TELEPHONES

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The Telephone Amendment (No. 1) Regulations, 1958

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I, the Right Honourable Alfred Ernest Marples, M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Treasury, by virtue of the power vested in me by section one of the Telephone Act, 1951(a), and of every other power enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make the following Regulations, that is to say :—

Interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations shall be read as one with the Telephone Regulations, 1957(b) (hereinafter called " the principal regulations ").

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendments to the principal regulations

2. The principal regulations shall be amended as follows :—

(1) The following definitions shall be inserted in paragraph (1) of regulation one:

(*a*) after the definition of " internal station ":

" " local call " means a call made to an installation or telephone which is served by:

(i) the local exchange, or

(ii) a telephone exchange in the same telephone group as the local exchange, or

(iii) a telephone exchange in a telephone group which is regarded as adjacent to that of the local exchange ; "

(*b*) After the definition of " subscriber ":

" " the subscriber trunk dialling facility " means the facility whereby users of certain installations and telephones can obtain certain trunk calls without the intervention of the local operator by dialling a combination of figures, or of letters and figures, beginning with " O " ; "

(*c*) After the definition of " terminal exchange ":

" " trunk call " means any call to which regulation twenty-one A applies other than a local call."

(2) Paragraph (5) of regulation ten (which relates to business and residence rates of rental) is hereby revoked.

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 52. (b) S.I. 1957/1931 (1957 II, p. 2477).
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(3) After paragraph (7) of regulation ten there shall be inserted the following paragraph:

"(7A) Where a private circuit is provided for non-continuous use, and on any day the fixed period of use is extended at the request of the subscriber, the rental for the circuit in respect of the period of use on that day in excess of the fixed period shall be such as the Postmaster-General may fix."

(4) (*a*) Regulation twenty-one (which relates to inland call charges) is hereby revoked, and the following regulations twenty-one and twenty-one A shall be substituted therefor:

"*Telephone groups*

21.—(1) For the purposes of regulation twenty-one A and the Tenth Schedule hereto the Postmaster-General shall classify telephone exchanges into groups (herein referred to as "telephone groups"), and shall determine in relation to each telephone group: (*a*) what other telephone groups are to be regarded as adjacent to it, and (*b*) the point (herein referred to as "the group centre") which is to be used for measuring distances for the purposes of regulation twenty-one A and the Tenth Schedule hereto.

(2) (*a*) Where owing to the distance of a call office from the telephone exchange by which it is served the Postmaster-General considers it inappropriate that the charges for calls made from or to the call office should be determined by reference to that telephone exchange, he may direct either that for the purposes of regulation twenty-one A and the Tenth Schedule hereto some other telephone exchange shall be regarded as the telephone exchange serving the call office, or that for those purposes the call office shall itself be regarded as a telephone exchange serving the telephone therein; and in such cases the expressions "local exchange" and "terminal exchange" (as defined in paragraph (1) of regulation one) shall be construed accordingly.

(*b*) Where the Postmaster-General directs under the preceding sub-paragraph that a call office shall be regarded as a telephone exchange, he shall include it in a telephone group under paragraph (1).

(3) The Postmaster-General shall supply to every subscriber on demand a list of the telephone exchanges which are for the time being either in the same telephone group as the exchange by which the subscriber's installation is served or in the telephone groups which are regarded as adjacent to that group.

Inland call charges

21A.—(1) This regulation applies to calls other than those to which regulation twenty-two, paragraph (2) of regulation twenty-five, or regulation twenty-six applies.

(2) The charges for local calls shall be as follows:

(*a*) Where the call is made from an installation or telephone on which the subscriber trunk dialling facility is available, or would be available but for a request from the subscriber that it should be withheld, the charge shall be at the rate specified in item 1 of Table A in the appropriate Part of the Tenth Schedule hereto, whether the called number is dialled by the caller or not.

(*b*) Otherwise, the charge shall be the sum specified in item 1 of Table B in the appropriate Part of the Tenth Schedule hereto: Provided that the Postmaster-General may fix the charge for the call at a rate not exceeding the total of the last mentioned sum for the first three minutes of the call's duration plus 3d. for each three minutes or part thereof after the first three minutes.

