

Jamaica Post Office Notices 2001

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# New postal fees today

**H**IGHER POSTAL rates and a new 24-hour Priority Mail System go into effect today. Postmaster General, Dr. Blossom O'Meally-Nelson says the new premium service is among a range of commercial services being introduced to improve revenues and modernise the postal system.

The new service will operate in the Corporate Area zoned offices and six trunk routes. Under this system documents, parcels and packets will be accepted, with a daily cut-off time of 1:30 p.m., for delivery within 24 hours.

Other aspects of the new service include Priority Registered Mail, Non-Priority Registered Mail, Priority Letters and Non-Priority Letters, Registered Parcels, Un-registered Parcels, Priority Registered Parcels and Non-Priority Registered Parcels.

Meanwhile airmail letters sent to the Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, Guyana, Canada, USA, Central and South America will be increased from \$25 to \$40 for each 15gram or any fraction of it. Letters sent by airmail to the United Kingdom and Europe will attract a new \$45 rate, up from \$30. It will cost \$60 to send letters by airmail to the Far East, Australia, Africa, New Zealand, Asia and Cyprus, an increase of \$20.

The Postal Corporation of Jamaica (PCJ) said the rates hike was inevitable to prevent laying off postal workers.

Priority Registered Mail will have a delivery standard of 24 hours with costs ranging from \$50 for postage weights of between 15g-350g, \$100 for 350g-1kg, and \$150 for weights from 1kg - 2kg. There is a registration fee of \$50.

Non-priority Registered Mail will come with a delivery stan-

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~~\$15.00 for the first 110g, up from \$10.00~~

\$25.00 for over 110g to 230g, up from \$15.00

\$30.00 for over 230g to 350g, up from \$20.00

\$40.00 for over 350g to 450g, up from \$25.00

\$55.00 for over 450g to 1kg, up from \$35.00

\$60.00 for 1kg 2kg, up from \$40.00

dard of 72 hours and will cost \$30 for mail weighing between 15g - 350g; \$80 for 350g-1kg; and \$120 for weights ranging from 1kg - 2 kg. It will cost \$30 for registration.

Priority and Non-Priority Letters will cost the same as Priority Registered and Non-Registered Mail, except for the absence of the \$50 and \$30 registration fee, respectively.

For local registered and unregistered parcels, weights will range from 1kg to 10kg and up. A \$60 registration fee guarantees tracing to the addressee.

Priority registered (24-hour delivery) and non-priority registered (72-hour deliver) parcels will attract a registration fee of \$50. It will cost \$150 per kg for priority registered parcels and

\$120 per kg for non-priority registered parcels.

According to the PCJ, the Priority Mail System is part of the modernisation of the postal services. The appointment of the new Postmaster General and mobilisation of the Postal Corporation of Jamaica in March 2000 is part of this process to provide a reliable, dependable and efficient postal service.

Initiatives already undertaken include bill payment through Paymaster at 23 locations; the setting up of Internet kiosks, Lotto gaming products being offered at 41 locations; and a Cyber Centre being established at Liguanea Post Office, St Andrew, among others.

According to the Postmaster General, the PCJ is moving aggressively to introduce a range of commercial services in post offices to improve revenues and modernise the postal system.