

18. Postal charges - Czechoslovakia, 1.1.1948 - 18.6.1953

Domestic postage - from 1.1.1948 to 31.5.1953

Letter mail from 1.1.1948 to 31.5.1953

Max. weight up to:	20g	250g	500g	1kg			
Letter (local)	2,00 Kč	4,00 Kč	6,00 Kč	9,00 Kč			
Letter (others)	3,00 Kč	6,00 Kč	9,00 Kč	12,00 Kč			
Postcard	1,50 Kč	-	-	-			

Extra postage for letter mail:

Registered (additional)	5,00 Kč						
Express (additional)	8,00 Kč						

Commercial papers (Obchodní papíry) - from 1.1.1948 to 31.3.1952

Max. weight up to:	100g	250g	500g	1000g			
Postage	1,50 Kč	2,50 Kč	4,00 Kč	6,00 Kč			

Printed matters - from 1.1.1948 to 31.3.1952

Max. weight up to:	20g	50g	100g	250g	500g	1000g	2000g
Postage	-	0,80 Kč	1,50 Kč	2,50 Kč	4,00 Kč	6,00 Kč	6,00 Kč

Commercial papers, Specimen of the wares and Printed matters - from 1.4.1952 to 31.5.1953

Max. weight up to:	50g	250g	500g	1000g	2000g		
Commercial papers (Obchodní papíry), Specimen of the wares (Ukázky zboží) a Printed matters (Tiskoviny)	1,00 Kč	2,00 Kč	4,00 Kč	6,00 Kč	9,00 Kč		

Domestic postage - currency reform period (1.6 - 18.6.1953)

There was declare a currency reform in Czechoslovakia valid since 1 June 1953 and to distribute new banknotes printed in the Soviet Union. The reform had been prepared very quickly and was confidential up to the last minute. People were allowed to change up to 1,500 old Crowns for new Crowns at the rate of 5 old to 1 new Crowns and the rest at the rate of 50 to 1.

New domestic postage was set as **one fifth of existing postage** (see period from 19.6.1953)

Because there wasn't postage stamps with new value, it was possible to pay the postal charges by postage stamps with old value in period from 1 to 18 June 1953.

Postage in this case increased ten times as against the old ones (value of used old postage stamps had to be fifty times higher then new charges).

Cash payment at Post offices (manually write charges on letter + postmark) - one fifth of existing charges.

On 19. June 1953 was issued the new postage stamps and 18. June 1953 was last day validity of this provisional measures.

Domestic airmail (inside Czechoslovakia) - without extra postage

Postage abroad - from 1.1.1948 to 31.5.1953 and currency reform period (1.6 - 18.6.1953):

Postage abroad - from 1.1.1948 to 31.5.1953

Max. weight up to:	20g	40g					
Letter *)	5,00 Kč	8,00 Kč	for each next started 20g -				
Postcard *)	3,00 Kč		3,00Kč				

Note: with the exception of Austria (see lower)

Extra postage for letter mail:

Registered (additional)	8,00 Kč						
Express (additional)	8,00 Kč						

*) Austria:							
Max. weight up to:	20g	40g					
Letter	3,80 Kč	6,80 Kč	for each next started 20g 2,30Kč				
Postcard	2,30 Kč						

Postal charges abroad - currency reform period (1.6 - 18.6.1953)

New postage abroad was set as **one seventh of existing postage** (rounded on 0,05Kč.)

This informations didn't arrive on many post offices and for that reason **was used one fifth of existing rates as new postage for letters abroad at first (and fifty times higher when old value postage stamps was used).**

Cash payment at Post offices (manually write charges on letter + postmark) - one seventh (one fifth) of existing postage.

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[Air mail extra postage is in separate chapter](#)