

4.3 POSTCARDS - INLAND AND FOREIGN RATES, 1946-2025

4.3.1 Rate tables

Table 1: Postcards - Inland and foreign rates - 1946-2025

Key: P = priority, NP = non-priority, introduced on 01.06.2002 for foreign mail, and on 16.03.2004 for inland mail. All prices in *Forint*.

Date	Inland		Abroad					
	Local	Other places	Convention countries [1]		Other countries			
01.08.1946	0.20	0.40	-		0.60 (Austria: 0.50 from 01.01.1947))			
01.01.1949	0.20	0.40 (*0.20)	0.40		0.60 (Austria 0.50 [2], Czechoslovakia 0.40)			
15.11.1968	0.60 (*0.40)	0.60 (*0.40)	0.60		2			
05.01.1976	0.60 (*0.40)	0.60 (*0.40)	0.60		3			
01.02.1981	1	1	1		3			
01.09.1981	1	1	1		5 (Austria 4 from 01.01.1983)			
21.01.1985	2	2	2		5 (Austria 4)			
15.06.1987	2	2	4 [3]		8			
01.02.1989	3	3	3 [3]		10			
08.01.1990	3	5	5 [3]		14			
14.01.1991	5	7	7 [3]		20			
01.02.1992	7	10	10 [3]		30			
01.01.1994	8	12	12 [3]		35			
01.01.1995	9	14	14 [3]		40			
					Europe		Elsewhere	
01.01.1996	13	17	17 [3]		50		60	
01.01.1997	16	20	20 [3]		60		72	
01.01.1998	20	24	24 [3]		65		80	
01.01.1999	24	27	27 [3]		65		80	
01.01.2000	26	28	28 [3]		80		90	
01.01.2001	28	28	28 [3]		90		100	
01.02.2002	30	30	38 [3]		150		160	
01.04.2002	33	38	38 [3]		150		160	
			P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
01.06.2002	30	30	50	30	120	100	120	110
15.11.2002	32	32	60	40	120	100	130	110
01.08.2003	25		90	60	130	100	150	120
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
16.03.2004	90	48	-	-	130	100	150	120

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	Local	Other places	Convention countries [1]		Other countries			
					Europe		Other foreign	
Priority level:	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
01.09.2005	90	50	-	-	140	110	160	130
01.02.2006	90	52	-	-	190	170	220	190
01.01.2007	95	62	-	-	160	140	180	150
01.01.2008	100	70	-	-	170	150	190	170
01.01.2009	100	75	-	-	230	210	260	230
01.04.2010	90		-	-	230	210	260	240
01.01.2011	105	80	-	-	240	220	270	250
02.01.2012	130	105	-	-	260	235	300	270
01.05.2013	110	85	-	-	260	235	300	270
01.01.2014	145	115	-	-	295	260	340	300
01.01.2015	145	115	-	-	325	285	375	330
01.01.2016	145	115	-	-	340	305	395	355
01.01.2017	155	120	-	-	375	335	435	390
16.05.2018	155	120	-	-	415	370	485	435
01.02.2019	160	120	-	-	445	400	540	470
01.06.2020	185	135	-	-	650	520	710	600
01.01.2021	200	145	-	-	715	570	780	660
01.07.2022	225	160	-	-	795	635	870	735
01.03.2023	250	175	-	-	875	700	960	810
01.07.2023	300	210	-	-	955	765	1,050	885
01.07.2024	365	255	-	-	1,160	930	1,270	1,075
01.01.2025	390	270	-	-	1,275	1,020	1,395	1,180

- * Picture postcards with only greetings text at uniform reduced rate of 20 *f* (01.08.1949 to 31.12.1963), and all picture postcards from 01.01.1964 to 14.11.1968. Between 15.11.1968 and 31.01.1981 this reduced rate was 40 *f*.

Note that inland postcards with 5-word greetings only could go at the printed paper rate of 8 *f* in the period from 01.01.1947 to 31.01.1962. Within the period between 23.12.1949 and 19.01.1950 they were not recognised by the Post Office at the above rate, although the *Postatarifak* publication continues to list it as possible.

- [1] The applicability of reduced rate to other countries varied during the period 1949 to 2002. See following list for details. Initially, picture postcards were sent at the uniform reduced rate of 40 *f*. Mail to Czechoslovakia was initially at the inland distance postcard rate.
- [2] A small reduction in the foreign rate applied to Austria from 01.01.1947, and to Bulgaria from 01.01.1950.
- [3] From 15.08.1987, the convention rate applied to the following countries until 31.01.1992: Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Poland, Romania, Soviet Union, Vietnam, Yugoslavia. From 01.02.1992: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia. From 01.01.1994: Austria, Croatia, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia. From 1990, the rate was equal to the inland distance rate. The convention rates

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ceased on 15.03.2004 when Hungary joined the EU. These listed countries then paid the uniform European rate.

Note: From 01.01.1955, oversized postcards attracted an extra charge.

4.3.2 Postcards – Convention country rates until 14.06.1987

Data ex 'Black Book'.

Austria:

From 01.01.1947 to 31.03.1959, 50 *f*
From 01.01.1983 to 14.08.1987, 4 *Ft*
From 15.08.1987, 2 *Ft*

Bulgaria:

From 01.01.1951, 50 *f*
From 15.11.1967, 40 *f*
From 15.11.1968, 60 *f*
From 01.09.1981, 1 *Ft*
From 21.01.1985, 2 *Ft*

Czechoslovakia:

From 01.08.1948, 40 *f*
From 15.11.1968, 60 *f*
From 01.02.1982, 1 *Ft*
From 21.01.1985, 2 *Ft*

German Democratic Republic:

From 01.01.1964, 40 *f*
From 15.11.1968, 60 *f*
From 01.09.1981, 1 *Ft*
From 21.01.1985, 2 *Ft*

Romania:

From 01.11.1977, 60 *f*
From 01.02.1982, 1 *Ft*
From 21.01.1985, 2 *Ft*

Vietnam:

From 01.01.1964, 40 *f*
From 15.11.1968, 60 *f*
From 01.02.1982, 1 *Ft*
From 21.01.1985, 2 *Ft*

Yugoslavia:

From 01.05.1959, 50 *f*
From 01.04.1966, 40 *f*
From 15.11.1968, 60 *f*
From 01.09.1981, 1 *Ft*
From 21.01.1985, 2 *Ft*

Soviet Union:

From 01.01.1964, 40 *f*
From 15.11.1968, 60 *f*
From 01.09.1981, 1 *Ft*
From 21.01.1985, 2 *Ft*