

**New Zealand Overseas Airmail Postage Rates (1930-2011) by Robin M Startup**  
**Corrections to tables in sections ‘25 February 1931’ to ‘1 June 1932’**

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**Introduction**

Although the book by Robin Startup gives an excellent account of New Zealand overseas airmail postage rates from 1930 to 2011, there are some errors and omissions in the data for 1931 – 1932, especially for routes involving USA internal air mail services.

This has been discussed in two articles in *The Kiwi*:

1. Robert Clark, New Zealand to Britain and Canada via US Air Services in 1930-35, *The Kiwi*, vol 62, no 3, p 52-56, May 2013.
2. Robert Clark and Bob Watson, Via North American Air Services: 1930-39, *The Kiwi*, vol 65, no 3, p 82-87, May 2016.

In the second of these two articles, an appendix gave revised tables and they are repeated here. In the tables, corrections and additions are shown in red.

**Table in the section headed ‘25 February 1931 / Increased Rates’**

The table in this section on page 10 does not show the rates for airmail consequent on surface rate changes effective 1<sup>st</sup> March 1931 as stated in the introductory paragraph, but instead repeats the information in the table on page 9 that gives the rates introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1930. It should be replaced by the following table. The increase in rates was made by an ‘Order in Council’ on 25<sup>th</sup> February and came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1931. [Ref: *New Zealand Gazette*, 26 February 1931, p 414 and *Post & Telegraph Official Circular*, 16 March 1931, p 24]

Base rate Surface	Supplementary fee For carriage by air	Weight steps		
		½ oz.	1 oz.	1½ oz.
<b>Air carriage within Australia</b>				
2d first ounce + 1d each additional ounce	3d	5d	8d	1s0d
<b>Air carriage within Australia for carriage beyond Australia</b>				
British Empire and USA 2d first ounce + 1d each additional ounce	4d	6d	10d	1s3d
Foreign countries 2½d first ounce + 1½d each additional ounce	4d	6½d	10½d	1s4d
<b>Air carriage on Karachi – London service</b>				
British Empire and USA 2d first ounce + 1d each additional ounce	7d	9d	1s4d	2s0d
Foreign countries 2½d first ounce + 1½d each additional ounce	7d	9½d	1s4½d	2s1d

**Air carriage on both Australia and Karachi – London services**

British Empire <b>and USA</b> 2d first ounce + 1d each additional ounce	4d + 7d	1s1d	2s0d	3s0d
Foreign countries 2½d first ounce + 1½d each additional ounce	4d + 7d	1s1½d	2s0½d	3s1d

**Air carriage on Canada (via Vancouver) or United States of America air services**

British Empire <b>and USA</b> 2d first ounce + 1d each additional ounce	4d	6d	10d	1s3d
Foreign countries 2½d first ounce + 1½d each additional ounce	4d	6½d	10½d	1s4d

Plus possible additions

Registration fee	4d			
Plus AR (Advice of receipt) fee	3d	(stamp affixed to form, not envelope)		
Late fee	2d			

**New section headed ‘4 June 1931 / Changed Rates via USA Air Services’**

A new section should be added on page 13 as from 4<sup>th</sup> June 1931 there were changes to the air mail fee for countries beyond the USA when conveyed by USA air services. The section should contain the following table. [Ref: *New Zealand Gazette*, 4 June 1931, p 1688]

Base rate Surface	Supplementary fee For carriage by air	½ oz.	1 oz.	1½ oz.
<b>Air carriage on United States of America air services</b>				
<b>British Empire</b>				
2d first ounce + 1d each additional ounce	5d	7d	1s0d	1s6d
<b>USA</b>				
2d first ounce + 1d each additional ounce	4d	6d	10d	1s3d
Foreign countries				
2½d first ounce + 1½d each additional ounce	5d	7½d	1s0½d	1s7d

**Table in the section headed ‘1 June 1932 / Reduced Rates’**

The table on pages 13-14 should be modified to show changes to the air mail fee for countries beyond the USA when conveyed by USA air services as under 4 June 1931, above. [Ref: *New Zealand Gazette*, 26 May 1932, pp 1334-1335 and *Post & Telegraph Official Circular* 16 June 1932, p 36]

Base rate Surface	Supplementary fee For carriage by air	Weight steps		
		½ oz.	1 oz.	1½ oz.
<b>Air carriage within Australia</b>				
1d per ounce	3d	4d	7d	11d
<b>Air carriage within Australia for carriage beyond Australia</b>				
British Empire and USA				
1d per ounce	4d	5d	9d	1s2d
Foreign countries				
2½d first ounce + 1½d each additional ounce	4d	6½d	10½d	1s4d
<b>Air carriage on Karachi – London service</b>				
British Empire and USA				
1d per ounce	7d	8d	1s3d	1s11d
Foreign countries				
2½d first ounce + 1½d each additional ounce	7d	9½d	1s4½d	2s1d
<b>Air carriage on both Australia and Karachi – London services</b>				
British Empire and USA				
1d per ounce	4d + 7d	1s0d	1s11d	2s11d
Foreign countries				
2½d first ounce + 1½d each additional ounce	4d + 7d	1s1½d	2s0½d	3s1d
<b>Air carriage on United States of America air services</b>				
British Empire				
1d per ounce	5d	6d	11d	1s5d
USA				
1d per ounce	4d	5d	9d	1s2d
Foreign countries				
2½d first ounce + 1½d each additional ounce	5d	7½d	1s0½d	1s7d
<b>Air carriage on Canada (via Vancouver) air services</b>				
Canada				
1d per ounce	4d	5d	9d	1s2d
<u>Plus possible additions</u>				
Registration fee	Reduced from 4d to 3d			
Plus AR (Advice of receipt) fee	3d (stamp affixed to form, not envelope)			
Late fee	Reduced from 2d to 1d			