

6.2 SPECIAL SERVICES, FOREIGN RATES

While registration for letter mail going abroad has been available since the early 1800s, the status of other services is less clear, and depended on the willingness of the receiving country to offer reciprocal services, especially for express handling.

Note that until at least 1918, mail to Austria and Germany were treated at inland rates - see section 6.1. Rates for return receipts were usually the same as the registration fee. Foreign rates for tracers were usually the same as inland rates.

Table 1: Special services - Foreign rates – 1850 – 1918

Date introduced	Registration fee	Express fee	Return receipt	PTRT
01.07.1875	10 <i>kr</i>	25 <i>kr</i> [1]	10 <i>kr</i>	Table in PTRT 24, 30.06.1875
01.01.1900	25 <i>f</i>	50 <i>f</i>	25 <i>f</i>	
01.06.1916	Unaffected by other rate rises			PTRT 67, 17.05.1916
01.09.1918	25 <i>f</i>	1.20 <i>K</i>	25 <i>f</i>	

[1] Subject to acceptance of express services between Hungary and corresponding country.

Table 2: Special Services - Foreign rates – First inflation period – 1916 – 1926

Source: 'Black Book'

Date	Registration Fee	Express Delivery	Return receipts	Tracers/ <i>Tudakozvány</i>
01.10.1916	25 <i>f</i>	30 <i>f</i>	25 <i>f</i>	25 <i>f</i>
01.01.1920	1 <i>K</i>	1.20 <i>K</i>	1 <i>K</i>	1 <i>K</i>
01.06.1920	2.50 <i>K</i>	3 <i>K</i>	2.50 <i>K</i>	2.50 <i>K</i>
01.01.1922	6 <i>K</i>	12 <i>K</i>	6 <i>K</i>	12 <i>K</i>
01.08.1922	12 <i>K</i>	24 <i>K</i>	12 <i>K</i>	24 <i>K</i>
05.10.1922	50 <i>K</i>	100 <i>K</i>	50 <i>K</i>	100 <i>K</i>
16.04.1923	100 <i>K</i>	200 <i>K</i>	100 <i>K</i>	100 <i>K</i>
01.07.1923	250 <i>K</i>	500 <i>K</i>	250 <i>K</i>	250 <i>K</i>
13.08.1923	500 <i>K</i>	1,000 <i>K</i>	500 <i>K</i>	500 <i>K</i>
01.10.1923	800 <i>K</i>	1,600 <i>K</i>	800 <i>K</i>	800 <i>K</i>
01.01.1924	1,400 <i>K</i>	2,800 <i>K</i>	1,400 <i>K</i>	1,400 <i>K</i>
21.02.1924	2,500 <i>K</i>	5,000 <i>K</i>	2,500 <i>K</i>	2,500 <i>K</i>
11.04.1924	4,000 <i>K</i>	8,000 <i>K</i>	4,000 <i>K</i>	4,000 <i>K</i>
01.06.1924	5,000 <i>K</i>	10,000 <i>K</i>	5,000 <i>K</i>	5,000 <i>K</i>
01.01.1925	5,000 <i>K</i>	10,000 <i>K</i>	5,000 <i>K</i>	5,000 <i>K</i>
01.10.1925	6,000 <i>K</i>	10,000 <i>K</i>	6,000 <i>K</i>	10,000 <i>K</i>
01.04.1926	48 <i>f</i>	80 <i>f</i>	48 <i>f</i>	80 <i>f</i>
01.01.1927	50 <i>f</i>	80 <i>f</i>	50 <i>f</i>	80 <i>f</i>

Rates for tracers were always (except for 01.10.1925) identical to the registration fee to the same place if the tracer was issued at the dispatch. Tracers issued later cost double the rate.

Table 3: Special Services - Foreign rates – 1926-1946

Source: Principally from Morgan.

