

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES REGULATIONS 1919. ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾

Regulations providing for Abbreviated and Code Telegraphic Addresses.

WHEREAS it is expedient that provision be made for the use of abbreviated and code telegraphic addresses now therefore the following Regulations are hereby made and proclaimed:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the “*Telegraphic Addresses Regulations 1919*,” and shall come into force upon publication in the *Government Gazette*.⁽²⁾

2. (a) Code or abbreviated names to be used as telegraphic addresses may be registered by companies or private persons at Radio Headquarters, Rabaul, upon payment of the prescribed fee.

(b) Upon registration, all telegrams received bearing such code or abbreviated names will be forwarded to the proper addresses of the companies or private persons so registered.

(c) The fees payable in respect of each code or abbreviated address so registered shall be as follows:—

For telegrams received from—

(1) The Commonwealth of Australia or any State thereof, and from any part of these Possessions, the sum of Two pounds two shillings (£2/2/-) annually.

(2) For telegrams received from places other than the said Commonwealth, the sum of Ten shillings and sixpence (10/6) annually.

(d) All such fees are payable in advance on the first day of December in each year.

3. Where any person or firm desires to register for the first time an abbreviated or code address for any portion of any year ending

(1) These Regulations, which were continued in force by the *Laws Repeal and Adopting Ordinance 1921-1939*, were repealed by Section 6(c) of the *Laws Repeal and Adopting Ordinance (No. 2) 1935*, but Section 6(c) has not yet been notified to commence.

(2) Particulars of these Regulations are as follows:—

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30th November, the charge for each such registration in the case of telegrams received from the Commonwealth and these Possessions shall be Ten shillings per month, or any portion thereof, but in no case shall such charge exceed £2/2/-; and in the case of telegrams received from places beyond the Commonwealth, the charge for each such registration shall be 2/6 per month, or any portion thereof, but in no case shall such charge exceed 10/6.

4. The provisions of paragraph 3 hereof shall not apply in the case of a person or firm who has previously registered but has failed to renew the registration, in which case the abbreviated address shall be registered only on payment of the full fee of £2/2/- or 10/6 as the case may be, in advance, for the balance of the year ending 30th November next following the payment.

5. In cases where one and the same abbreviated address is registered by a person or firm for telegrams received from the Commonwealth and for telegrams received from places other than the Commonwealth, the fee of £2/2/- prescribed in paragraph 2 for the registration of abbreviated addresses for telegrams within the Commonwealth shall cover both registrations.

6. The following conditions shall apply to registration of abbreviated addresses viz. :—

- (a) The address shall consist of two words only, viz., the code indicator and the name of office of destination.
- (b) The word forming the code indicator shall contain not more than ten letters, and must, in the opinion of the authorities, be easy to read and easy to telegraph. Proper names shall only be registered in cases where it is considered locally by the authorities that the registration of such names is not likely to give rise to confusion. No proper names shall be registered if there is another person, firm or company of the same name in the same Town, and in no case shall a proper name be registered for a person, firm or company of a different name.
- (c) The word forming the code indicator shall not consist of a number or the name of a profession, trade, Country, State, Town, Telegraph Station, Radio Station, well-known street or registered newspaper.
- (d) The Administrator will reject words which, either in writing or in telegraph symbols in his opinion so closely resemble other registered words as to be liable to be mistaken for them. Persons applying for the registration

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of abbreviated or code addresses should submit several words, from which a selection may be made.

- (e) The Administrator may, at his absolute discretion, cancel any address. In such a case, a part of the registration fee proportionate to the unexpired period for which payment has been made, shall be returned, or a new address substituted for the one cancelled.
 - (f) In the event of a change in the title of a firm for which an address is recorded, the consent in writing of all the partners of the firm must be produced before the records can be altered.
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