

# The Republic of Ireland

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Post Office

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The Republic of Ireland postal administration, An Post, has decided to charge the United Kingdom Post Office for the delivery of letters received from the United Kingdom in accordance with international postal charging arrangements. As a result, the Post Office reluctantly has to regard the Republic of Ireland as an international destination for mail. From 20th October 1986 therefore, postage for letter mail to the Republic of Ireland corresponds with postage for letter mail to other member countries of the European Economic Community (EEC). These rates are as follows:

### Letters, printed papers, small packets, newspapers and periodicals

Weight (Not over)	All-up rates (note a)		Surface mail rates <sup>*</sup>		
	Letters & Postcards	Newspapers & Periodicals (on the Post Office Register) (note b)	Printed papers Full Rate	Printed papers Reduced Rate	Small Packets
gm	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
20	18	19	19	18	—
60	37	28	30	25	—
100	53	39	42	31	42
150	70	48	53	39	53
200	88	54	65	48	65
250	1.06	60	76	57	76
300	1.25	66	88	66	88
350	1.44	75	1.00	77	1.00
400	1.64	84	1.12	86	1.12
450	1.83	93	1.25	94	1.25
500	2.02	1.02	1.37	1.03	1.37
750	2.77	1.48	1.82	1.32	1.82
1000	3.52	1.90	2.28	1.65	2.28 (max)
1250	4.07	1.90	2.28	1.65	
1500	4.62	1.90	2.28	1.65	
1750	5.17	1.90	2.28	1.65	
2000	5.72 (max)	3.06 (max)	3.19 (note c)	2.90 (note c)	
3000			4.79	4.10	
4000			6.38	5.50	
5000			7.98	6.85	

#### Notes:

(a) There is only one class of mail for letters to European destinations. This is called the European 'All-up' service.

(b) Newspapers and Periodicals on the Post Office Register may either be sent through the All-up service or as Surface Mail, at the rates shown under surface mail. When sent through the All-up service the items must be marked 'Newspaper All-up Service'.

(c) Normal weight limit for Printed Papers is 2000g but packets of books or pamphlets may be sent up to 5000g.

## Letters

The simplest and speediest way to send letters, postcards or goods weighing up to 2kg (maximum) to the Republic of Ireland.

### **Printed papers, small packets, newspapers and periodicals**

These services offer cheaper rates than the fully paid All-up letter service. All Printed Papers, Small Packets, Newspapers and Periodicals must be packed so that the contents may be easily examined without the breaking of any seal and then re-packed without the use of any additional material. Examples of acceptable packing are unsealed envelopes, wrappers, rollers or tubes or string if the knot is capable of being easily undone (a double bow knot is recommended). Unacceptable packing includes adhesive tape, glue, staples or string tied in knots which cannot be easily undone. Sealing Permits are available from local Post Office Managers for regular large users of these services.

Letters, taped personal messages or any other message that constitutes personal correspondence may not be included.

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### **Printed papers**

There are two rate structures:

- 1 **Full rate** – For commercial items (advertising material)
- 2 **Reduced rate** – For literary items (books, periodicals)

Postcards, Christmas, Birthday and other greetings cards, change of address and visiting cards can be sent as Surface Printed Papers Full Rate provided they contain not more than five words of conventional greeting in addition to any printed text and a signature. The five words may be added by hand or by mechanical process. Cards in the above list, which do not have the form, consistency and size of a postcard, must be sent in unsealed envelopes when sent as Printed Papers.

A Direct Agents Bag service is available for large quantities of Printed Papers to a single address.

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### **Small packets**

For goods weighing up to 1kg – customs label and sender's name and address are compulsory.

The items must be clearly marked as appropriate in the top left hand corner ie Printed Papers, Printed Papers Reduced Rate, Newspaper All-up service or Small Packet.

## Parcels

Current Parcel prices (effective from 1 September 1986) are as follows:

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Weight not over (kg)	£	Weight not over (kg)	£
1	1.50	6	2.95
2	1.90	7	3.10
3	2.35	8	3.25
4	2.55	9	3.45
5	2.75	10 (max)	3.60 (max)

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**N.B.** An adhesive customs declaration form (PP69) must be affixed to all parcels to the Republic of Ireland.

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## Miscellaneous services

Miscellaneous services to the Republic of Ireland had not been finalised at the time this leaflet went to print. Details will be issued.

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## General

Further copies of the leaflet together with copies of the Overseas Postal Rates Compendium are available from your local Post Office.

**Please make sure that you pay the correct parcel postage from 1 September 1986 and the correct letter/mail postage from 20th October 1986. Thank you.**

**Note** In future all postal charges to the Republic of Ireland will be found in the **Overseas** Postal Services and Rates Compendium.