

Fiji

Current postal regulatory landscape

National legislation

- Name of the act/law/rule: Posts and Telecommunications Act 1989
- Year of enactment: 30 November 1989
- Year of last amendment: 1 August 2020 – Stamp Duty Act (Repeal Act) 2020
- Website link to the text of the act/law/rule: www.laws.gov.fj/Acts/DisplayAct/2999#
- All the postal legislation in place (Conventions/Rules/Regulations, etc.)
 - a Post Office Regulations 1936
 - b Money Order and Postal Order Regulations 1936
 - c Post and Telecommunications (call-back schemes) Regulations 2002

Coordinating body for postal policies

- Name of the coordinating body/ministry/committee/agency: Ministry of Public Enterprise
- Level (Ministry or other): ministry
- Website: www.laws.gov.fj/Acts/DisplayAct/2999#
- Key Functions: The Ministry oversees and implements programmes and monitors the performance and operations of public enterprises in order to increase their efficiency and effectiveness.

Regulatory authority

- Name of the coordinating regulator: Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission
- Covered Areas: The Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission has the authority to set maximum prices for the services provided by Post Fiji. The Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS) plays a major role in ensuring VAT enforcement and tax collection.

Licensing body

Agency/authority responsible for issuing postal service operation licences to postal service operators: No

Universal service obligations

- Products and services covered by universal service obligation: Yes
- Postal service is classified as a core business of Post Fiji Pte Limited and is under a UPU obligation for all postal services whose scope is determined by the bodies of the Union (UPU). The main obligations of postal services are to satisfy certain social and economic objectives of member countries by ensuring the collection, sorting, transmission and delivery of postal items.
- Prescribed number of post offices: No
- Prescribed number of letter boxes: No
- Exceptions to Universal service obligations: No
- Name of the universal service provider providing USO: Post Fiji Pte Limited
- Status of the universal service provider providing USO: SOE

Financing of universal service obligations

Is there a well-defined procedure for financing the universal service provider: Yes

Post Fiji Pte Limited is sometimes provided with funding by the Fijian government upon request. Requests for funding are deliberated, analyzed and considered according to the budget. The proposals go for consideration by the different ministries concerned and, if approved, Post Fiji and the Ministry of Finance enter into an agreement for the facilitation and execution thereof. All evidence and remittance records are forwarded to the Ministry of Finance.

Quality requirements

Frequency of collection/delivery of postal services

No

Grievance redressal

Name of the body/organization designated for grievance redressal

No

Reserved areas/Exclusive privilege

Letters weighing up to 2 kg shall only be delivered by Post Fiji in accordance with UPU regulations.

Price regulations

- Body regulating postal service prices: Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission
- Scope of such price regulations: For the purpose of section 39 of the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission Act 2010, the supply of postal services in all quantities, qualities, grades and classes within Fiji is controlled. Additional services, however, such as money orders and bill payments, are not controlled.

Taxation

- Are postal products and services liable for taxation: Yes
- Postal products and services exempt from taxation: With the exception of items that fall under exempted and zero-rated VAT, 15% VAT rate is charged on goods and services.

Cross-border regulations

- Are there clear regulations regarding the import and export of items through the postal channel: Yes
- The authorities that are stakeholders in cross-border postal exchanges:
 - Biosecurity Authority Fiji;
 - Airports Fiji Limited;
 - Fiji Revenue and Customs Service;
 - Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission.
- Threshold value regarding import duties: 1,000 FJDs
- Threshold value regarding VAT: Effective since 1 August 2023. A VAT rate of 15% is charged on goods and services.
- Is there any national legislation mandating Electronic Advance Data for cross-border transfer of items: Electronic Transactions Act 2008