

International Private Circuits

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Both the Post Office and the foreign administration collect rental for the part of an international circuit which each of them provides.

The Post Office rental is determined by the type of circuit, the use to which it is put and the geographical zone in which the distant point is situated. There are seven zones generally based on distance from the UK.

Special rates apply to countries served by HF radio routes. The foreign rentals vary widely from country to country. A quotation of the Post Office rental and an approximate indication of foreign rentals can be obtained by contacting the telephone number below.

Types of circuits available

Suitable circuits can usually be provided to meet customers' specific needs.

The following gives some examples of the facilities which can be provided over the various types of circuit.

Wideband circuits

These have bandwidths of 240kHz or 48kHz and may be used for data and facsimile transmission or for deriving speech channels.

Special data circuits

Circuits for data transmission at specified nominal bit rates are available to some countries at 50kbits per second, and, to Canada only, at speeds between 50 and 1200 bits per second.

Voice grade circuits

These may be used for data transmission or for mixed transmission (e.g. simultaneous or alternate speech and data, telegraphy, or facsimile transmission) or for telegraphy over derived telegraph band circuits. Special conditioning can be provided to facilitate data transmission up to 9600 bit/s. A concessionary tariff is applied to circuits to places in Europe, which are used for speech only or facsimile only.

Telegraph circuits

These are available to most countries for 200, 100, 75 and 50 baud operation. In addition half and quarter character rate circuits can be provided to some places outside Europe.

Terminal equipment

The Post Office can provide teleprinters for 75 and 50 baud circuits, and also operates an International Leased Telegraph Message Switching Service (ILTMS). Alternatively telegraph circuits may be terminated on some non Post Office teleprinters or switching systems. The permission of the Post Office is required for the attachment of privately provided apparatus to Post Office apparatus, and for the running of private switching systems.

Minimum period of service

The minimum period of service for wideband and 50kbit/s circuits is one year; all other types of circuits are subject to a minimum period of one month.

For further information about this service, details of any changes since this leaflet went to print, and for current charges, or to arrange a meeting with an ETE representative, please contact:

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Customer Services
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Fore Street
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01-432 1693

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Please Note

We do our best to provide subscribers with the service they require but modifications may from time to time be made to the service described in this leaflet.

Information on a wide range of Post Office Telecommunications services and apparatus is contained in the Green Pages section of most Telephone Directories.