(3) The charges for trunk calls shall be as follows:

(*a*) Where the call is obtained by means of the subscriber trunk dialling facility, the charge shall be at the rate specified in item 2 of Table A in the appropriate Part of the Tenth Schedule hereto.

(*b*) Otherwise (whether or not the subscriber trunk dialling facility is available on the installation or telephone from which the call is made), the charge shall be at the rate specified in item 2 of Table B in the appropriate Part of the Tenth Schedule hereto.

(4) The rates specified in Tables A in the Tenth Schedule hereto shall be applied as follows: the charge for the call shall be the sum of the number of charge units, each of the value specified at the head of the table, which is appropriate having regard to the duration of the call, one charge unit being charged for each period of time specified in the second column of the table opposite to the appropriate category of call, and any odd fraction of such period being treated as one such period.

(5) The charges specified in Part 4 of the Tenth Schedule hereto do not include the charge which the person licensed to operate the local exchange may make in respect of the use of a call office or coin box line provided by that person.

(6) In this regulation references to the appropriate Part of the Tenth Schedule hereto are references to the Part which is appropriate to the particular call having regard to the headings to the said Parts, and in the Tenth Schedule hereto the expression "the distance between the group centres concerned" means the distance between the group centre of the telephone group which includes the local exchange and the group centre of the telephone group which includes the terminal exchange."

(*b*) The reference in sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (2) of regulation forty-nine to paragraph (3) of regulation twenty-one shall be construed as a reference to regulation twenty-one A.

(5) Regulation twenty-six (which relates to calls made by means of special equipment) is hereby revoked, and the following regulation shall be substituted therefor:

"*Calls made by means of special equipment, etc.*

26. Where for the purpose of any call the Postmaster-General provides:—

(*a*) special equipment or apparatus affording sound reproduction of higher quality than that afforded by the ordinary public telephone system; or

(*b*) means of simultaneous communication between three or more telephones; or

(*c*) equipment or apparatus to facilitate the recording or broadcasting of messages;

the charge for the call shall, subject to the terms of any contract for the provision of the call or of such equipment or apparatus or means of communication, be such as the Postmaster-General may fix."

(6) Sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of paragraph (4) of regulation thirty (which specify the booking charge for fixed time calls) are hereby revoked, and the following sub-paragraphs shall be substituted therefor:

"(*a*) in the case of an application for a single fixed time call, sixpence;

(*b*) in the case of an application for a series of fixed time calls, fivepence multiplied by the number of calls in the series."

(7) The following paragraph shall be inserted at the end of regulation thirty-one (which relates to inland personal calls):

"(8) Where the applicant is unaware of the telephone number of a person required or of a substitute for him, the applicant may specify the address or alternative addresses of the person concerned, and in that event this regulation shall have effect as if the applicant had specified the telephone number or alternative telephone numbers (as the case may be) at which the person concerned might be found."

(8) Paragraph (2) of regulation thirty-four (which relates to alarm calls) is hereby revoked, and the following paragraph shall be substituted therefor:

"(2) If the alarm call service is available in relation to that application, there shall be charged and paid in respect of the application:

(*a*) where the subscriber trunk dialling facility is available on the installation or at the call office from which the application is made, or (in the case of an application made from an installation) would be available but for a request from the subscriber that it should be withheld: a sum equal to three times the charge unit specified in Table A in the Part of the Tenth Schedule hereto which would be appropriate to the application if it were an ordinary call;

(*b*) otherwise: a sum equal to twice the sum specified in item 1 in Table B in the Part of the Tenth Schedule hereto which would be appropriate to the application if it were an ordinary call.

No charge shall be payable in respect of the alarm call itself."

(9) (*a*) After sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of regulation fifty-two (which paragraph specifies certain purposes for which the public telephone system shall not be used), the following sub-paragraph shall be inserted:

"or (*c*) for the making of any telephone call otherwise than by the method appropriate to the telephone from which the call is made, according to the Postmaster-General's published instructions to subscribers and to users of call offices."

(*b*) For the heading to the said regulation there shall be substituted: "Misuse of the telephone system."

