the Government Railways Act 1949, the Minister of Railways hereby fixes the following scales of charges and hereby imposes the following terms and conditions in respect of the New Zealand Government Railways; and hereby declares that such scales of charges and such terms and conditions shall come into force on the 1st day of October 1971, on which date all general scales of charges, terms, and conditions previously fixed or imposed in respect of the said railways, except sections 68 to 71 and the local rates scales of charges, shall be revoked.

As witness my hand this 1st day of September, 1971.

J. B. Gordon, Minister of Railways.

General Scale of Charges

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New Zealand Government Railways

The following scales of charges, terms, and conditions which shall be known as the General Scale of Charges, and shall be read together with the Local Rates Scales of Charges, terms, and conditions which came into force on the 10th day of July 1967, and therein cited and hereinafter referred to as the Local Rates Scale of Charges and any special charges or special scales of charges, terms, and conditions fixed or imposed in substitution therefor, amendment thereof, or addition thereto.

PASSENGERS

1. General

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 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. **Transfer of Tickets**—Unless otherwise provided, 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 transferor or transferee or any other person may be liable) be forfeited.

3. **Children's Fares**—Unless otherwise provided, children under four years of age in the charge of a responsible person travel free; children four years of age and under 15 years of age, at half rates.

4. **Booking Fee**—(a) 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 5c will be charged in addition to the appropriate fare. In the case of children under 15 years of age 2c will be charged.

(b) When the holder of a season ticket is unable to produce such ticket for the journey being made, he shall pay the appropriate fare for such journey, but no booking fee will be charged.

5. **Alternative Routes**—Unless otherwise provided, passengers holding ordinary, season, 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. Ticket holders may travel only over the lines actually specified on the tickets in each case.

6. **Issue of Tickets**—(a) 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 or at duly authorised booking agencies.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

7. **Expiry of Tickets**—Unless otherwise provided, all tickets will expire at midnight on the last day of the period of their availability.

8. **Reduced-fare Tickets**—Unless otherwise provided, tickets at fares which are a proportion of any other fares, will have the same availability (both as to period of time and break of journey) as the tickets at such last-mentioned fares.

9. **Passengers Booked Between Two Separate Sections of Railway**—The fares for each section will be computed separately.

10. The department is not responsible for any loss, damage, or expense due to delays in transit of passengers whether arising from act of God, civil commotion, Queen's enemies, strikes, lockouts, or other labour disturbances (whether of employees of the Railways Department or of other persons), floods, fires, accidents, or cancellation, suspension, or alteration of any timetable.