

Canal Zone Domestic Rates

Domestic Surface First-Class Rates

These rates applied to destinations in the Canal Zone and in the United States, US Possessions and Canada.

The drop-letter rate applied initially only to envelopes where the origin and destination were the same CZ town. By 1960, however, this rate also applied to letters between nearby CZ towns.

The rates for postcards and postal cards were always identical except from April 15, 1925 to June 30, 1928 when the postcard rate was 1¢ higher.

<i>LETTER per ounce</i>	<i>POSTCARD & POSTAL CARDS</i>	<i>DROP-LETTER per ounce</i>
2.5¢ -- 06/24/1904	1¢ -- 06/24/1904	
2¢ -- 07/18/1904		1¢ -- by 1908
	2¢ -- 04/15/1925 postcards only	
	1¢ -- 07/01/1928	
3¢ -- 07/06/1932		
	2¢ -- 01/01/1952	2¢ -- 01/01/1952
4¢ -- 08/01/1958	3¢ -- 08/01/1958	3¢ -- 08/01/1958
5¢ -- 01/07/1963	4¢ -- 01/07/1963	4¢ -- 01/07/1963
6¢ -- 01/07/1968	5¢ -- 01/07/1968	5¢ -- 01/07/1968
8¢ -- 05/16/1971	6¢ -- 05/16/1971	ended 01/01/71
10¢ -- 03/02/1974	8¢ -- 03/02/1974	
10¢ -- 09/14/1975	7¢ -- 09/14/1975	
9¢ add'l ounces		
13¢ -- 12/31/1975	9¢ -- 12/31/1975	
11¢ add'l ounces		
15¢ -- 06/05/1978	10¢ -- 06/05/1978	
13¢ add'l ounces		

Starting September 14, 1975, letter rates were "two-tiered". The initial amount in the chart applied to the first ounce only; additional full or partial ounces were charged at the second lower rate.

Domestic Airmail Rates

The following rates applied to airmail to the United States and, until November 1, 1953, to Canada. Starting October 1, 1946 they applied to all US Possessions.

<i>LETTER</i>	<i>POSTCARD</i>
25¢ per ½ oz + 2¢ per oz----- 02/10/1929	25¢ + 1¢ -- 02/10/1929
25¢ per ½ ounce ----- 03/20/1929	same as letter
20¢ per ½ ounce ----- 01/01/1930	same as letter
15¢ per ½ ounce ----- 12/01/1937	same as letter
6¢ per ½ oz, Army only --- -- 01/19/1942	same as letter
6¢ per ½ oz, Military ----- -- 01/26/1942	same as letter
10¢ per ½ ounce, civilians -- 04/01/1945	same as letter
5¢ per ounce, all ----- -- 10/01/1946	same as letter
6¢ per ounce ----- 01/01/1949	4¢ -- 01/01/1949
7¢ per ounce ----- 08/01/1958	5¢ -- 08/01/1958
8¢ per ounce ----- 01/07/1963	6¢ -- 01/07/1963
10¢ per ounce ----- 01/07/1968	8¢ -- 01/07/1968
11¢ per ounce ----- 05/16/1971	9¢ -- 05/16/1971
13¢ per ounce ----- 03/02/1974	11¢ -- 03/02/1974
17¢ per ounce ----- 12/31/1975	14¢ -- 12/31/1975
15¢ per add'l ounce	

Domestic airmail rates were effectively abolished on January 10, 1976 for first-class mail. From that date all mail from the Canal Zone bearing first-class surface postage was given "fastest available transportation", i.e. airmail service to the United States.

The 17¢/15¢ airmail rate continued to be useful to obtain air service on insured envelopes (since insurance was then restricted to only 3rd-class mail) until July 18, 1976.