

Two options for sending letters around New Zealand

POST

Our delivery targets are:

- Delivery across town by the next working day. (Across town is within city or town limits. For details of your access town area, simply ask at your nearest Post Shop.)
- Delivery out of town in 2-3 days.
- Delivery to or from a few remote areas may be longer.

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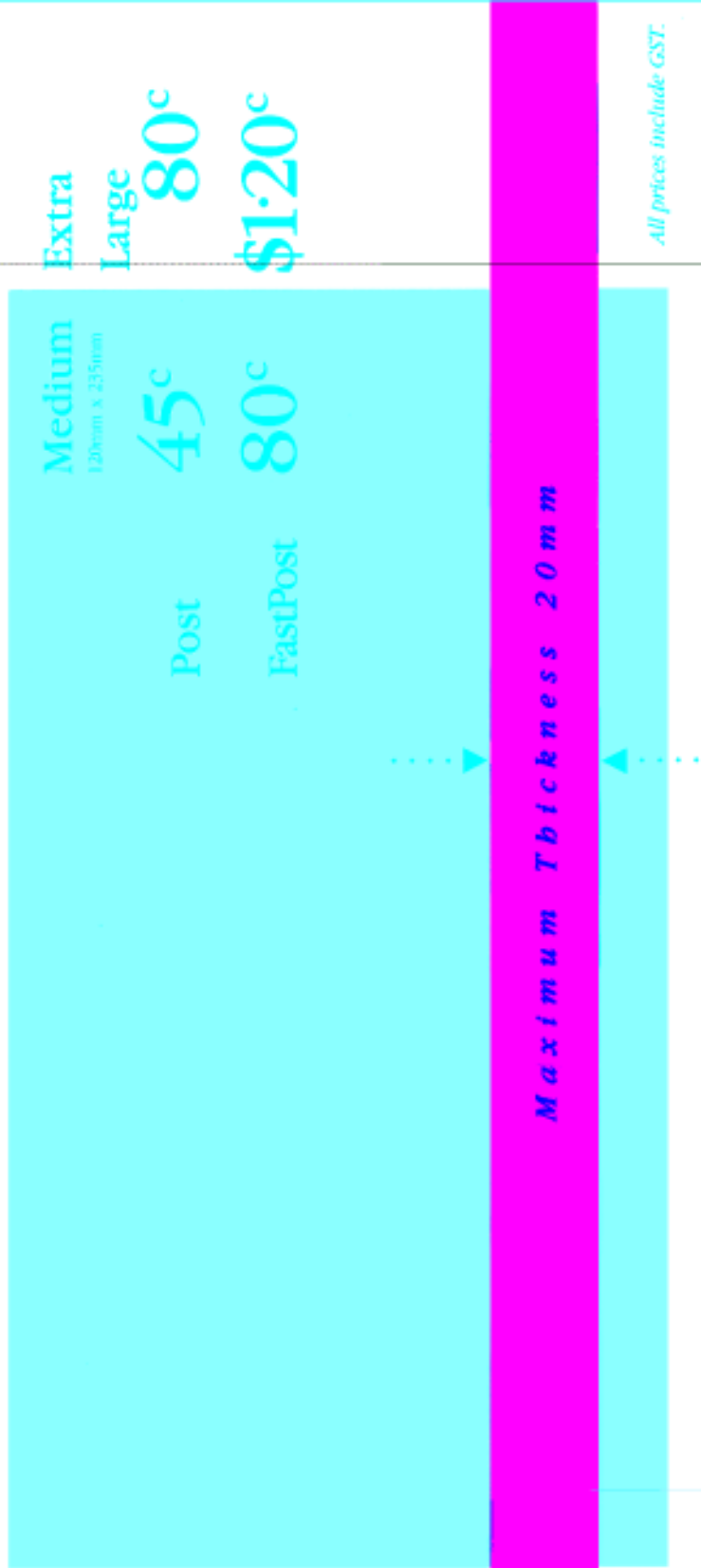
- Our target is delivery between major towns and cities by the next working day.
- Simply place a FastPost sticker on the top left-hand corner of your envelope along with the appropriate postage to ensure your mail receives FastPost delivery.
- Mail sent FastPost to or from a few remote areas may take longer.

Unbeatable Value

There are just two postage rates for sending letters by both Post and FastPost:

	Post	FastPost
Medium	45¢	80¢
Extra Large	50¢	\$1.20

Use the envelope size chart below to see what size your envelope is and what postage rate you should pay. If your envelope fits within the blue panel, it's a Medium envelope. If it's larger than the blue panel, it's an Extra Large envelope.



All prices include GST.

Letter Rates

Approach: One to one interview

Level: Year 8 & Year 4

Resources: Domestic letter rate chart (shown)

Four letters addressed within New Zealand:

1: Susan Cross: E24 envelope (165x241mm)

2: Kala Tom: E12 envelope (114x162mm)

3: Paul Thompson: E31 envelope (229x324mm)

4: Sam Reed: E20 envelope (114x225mm)

Questions presented orally.

1. How much will it cost to send this letter to Susan Cross by fastpost?
2. How much will it cost to send this letter to Kala Tom by ordinary post ?
3. How much will it cost to send this letter to Paul Thompson by ordinary post?
4. How much will it cost to send this letter to Sam Reed by fastpost?

STUDENT RESPONSES

% answering correctly

	Year 8	Year 4
\$1.20	25	24
45¢	95	77
80¢	89	67
80¢	90	73

Commentary

By the time the year 4 assessments took place, the postal rate for “medium” sized ordinary letters had been reduced to 40¢. Students were marked correct for Question 2 if they said the cost would be 40¢.

The very poor results at both levels for Question 1 suggests that the letter rate chart was difficult to

use for E24 envelopes. Perhaps the problem arose from the words used on the chart for envelope size: “medium” and “extra large.” Since the envelope in Question 3 was much larger than the envelope in Question 1, the students may have been unwilling to call both “extra large.” Perhaps New Zealand Post should redesign its domestic letter rate chart!