

Vatican City Postal Rates

Letters and Postcards 1929 – 2004



Col. A = Vatican Internal Mail
Col. B = Destinations in Italy
Col. C = All Other Countries

Rates from 8/1/1929 until 12/31/2001 are expressed in lire and centesimi (100 centesimi = 1 lira)

Rates after 1/1/2002 are expressed in euros and cents (100 cents = 1 euro)

Empty cells = rate information is unknown

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Effective Date	Ordinance Number	1. Letter Rate (first 20g.)			2. Letter Rate (additional 20g.)			3. Postcard Rate (standard)			4. Postcard Rate (5 words or fewer)			5. Postcard Rate (signature only)		
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
8/1/1929	VII	0,25	0,80	1,25 ¹	0,15	0,50	0,75	0,15	0,50	0,75 ²	0,15	0,25 ³	0,25	0,10	0,20	0,25
8/1/1930	XVII	0,25	0,80	1,25 ¹	0,15	0,50	0,75	0,15	0,50	0,75 ²	0,15	0,25	0,25	0,10	0,20	0,25
8/29/1933	XLII	0,25	0,80	1,25 ¹	0,15	0,50	0,75	0,15	0,50	0,75 ²	0,15	0,25	0,25	0,10	0,20	0,25
12/1/1944	XXVIII	0,25	1,50		0,15	1		0,15	1		0,15	0,50		0,10	0,30	
4/20/1945	XXX	0,50	1,50	5	0,25	1	3	0,40	1	3	0,30	0,50	3	0,20	0,30	3
7/1/1945	XXXI	0,50	2,50	5	0,25	1,75	3	0,40	1,50	3	0,30	1	3	0,20	0,50	3
5/1/1946	XXXVI	0,50	5	15	0,25	4	10	0,40	4	10	0,30	2	3	0,20	1	3
10/15/1947	XLIV	2	12	30		10	20	1	10	20	1	5	6	1	3	6
12/1/1948	XLVII	2	16	40		16 ⁴	25	1	13	25	1	6	8	1	3	8
1/1/1950	LV	5	16	55		16 ⁴	35	3	13	35	3	6	8	3	3	10
3/1/1950	LVII	5	25	55		25 ⁴	35	3	20	35	3	6	10	3	5	10
2/1/1952	LXX	5	25	60		25 ⁴	35	3	20	35	3	10	12	3	10	10
1/26/1953	LXXV	5	25	60		25 ⁴	35	3	20	35	3	10	12	3	10	10
12/1/1955	XCVIII	5	25	60		25 ⁴	35	3	20	35	3	10	12	3	10	10
10/1/1957	CXI	5	25	60		25 ⁴	35	3	20	35	3	15	15	3		
9/1/1959	V	5	25	60		25 ⁴	35	3	25	35	3	15	15	3		
7/1/1960	XIX	5	30	70		20	40	3	25	40	3	15	15	3		
8/1/1965	XVIII	5	40	90		40	55	3	30	55	3	20	20	3		
1/1/1966	XXI	5	40	90		40	55	3	30	55	3	20	20	3		
3/3/1966	XXII	20	40	90		40	55	3	30	55	3	20	20	3		
8/16/1967	XXXVII	20 ⁵	50	90		100	55	3	40	55	3	25	20	3		
3/31/1974	XCIX	40	50	90 ⁶	80	100	150	30	40	55	30	25	40	3		
3/25/1975	CIX	70	100	150 ⁷	120	180	280	45	70	100 ⁸			50			
1/1/1976	CXXI	100	150	180 ⁹	180	270	320	60	100	120 ¹⁰			50			
10/1/1976	CXXVIII	100	150	200	180	270	350	60	100	130			70			
11/1/1976	CXXIX	110	170	200 ¹¹	210	320	350	80	120	130 ¹²			70			
7/1/1978	CXLIX	110	170	220	210	320	400	80	120	150			80			
1/1/1981	XXV	150	200	300 ¹³	300	400	550	100	150	200 ¹⁴			100			
8/1/1981	XXXIII	150	200	400	300	400	700	100	150	250			150			
10/1/1981	XXXVI	200	300	400 ¹⁵	380	550	700	150	200	250 ¹⁶			150			
2/10/1982	XL	200	300	450	380	550	800	150	200	300			200			
10/1/1982	XLVIII	250	350	450 ¹⁷	400	600	800	200	250	300 ¹⁸			200			
1/1/1983	LI	250	350	500	400	600	900	200	250	350			250			
2/1/1983	LIV	300	400	500 ¹⁹	700	900	350	250	300	350			250			
1/1/1984	LXVII	300	400	550	700	900	1000	250	300	400			300			
6/1/1984	LXXIII	350	450	550 ²⁰	600	900	500	300	400	400			300			
1/1/1985	LXXX	350	450	600	600	900	1100	300	400	400			350			
11/13/1985	XCIII	400	550	600 ²¹	750	1100	1100	300	450	400			350			
1/1/1986	XCIV	400	550	650	750	1100	1200	300	450	450			400			
11/16/1986	CIII	400	600	650 ²²	800	1200	1200	350	500	450			400			

ENDNOTES

¹ L.1 to Austria, Hungary, and Yugoslavia [Portorose Treaty Rate].

² L.0,60 to Austria, Hungary, and Yugoslavia [Portorose Treaty Rate].

³ Rate went into effect 12 September 1929.

⁴ Rate is for each additional 15g.

⁵ For airmail to destinations within Italy, a surtax of L.10 for every 5g was applied.

⁶ L.50 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, and Luxembourg.

⁷ L.100 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

⁸ L.70 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

⁹ L.150 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

¹⁰ L.100 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

¹¹ L.170 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

¹² L.120 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

¹³ L.200 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

¹⁴ L.150 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

¹⁵ L.300 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

¹⁶ L.200 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

¹⁷ L.350 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

¹⁸ L.250 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

¹⁹ L.400 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

²⁰ L.450 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

²¹ L.550 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

²² L.600 to Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.

²³ Rate went into effect 15 July 1995.

²⁴ This rate is for "Priority Mail," which is analogous to U.S. first class mail and is the rate that letters are typically mailed under. There is also a class of mail called "Ordinary Mail," but details about it are not clear.