Date	Inflation period	Registration Fee	Express Delivery	Return receipts/ <i>Tértivevény</i>	Tracers/ <i>Tudakozvány</i>
01.04.1926	-	48 <i>f</i>	80 <i>f</i>	48 <i>f</i>	80 <i>f</i>
01.01.1927	-	50 <i>f</i>	80 <i>f</i>	50 <i>f</i>	80 <i>f</i>
01.01.1935	-	-	-	50 <i>f</i>	60 <i>f</i>
15.09.1941	-	50 <i>f</i>	1 <i>P</i>	-	-
01.07.1943	-	70 <i>f</i>	1 <i>P</i>	70 <i>f</i>	70 <i>f</i>
01.05.1945	1	-	-	-	-
02.07.1945	2	20 <i>P</i>	-	[1]	[2]
16.09.1945	3	80 <i>P</i>	-	-	-
01.11.1945	4	480 <i>P</i>	-	480 <i>P</i>	-
16.11.1945	5	1 <i>eP</i>	-	1 <i>eP</i>	1 <i>eP</i>
14.01.1946	6	6 <i>eP</i>	-	6 <i>eP</i>	6 <i>eP</i>
01.02.1946	7	30 <i>eP</i>	-	30 <i>eP</i>	30 <i>eP</i>
01.03.1946	8	160 <i>eP</i>	160 <i>eP</i>	160 <i>eP</i>	160 <i>eP</i>
16.03.1946	9	320 <i>eP</i>	320 <i>eP</i>	320 <i>eP</i>	320 <i>eP</i>
26.03.1946	10	480 <i>eP</i>	480 <i>eP</i>	480 <i>eP</i>	480 <i>eP</i>
01.04.1946	11	640 <i>eP</i>	640 <i>eP</i>	640 <i>eP</i>	640 <i>eP</i>
11.04.1946	12	1.28 <i>mP</i>	1.28 <i>mP</i>	1.28 <i>mP</i>	1.28 <i>mP</i>
23.04.1946	13	4 <i>mP</i>	4 <i>mP</i>	4 <i>mP</i>	4 <i>mP</i>
01.05.1946	14	16 <i>mP</i>	15 <i>mP</i>	16 <i>mP</i>	16 <i>mP</i>
10.05.1946	15	80 <i>mP</i>	75 <i>mP</i>	80 <i>mP</i>	80 <i>mP</i>
20.05.1946	16	320 <i>mP</i>	300 <i>mP</i>	320 <i>mP</i>	320 <i>mP</i>
27.05.1946	17	960 <i>mP</i>	900 <i>mP</i>	960 <i>mP</i>	960 <i>mP</i>
01.06.1946	18	3.2 <i>mdP</i>	3 <i>mdP</i>	3.2 <i>mdP</i>	3.2 <i>mdP</i>
11.06.1946	19	32 <i>mdP</i>	30 <i>mdP</i>	32 <i>mdP</i>	32 <i>mdP</i>
17.06.1946	20	160 <i>mdP</i>	150 <i>mdP</i>	160 <i>mdP</i>	160 <i>mdP</i>
24.06.1946	21	3.2 <i>bP</i>	3 <i>bP</i>	3.2 <i>bP</i>	3.2 <i>bP</i>
01.07.1946	22	320 <i>bP</i>	300 <i>bP</i>	320 <i>bP</i>	320 <i>bP</i>
04.07.1946	23	16 <i>ebP</i>	15 <i>ebP</i>	16 <i>ebP</i>	16 <i>ebP</i>
08.07.1946	24	800 <i>ebP</i>	750 <i>ebP</i>	800 <i>ebP</i>	800 <i>ebP</i>
12.07.1946	25	160 <i>eaP</i>	150 <i>eaP</i>	160 <i>eaP</i>	160 <i>eaP</i>
18.07.1946	26	800 <i>eaP</i>	750 <i>eaP</i>	800 <i>eaP</i>	800 <i>eaP</i>
24.07.1946	27	3.2 <i>maP</i>	3 <i>maP</i>	3.2 <i>maP</i>	3.2 <i>maP</i>

[1] Sendings with delivery receipt had the same tariff as the **inland** registration fee during the inflation period.