(10) At the end of Part 10 of the Third Schedule (which specifies the quarterly rentals for miscellaneous equipment and apparatus) there shall be inserted the following item:

	£ s. d.
23. Meters at subscribers' premises for measuring call units:	
(*a*) Clock type meter	1 – –
(*b*) Cyclometer type meters:	
(i) Reset type (showing call units for individual calls)	1 – – (Note A)
(ii) Non-reset type (showing cumulative total of call units)	1 – – (Note A)
(*c*) Switch to enable a clock type or cyclometer type meter to be connected to any of a number of selected exchange lines	7 – per selected exchange line in excess of the number of meters fitted.
Note A: Where a pair of meters comprising a reset type meter and a non-reset type meter is provided there will be a combined rental of £1 per quarter.	

(11) At the end of Part 1 of the Sixth Schedule (which specifies the connection charges for equipment and apparatus not forming part of a private circuit) there shall be inserted the following item:

	£ s. d.
5. Meters at subscribers' premises for measuring call units:	
(*a*) Clock type meter	1 – –
(*b*) Cyclometer type meters:	
(i) Reset type (showing call units for individual calls)	2 – – (Note A)
(ii) Non-reset type (showing cumulative total of call units)	2 – – (Note A)
Note A: Where a reset type meter and a non-reset type meter are ordered at the same time there will be a combined charge of £2.	

(12) (*a*) In the Eighth Schedule (which specifies certain single payment charges), the definitions of "standard colour" and "non-standard colour" in the heading are hereby revoked, and in the table items 1 to 10 inclusive are hereby revoked, and the following items shall be substituted therefor:

Component part of installation	Black	Colour other than black
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Pre-700 type telephone (with bell incorporated or with bell set in matching colour as a separate fitting)	Nil	2 – –
2. 700 type telephone (bell incorporated) ...	Nil	5 – – (Note A)
3. Watch receiver	Nil	1 – –
4. House exchange instrument with plug and junction box...	Nil	8 8 –
5. Transfer unit	Nil	6 6 –
6. Wall bracket	10 –	1 5 –
7. Instrument cord in a colour matching the telephone	1 10 –	Nil
8. Instrument cord in a colour not matching the telephone (other than non-matching cord ordinarily supplied with that telephone)	1 10 –	8 –

(*b*) In the said table Items 11 to 18 shall be re-numbered as 9 to 16 respectively.

(*c*) At the end of the said table there shall be inserted the following note:

"*Note A.* Where the telephone is in a colour or colours other than those which the Postmaster-General has for the time being determined to be standard colours, the charge is such as the Postmaster-General may fix."

(13) In the Ninth Schedule, Part 4 (which specifies the charges for certain changes of apparatus) is hereby revoked, and the following Part shall be substituted therefor:

PART 4

Charges for change of apparatus

Component part of installation	*Maximum charge* Colour other than black
	£ s. d.
1. Pre-700 type telephone:	
(*a*) Telephone (with bell incorporated or with bell set in matching colour as a separate fitting)	2 – –
(*b*) Bell set in matching colour as a separate fitting when not fitted at the same time as the telephone	1 – –
2. 700 type telephone (bell incorporated):	
(*a*) replacing a pre-700 type telephone in a colour other than black	3 – – (Note A)
(*b*) otherwise	5 – – (Note A)
3. Watch receiver	1 – –
4. House exchange instrument with plug and junction box ...	8 8 –
5. Transfer unit	6 6 –
6. Wall bracket	1 5 –
	Any colour
7. Instrument cord not exceeding 15 feet long	1 10 –
8. Instrument cord exceeding 15 feet long	2 10 –
9. Multiple cord for house exchange system:	
Over 6 feet and up to 10 feet long	2 11 –
Over 10 feet and up to 15 feet long	2 15 –
Note A. These maxima do not apply where the 700 type telephone is in a colour or colours other than those which the Postmaster-General has for the time being determined to be standard colours, and accordingly the charge in that case is such as the Postmaster-General may fix.	

(14) The Tenth Schedule (which specifies the charges for inland calls) is hereby revoked, and the following Schedule shall be substituted therefor:

TENTH SCHEDULE

INLAND CALL CHARGES

PART 1

Where the local exchange is operated by the Postmaster-General: charge to the subscriber for a call made from an installation, otherwise than by means of a coin box line.

TABLE A

Charge unit: 2d.

