

99. Weighing

1. The consignor shall declare the weight of traffic handed to the department for transport. If, however, the weight is not declared, and it is necessary for the department to weigh the traffic for the purpose of calculating the railage charges, a charge may be made for weighing at the rates set forth hereunder. No charge, however, will be made for weighing wagons of goods of Classes E, F, N, P, or Q, for the purpose of computing railage charges unless the consignor or consignee requests a weight certificate. No charge will be made for weighing Class R goods.

2. **Weighing Charges**—The charges for each wagon weighed on a wagon weighbridge (except wagons of New Zealand coal for which no charge will be made) will be as follows:

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Four-wheeled wagons	0.79 each	
Bogie wagons	1.60 each	

When more than one copy of a weight certificate is required by the same person or firm for goods weighed on the department's wagon weighbridges a charge of 31c will be made for each certificate in addition to the first.

3. Goods weighed on cart weighbridges will be charged as follows:

Exceeding Tonnes	Net Weight but	Not Exceeding Tonnes	Charge Per Load c
—		1	24
1		2	31
2		3	40
3		4	48
4		5	56
5		—	64

4. The charges for other goods weighed by the department will be as follows:

Wool, and sheep skins, in bales	31c per bale.
Sheep skins in bundles	16c per bundle.
Grains, onions, potatoes, and seeds	16c per bag.
All other goods (minimum charge 10c per package, maximum charge 66c per package)	31c per 100 kg.

5. **General**—The department will, at stations where weighing facilities exist, and when reasonably convenient, weigh goods at the special request of consignor or consignee. No liability shall rest on the department for any omission to weigh any goods. Consignors should declare on the consignment note whether they require the goods weighed by the department. The reweighing of goods in truck loads will be at the option of the department.

6. The department may decline to supply weights.

7. Consignments of goods are weighed solely for the purpose of arriving at railway charges, and in no instance will the department accept responsibility for or guarantee its weighing as between buyer and seller.

100. Cranage

1. **Charges**—Except as otherwise provided, cranage charges for the use of the department's cranes, forklifts, and similar mechanical lifting devices will be made as follows:

Goods (except timber) for which a loading or unloading charge is prescribed	Under the provisions of section 122, paragraph 2.
Timber (all types)	Under the provisions of section 75, paragraph 14.
Goods, not otherwise specified	At the following rates:

Charge for Cranage

Up to 1.1 tonnes per article	Free.
Exceeding 1.1 tonnes but not exceeding 1.6 tonnes per article	47c per tonne.
Exceeding 1.6 tonnes per article	\$1.15 per tonne (for unusual lifts see also section 125, paragraph 3 (b)).

2. **Shed Cranes**—Where a shed crane is used for a lift from shed floor to lorry, or vice versa, charges as specified in paragraph 1 hereof will be made, except that where the traffic would normally be handled direct from wagon to lorry, or vice versa, without cranage (as in the case of drums of cable) and the use of a crane is necessitated solely by the working of the wagon through the shed for the department's convenience, cranage charges will not be made.

3. **Haulage of Steam Cranes**—When the weight of the consignment to be handled is beyond the lifting capacity of a crane at a station and a crane is, at the request of the owner of the goods, hauled from another station the haulage and hire charges will be by special arrangement.

4. **Hire of Mobile Cranes and Forklifts**—Where a departmental mobile lifting appliance is hired for lifts outside the station yard, the following hire charges will apply—

- (a) Lifting capacity up to 3 tonnes, \$8.35 per hour including the wages of the crane driver only.
- (b) Lifting capacity over 3 tonnes but not exceeding 6 tonnes, \$10 per hour including the wages of the crane driver only.
- (c) Lifting capacity over 6 tonnes but not exceeding 10 tonnes, \$12.50 per hour including the wages of the crane driver only.

The hire charges will accrue during the whole period the crane is absent from its headquarters and in every case will be subject to a minimum as for one half hour.

The foregoing charges will also apply for the time a mobile crane is absent from its home station performing lifts at other stations at the request of a consignor or consignee. Area Traffic Managers and Goods Managers will authorise the movement of cranes for this purpose.

Mobile cranes on hire from the department are not to be operated by any person other than the operator provided by the department.

5. **General**—(a) No article which requires for its carriage a specially constructed wagon, or any alteration to a wagon, shall be received and carried except under special arrangements.

(b) The department does not undertake to supply cranes, forklifts, or any other mechanical lifting appliance, nor does it guarantee the lifting capacity thereof, or of any equipment used in connection therewith.

(c) The loading and unloading of heavy articles at stations or sidings not provided with suitable lifting appliances for the handling of such packages must be undertaken by the owners at their own risk and expense, and such articles will not be received for carriage from or to such stations or sidings, unless satisfactory arrangements shall first have been made by the owners for loading or unloading, as the case may be.