

9.4 PARCELS – BUDAPEST LOCAL PARCEL SERVICE – 1932-1942

9.4.1 Introduction

This service was announced in **PTRT 27, 15.07.1932** and was introduced on 1 August 1932. Instead of the usual parcel card, the service used a small slip from a tear-off book, using carbon paper between two copies, with the top copy being sent with the parcel. Charges were paid with stamps applied to the reverse. The maximum weight allowable with this service was 30 kg, and the maximum insurance value was 200 *pengő* with the following rates: up to 100 *P*, 6 *f*, 100 -200 *P*, 10 *f*. Express fee was 30 *f*. Cash-on-delivery (*Nachnahme/Utánvét*) was initially not allowed, but later allowed by **PTRT 35, 08.09.1932**. There was no *tértivevény* (return receipt) service. However, more than one parcel could be sent using a single slip.

PTRT 27, 15.07.1932: Arrangement of local parcel traffic in Budapest.

On an experimental basis, starting from August 1, 1932, a new parcel delivery service will be launched in Budapest in local traffic with the following rates and delivery conditions within the scope of activities of the Hungarian Royal Post.

I. Delivery rates:

Weight rate: up to 5 kg, 24 *fillér*, 5-10 kg 34 *f*, 10—30 kg, 50 *f*, no additional charge for bulkiness.

Insurance fee: up to 100 *P*, 6 *fillér*, 100—200 *P*, 10 *f*.

Local express fee: 30 *fillér*.

No delivery fee.

II. Conditions of carriage:

1. Only those parcels may be accepted for carriage which are suitable for postal carriage in accordance with the provisions of § 23, § 24 and § 25 of the Postal Business Regulations.
2. Maximum weight 30 kg.
3. Parcels must not exceed the dimensions specified in § 49 c) and d) of the Postal Business Regulations, *i.e.* 1.5 metres in any direction, or the combined size of their length and their circumference not measured in the longitudinal direction may not exceed 3 metres.
4. Parcels may not be charged on delivery; a receipt for their delivery may not be issued.
5. A value of up to 200 *P* may be declared.
6. The packaging and sealing must in any case be such that the contents cannot be accessed without a trace. Fragile objects or objects whose value is endangered by pressure, dropping, denting, etc. must be provided with suitable resistant wrapping. Otherwise, the method of wrapping the parcels is left to the sender's discretion.
7. With the exception of those to be treated as express (see point 10), parcels may be posted at any Budapest post office. The post office will have the parcels delivered free of charge from the business premises or warehouses of senders who post a larger number of parcels per day.
8. In general, all Each parcel must be accompanied by a delivery note, sold as a postal valuable item for 1 penny, instead of a postal delivery note, and issued by the sender. The delivery note consists of two identical parts folded together. It is filled out using indigo paper. The indigo copy serves as a delivery note; the sender receives it back after entering the appropriate data of the receiving office and confirming it.
If someone sends several parcels to the same address at the same time without a declaration of value or with a declaration of value of the same amount, it is sufficient to issue one delivery note for this shipment. In such cases, the number of parcels must be indicated separately on the delivery note.
9. Local parcels may only be sent postage-paid. The postage-paid fee is indicated in the form of a postage stamp or a postage-paid machine stamp on the delivery note provided for this purpose. must be paid in part. Those sending parcels in bulk may also send them with an advance payment.
10. The post office delivers all local parcels in the area bounded by the Danube and Hungária Boulevard, as well as those posted in the morning at Budapest post offices 2, 112 and 114, in the afternoon, and the rest in the morning of the next day.

If the sender wishes that his parcel, which is not delivered on the same day in accordance with the above, be delivered on the day of posting, it must be marked as express and sent to the post office, paying the express fee established for these parcels in addition to the regular fee. However, the post office undertakes to fulfill this condition only if the posting takes place at the post offices designated for this purpose by the Budapest Post Office Directorate no later than 6 p.m. and the consignment is intended for the area of the city for which such an express delivery service has been set up.

11. The post office delivers the parcels to the addressee at the place indicated in the address, or with the same legal force, to an adult family member, relative, adult individual belonging to the household, or employee living in the same household as the addressee, or possibly to the janitor, for acknowledgement on the back of the delivery receipt.
12. The post office will only attempt delivery twice at the address specified. If the second delivery attempt is also unsuccessful, the parcel will be returned to the sender. There is no possibility of subsequent delivery. The sender cannot make any arrangements in the event of the parcel being undeliverable.
13. The post office undertakes to hand over the properly sealed, intact and undamaged parcel to the individual specified in point 11. In the event of loss, damage and truncation of contents, the post office shall bear the same liability as that established for other parcels in § 137 of the Postal Business Regulations.
14. Otherwise, the Postal Business Regulations shall apply to these items. The provisions of the Regulations shall apply. The Budapest Royal Postal Directorate shall arrange for the installation of local and collective routes necessary for the operation of local parcel traffic in Budapest, as well as for the implementation of measures related to the installation of the service.

PTRT 35, 08.09.1932: Allowing the COD clause for Budapest local parcels.

Parcels sent in Budapest local traffic may now also be charged COD. Therefore, I repeal the provision in point II. 4 of Decree No. 70.715/4. published in PTRT issue 27 of the current year on the subject of Budapest local parcel traffic and its equipment, that Budapest local parcels may not be charged COD. The maximum amount of COD is: 600 P.

The COD fees established in the postal tariff are due for the COD procedure.

Generally, a delivery receipt issued by the sender and established by the aforementioned decree must be attached to each COD parcel upon posting. The sender is required to indicate the COD amount on the delivery receipt. In addition, the sender is obliged to issue and attach a cash-on-delivery slip for the cash-on-delivery amount, as used for cash-on-delivery letter mail items.

If several cash-on-delivery parcels are sent with the same delivery receipt, only one cash-on-delivery slip shall be issued for the cash-on-delivery amounts charged to all parcels belonging to the common delivery receipt. When receiving local cash-on-delivery parcels in Budapest, post offices should pay special attention to whether the sender has indicated the cash-on-delivery amount on the parcel and on the delivery receipt, and whether the cash-on-delivery amount on the parcel's address label, on the delivery receipt, and on the cash-on-delivery slip match.

Receiving post offices are obliged to provide the local cash-on-delivery parcel and its delivery receipt with a cash-on-delivery slip, and are also obliged to underline the cash-on-delivery amount on the delivery receipt with a coloured pen.

The general rules apply to the handling of local parcels delivered by cash-on-delivery in Budapest.

9.4.2 Rate table

Table 1: Budapest local parcel rates - 1932-1942

Start date	Up to 5 kg	5 – 10 kg	10 – 30 kg	PTRT
01.08.1932	24 <i>f</i>	34 <i>f</i>	50 <i>f</i>	PTRT 27, 25.07.1932
15.09.1941	40 <i>f</i>	50 <i>f</i>	70 <i>f</i>	PTRT 44, 09.09.1941
Suspended 5 October 1942				PTRT 46, 05.10.1942

This local service was a suspended in 1942, and appears not to have been available after WWII.

PTRT 46, 05.10.1942: The following are suspended in postal traffic:

2. The transport of local parcels in Budapest (A. 1. Reg. 43. §. 6. p.). The conditions and rates applicable to ordinary parcels sent from Budapest and destined for Budapest will then apply.