	Time for each charge unit
1. Local call	180 seconds
2. Trunk call: where the distance between the group centres concerned:	
(*a*) does not exceed 35 miles	30 „
(*b*) exceeds 35 miles but does not exceed 50 miles ...	20 „
(*c*) exceeds 50 miles	12 „

TABLE B

1. Local call ... ... 3d.

2. Trunk call: where the distance between the group centres concerned:	For the first three minutes or part of three minutes	For each minute or part of a minute after the first three minutes
	s. d.	s. d.
(*a*) does not exceed 35 miles	1 –	4
(*b*) exceeds 35 miles but does not exceed 50 miles	1 9	7
(*c*) exceeds 50 miles but does not exceed 75 miles	2 3	9
(*d*) exceeds 75 miles but does not exceed 125 miles	3 –	1 –
(*e*) exceeds 125 miles	3 6	1 2

PART 2

Where the local exchange is operated by the Postmaster-General: charge to the subscriber for a call made from a coin box line.

TABLE A

Charge unit: 2¾d.

	Time for each charge unit
1. Local call	180 seconds
2. Trunk call: where the distance between the group centres concerned:	
(*a*) does not exceed 35 miles	30 „
(*b*) exceeds 35 miles but does not exceed 50 miles ...	20 „
(*c*) exceeds 50 miles	12 „

TABLE B

1. Local call ... ... 3½d.

2. Trunk call: where the distance between the group centres concerned:	For the first three minutes or part of three minutes	For each three minutes or part of three minutes after the first three minutes
	s. d.	s. d.
(*a*) does not exceed 35 miles	1 2	1 –
(*b*) exceeds 35 miles but does not exceed 50 miles	1 11	1 9
(*c*) exceeds 50 miles but does not exceed 75 miles	2 5	2 3
(*d*) exceeds 75 miles but does not exceed 125 miles	3 2	3 –
(*e*) exceeds 125 miles	3 8	3 6

PART 3

Where the local exchange is operated by the Postmaster-General: charge to the caller for a call made from a call office or from a coin box line.

TABLE A

Charge unit: 3d.

	Time for each charge unit
1. Local call	180 seconds
2. Trunk call: where the distance between the group centres concerned:	
(*a*) does not exceed 35 miles	30 „
(*b*) exceeds 35 miles but does not exceed 50 miles ...	20 „
(*c*) exceeds 50 miles	12 „

TABLE B

1. Local call ... ... 4d.

2. Trunk call: where the distance between the group centres concerned:	For the first three minutes or part of three minutes	For each three minutes or part of three minutes after the first three minutes
	s. d.	s. d.
(*a*) does not exceed 35 miles	1 3	1 –
(*b*) exceeds 35 miles but does not exceed 50 miles	2 –	1 9
(*c*) exceeds 50 miles but does not exceed 75 miles	2 6	2 3
(*d*) exceeds 75 miles but does not exceed 125 miles	3 3	3 –
(*e*) exceeds 125 miles	3 9	3 6

PART 4

Where the local exchange is operated by a person licensed by the Postmaster-General in that behalf and the terminal exchange is not operated by that person.

TABLE B

1. Call to an installation or telephone served by an exchange in an adjacent telephone group ... ... 3d.

	For the first three minutes or part of three minutes	For each minute or part of a minute after the first three minutes
2. Trunk call: where the distance between the group centres concerned:	s. d.	s. d.
(*a*) does not exceed 35 miles	1 –	4
(*b*) exceeds 35 miles but does not exceed 50 miles	1 9	7
(*c*) exceeds 50 miles but does not exceed 75 miles	2 3	9
(*d*) exceeds 75 miles but does not exceed 125 miles	3 –	1 –
(*e*) exceeds 125 miles	3 6	1 2

Calculation of rentals

3.—(1) The Postmaster-General may if he thinks fit determine that the following rules shall apply for the purpose of calculating the rental payable at a quarterly rate under the principal regulations or under an agreement for an installation (other than a private circuit), or each component part of such an installation, in respect of any period beginning after the commencement of these regulations:

(*a*) Each quarter shall be deemed to begin on the first day of such month as the Postmaster-General may determine.

(*b*) Each complete month in an incomplete quarter shall be treated as one third of a quarter.

