

## 45. Checked Luggage

1. Passengers may have their luggage checked as follows at the charges shown:

| Between  | And  | Route   | Checking Fee Per Package |
|--|--|---|--------------------------|
| (a) Any station .. ..  | Any other station on the same section of railway | Rail .. ..  | c 20                     |
| (b) Stations in the North Island                               | Stations in the South Island ..                  | Rail and Wellington-Lyttelton inter-Island steamers or Wellington-Picton / Cook Strait rail ferry service                       | 30                       |
| (c) Kaitaia, Mangakino, Rotorua, Whakatane, Opotiki, or Foxton | Stations in the North Island ..                  | Rail and railway road services ..   | 20                       |
|  | Stations in the South Island ..                  | Rail, railway road services, and Wellington-Lyttelton inter-Island steamers or Wellington-Picton/Cook Strait rail ferry service | 30                       |
| (d) Gisborne .. ..   | Stations in the North Island ..                  | Rail and railway road services via Rotorua or Taneatua  | 20                       |

| From                                       | To Overseas Vessels (Operated by Such Companies as may be Approved by the General Manager) Berthed at | Checking Fee Per Package |
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| (e) Officered stations in the North Island | Auckland, Napier or Wellington ..   | c 35                     |
|  | Lyttelton, Port Chalmers, or Dunedin  | 40                       |
| (f) Officered stations in the South Island | Auckland, Napier, or Wellington ..  | 40                       |
|  | Lyttelton, Port Chalmers, or Dunedin  | 35                       |

| From   | To                          | Checking Fee Per Package |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| (g) Department's Wharf Booking Offices at Auckland | North Island stations .. .. | c 30                     |
|  | South Island stations .. .. | 35                       |

**Exceptions**—Passengers travelling on the *Silver Star* sleeper services may check their luggage free of charge between the points of travel for which *Silver Star* tickets are held.

Luggage will not be checked for journeys to be made solely between Wellington and Lyttelton (by sea direct).

Luggage will be accepted for checking for inter-Island journeys by sea, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 8 and 9 of this section. The charge for inter-Island checks includes the cost of cartage between rail and steamer at Wellington. Excess luggage charges as per section 46 will apply where incurred.

2. **Liability**—The Department will not be responsible for loss of, or damage or delay to, any checked luggage if such loss, damage, or delay occurs after the same has been placed in the possession, custody, or control of any carrier other than the department, whether by land, water, or air, or of any harbour board, warehouseman, or other person, notwithstanding that the luggage may have been accepted for checking to a station on a different section of railway, or to a place that is not on the railway, nor will the department be responsible for any delay caused by failure to place any such luggage in the possession, custody, or control of any such carrier, harbour board, warehouseman, or other person as aforesaid.

3. **Tendering Luggage for Checking**—Luggage may be checked from attended stations where facilities for the checking of luggage are provided. Such luggage must (without prejudice to the provisions regarding excess luggage) be delivered at least 15 minutes before the due time of departure of the train by which it is to be conveyed. The person tendering luggage to be checked must obtain a luggage check for each package. Passengers are not bound to see personally to the checking of their luggage but may arrange for any person, other than a railway employee, to act on their behalf. The passenger's railway or bus ticket, or railway and steamer ticket (for inter-Island checked luggage), must be produced before luggage will be accepted for checking.

4. **Delivery of Checked Luggage**—Except as hereinafter provided, no package of checked luggage will be delivered until the check has been surrendered. Delivery by the department of any checked luggage to the person surrendering checks and acceptance of delivery by such person shall discharge the department of any liability in respect of the luggage. The department reserves the right to decline to deliver checked luggage at any station other than the original destination station of such luggage.

5. **Lost Checks**—Any person claiming delivery of any checked luggage, and who is unable to produce the check owing to it having been lost, may be required to make, at his own cost, a declaration under the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957, setting forth the number of the luggage-check lost, the description of such package, and such other information as the department may require. He may be required to indemnify the department against any loss or claim that may arise as a result of delivery to him, and to furnish such other proofs of his title to delivery of the luggage as the department may require, before it shall be delivered. Should the information furnished by the claimant or proofs of title to delivery or the indemnity be deemed by the department to be insufficient or unsatisfactory, delivery of the luggage may be withheld, and the department shall not be liable for any inconvenience or loss that may result from delivery being so withheld. A search fee of 23c will be made in respect of each luggage-check lost.

6. **Unclaimed Luggage**—Checked luggage not claimed within 3 months after arrival at destination may be sold.

7. **Storage**—Checked luggage for attended stations not claimed on arrival at such stations will be stored. Checked luggage for an unattended station not claimed while the train is standing at such station will be taken to the next officered station for storage. Checked luggage not delivered within the periods indicated hereunder will be charged storage as follows:

|   | For First Four Weeks or Part Thereof | For Each Additional Week or Part Thereof |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| (a) Checked luggage, not otherwise specified .. | Free                                 | 25c per package or article.              |
|   | Day of Arrival                       | For Each Additional Day or Part Thereof  |
| (b) Per motor cycle .. .. .                     | Free                                 | c 15                                     |