[2] Tracing charge was the same as the registration fee up to the destination of the sending.

Table 4: Special services - Foreign rates - 1946-2025

Sources: ‘Black Book’ and Magyar Posta public rate documents.

Date	Registration Fee	Express Delivery	Return receipts/ <i>Tértivevény</i>	<i>Tracers/ Tudakozvány</i>
01.08.1946	2 Ft	3 Ft	1 Ft	2 Ft
01.01.1949	2 Ft	2 Ft	1 Ft	2 Ft
01.04.1949	2 Ft	2 Ft	1 Ft	1.60 Ft
01.01.1964	2 Ft	2 Ft	1 Ft	2 Ft
15.11.1968	4 Ft	6 Ft	2 Ft	2 Ft
05.01.1976	5 Ft	8 Ft	2 Ft	2 Ft
01.02.1981	5 Ft	8 Ft	4 Ft	2 Ft
21.01.1985	6 Ft	10 Ft	8 Ft	10 Ft
01.02.1989	8 Ft	12 Ft	10 Ft	? [1]
08.01.1990	10 Ft	18 Ft	10 Ft	?
14.01.1991	15 Ft	20 Ft	10 Ft	?
01.02.1992	20 Ft	26 Ft	13 Ft	?
01.01.1993	27 Ft	30 Ft	15 Ft	-
01.01.1994	32 Ft	35 Ft	15 Ft	-
01.01.1995	38 Ft	40 Ft	16 Ft	-
01.01.1996	100 Ft	80 Ft	50 Ft	-
01.01.1997	120 Ft	150 Ft	60 Ft	-
01.01.1998	200 Ft	175 Ft	100 Ft	-
01.01.1999	260 Ft	200 Ft	110 Ft	-
01.01.2000	280 Ft	220 Ft	120 Ft	-
01.01.2001	350 Ft	230 Ft	130 Ft	-
01.01.2002	370 Ft	240 Ft [2]	135 Ft	-
15.11.2002	370 Ft	-	135 Ft	-
01.08.2003	430 Ft	-	150 Ft	-
16.03.2004	450 Ft	-	170 Ft	-
01.09.2005	510 Ft	-	200 Ft	-
01.02.2006	550 Ft	-	220 Ft	-
01.01.2007	600 Ft	-	250 Ft	-
01.01.2008	650 Ft	-	300 Ft	-
01.01.2009	700 Ft	-	300 Ft	-
01.01.2010	750 Ft	-	330 Ft	-
01.01.2011	750 Ft	-	350 Ft	-
01.01.2012	700 Ft	-	350 Ft	-
01.01.2013	700 Ft	-	350 Ft	-
01.01.2014	?	-	?	-
01.01.2015	810 Ft	-	405 Ft	-
01.01.2016	850 Ft	-	425 Ft	-
01.01.2017	890 Ft	-	440 Ft	-
01.01.2018	880 Ft	-	440 Ft	-
16.05.2018	1,090 Ft	-	495 Ft	-
01.02.2019	1,230 Ft	-	545 Ft	-
01.06.2020	1,415 Ft	-	625 Ft	-

Date	Registration Fee	Express Delivery	Return receipts/ <i>Tértivevény</i>	<i>Tracers/ Tudakozvány</i>
01.01.2021	1,555 Ft	-	690 Ft	-
01.07.2022	1,610 Ft	-	710 Ft	-
01.01.2023	1,780 Ft	-	805 Ft	-
01.09.2023	1,960 Ft	-	885 Ft	-
01.01.2024	2,160 Ft	-	975 Ft	-
01.07.2024	2,375 Ft	-	1,075 Ft	-
01.01.2025	2,600 Ft	-	1,305 Ft	-

[1] No longer listed in Magyar Posta rate documents, but may still exist.

[2] Not listed from 01.06.2002, probably due to the introduction of mail priorities.