(*c*) Each day in an incomplete month in the period shall be treated as one twenty-eighth of a complete month, but for the purpose of this rule such of the days between the 28th of the month and the last day of the month (inclusive) as fall within the period shall be treated together as one day.

(*d*) Odd fractions of a penny amounting to ½d. or more shall be charged as one penny and those amounting to less than ½d. shall be disregarded.

(2) Regulation six of the principal regulations (which makes provision as to the rental payable for certain installations after notice to cease the service has been given) and regulation forty-one thereof (in which provision is made as to the commencing date for rentals) shall have effect subject to this regulation.

Business and residence rates of rental

4.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, the rental in respect of an exchange line provided for a subscriber (otherwise than under an agreement) before the commencement of these regulations and continuing to be provided thereafter shall continue to be chargeable at the rate specified in the column of the Third or Fourth Schedule to the principal regulations headed "Business rate" (hereinafter called "the business rate") or at the rate specified in the column of the said Schedules headed "Residence rate" (hereinafter called "the residence rate"), whichever rate was chargeable in respect of the line under paragraph (5) of regulation ten of the principal regulations immediately before the commencement of these regulations.

(2) (*a*) The Postmaster-General may determine whether the business rate or the residence rate shall be chargeable in respect of an exchange line first provided (otherwise than under an agreement) after the commencement of these regulations, and shall notify the subscriber of such determination, either in the relative application form furnished by him under regulation four of the principal regulations or by other notice in writing.

(*b*) Provided that where before the commencement of these regulations a subscriber has applied for an exchange line and the Postmaster-General has notified him in writing that the business rate or the residence rate (as the case may be) will be chargeable in respect thereof, and the line is not provided until after the commencement of these regulations, and the Postmaster-General under sub-paragraph (*a*) determines the rate to be that previously notified, the Postmaster-General shall not be obliged under sub-paragraph (*a*) to give the subscriber any notification of that determination.

(3) The Postmaster-General may at any time determine that the business rate or the residence rate, whichever of them is the rate for the time being chargeable in respect of an exchange line by virtue of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), or this paragraph, is not or will not be appropriate and that the other of those rates shall be chargeable in respect thereof. If the Postmaster-General so determines, he shall notify the subscriber of the change of rate by notice in writing specifying the date on which the change shall take effect; and that other rate shall be chargeable in respect of the exchange line accordingly.

(4) In making any determination under paragraph (2) or paragraph (3) the Postmaster-General shall take into account all the circumstances of the case including the purposes (whether residential or otherwise) for which the subscriber's premises are being used or are in the Postmaster-General's opinion likely to be used, and, in a case where the premises are being used partly for residential purposes and partly for other purposes, the purposes (whether social and domestic, or otherwise) for which the installation of which the exchange line forms part is being used or is in the Postmaster-General's opinion likely to be used.

(5) The reference in sub-paragraph (*e*) of paragraph (1) of regulation five of the principal regulations to regulation ten thereof shall be construed as a reference to this regulation.

Revocation

5. Paragraph (1) of regulation twelve of the Telephone Regulations, 1951(**a**), and all of the Telephone Amendment (No. 3) Regulations, 1957(**b**) which have not been previously revoked, are hereby revoked.

(**a**) S.I. 1951/2075 (Rev. XXII, p. 369; 1951 II, p. 697). (**b**) S.I. 1957/1260.

Citation and Commencement

6.—(1) These regulations may be cited as "The Telephone Amendment (No. 1) Regulations, 1958."

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of December, 1958.

Dated this 18th day of July, 1958.

Ernest Marples,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

We consent to these regulations.

Martin Redmayne,
Edward Wakefield,
Two of the Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

18th July, 1958.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the Telephone Regulations, 1957. The principal amendments made are as follows:

(1) Provision is made for the charges for calls made from telephones with Subscriber Trunk Dialling facilities.

(2) Charges are specified for meters at subscribers' premises for measuring call units, and for coloured telephones of a new design known as the "700 type".

(3) Provision is made for the calculation of quarterly rental charges, including rentals for periods of less than a quarter.

(4) Provision is made for the Postmaster-General to determine for new telephone installations which rate of rental, business or residence, shall apply, and (for old or new installations) to alter one rate to the other when the former rate becomes inappropriate.

(5) There is provision that calls are to be made only by the method indicated in the published instructions.