Please retain for your reference

Terms and Conditions for the Royal Mail
PO Box® Service

IMPORTANT

These terms and conditions shall apply to the PO Box® service as described in these Terms and Conditions document. Please read them carefully. For more information on our PO Box® service, please visit www.royalmail.com/pobox
Our agreement with you is made up of the ‘applying for a PO Box® application form’ and these PO Box® conditions of service and fees.

Definitions
The words defined in the form, and those set out below, apply to these terms:

data protection legislation means the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and any national laws, regulation(s) or secondary legislation that implement it;

form means the relevant form for requesting PO Box® service in paper or electronic form available from www.royalmail.com/pobox or in paper form from Post Office branches or on request from our Customer Services team;

personal data means any personal data you provide to us, or make available to us, in connection with the provision of services under this agreement;

rental period means one of the following 3 options:-
- a rolling 1 month term(for new customers, they must pay 3 months in advance at the initial setup),
- fixed term of 6 months;
- fixed term of 12 months;

service: means the PO Box® service, to be provided by us to you, selected by you on the form;

you or your: means you the customer; and

we, our or us: means Royal Mail Group Limited, a company registered in England and Wales (Co. No: 04138203) whose registered office is at 185 Farringdon Road, London, EC1A 1AA. The Royal Mail Group Limited VAT registration number is GB243170002.

Renting a box
To be eligible to rent a PO Box®, you must work or permanently live at a UK address as detailed on the form and be eighteen or over. PO Boxes® are not available for customers with a temporary or c/o address. Only applications in a single name can be accepted; however other occupants resident at your address can have their mail delivered to your PO Box. You can only rent a PO Box® at the sorting office that delivers mail to your address, as stated on the form.

In order to make use of the PO Box® service you must complete and submit the form, provide payment for the service (please see below for more details) and provide us with two different original proof of address documents that are less than 3 months old.

For any other occupant at your address (aged over 18) who wishes to have their mail delivered to your PO Box, they also need to provide two different original proof of address documents, which are not less than 3 months old. We will also require them to submit a consent form. Please see the form for a full list of the proof of address documents we currently accept.

We will return original proof of address documents back to you. You will be able to select a start date for your PO Box® service on the form, which must be at least 10 working days from the date you submit your form to us. Your PO Box® service and start date will be confirmed in the confirmation letter you receive from us.

The number of PO Boxes® available per application is subject to availability. We are not obliged to accept your application. We can refuse an application where we have a good reason for doing so.

If we choose not to accept your application, or if we are unable to implement the service, we will tell you in writing within a reasonable time of our receipt of your application and refund any charges we have received.

You must tell us immediately if any of the information you gave us in the form or when making an application over the phone changes. You agree not to use your PO Box® for any illegal or fraudulent purposes.

Payment
For new customers, where you select a 1 month rental period you must pay for the first three months in advance. A completed paper direct debit mandate must be submitted with your form for subsequent monthly payments.

The charges for all rental periods must be paid in advance in the following manner:
- if you have completed an online form, by credit card or debit card;
- if you have completed a paper form, by cheque, postal order or direct debit; or
- if you have applied over the phone with our Customer Services Team, by credit or debit card.

If you pay by direct debit you must submit a completed paper direct debit mandate for the full rental period charge.

Your PO Box® address
We issue the next number in sequence for the sorting office.

We reserve the right to change PO Box® numbers & postcodes from time to time, on giving at least 1 month’s notice.

If you want your PO Box® address to be abbreviated, you must ensure that you provide all required information including your full name and address (or the name and address of your business as applicable).

Collection
You must collect your mail regularly and at least once a month. If you do not, we may dispose of uncollected mail, for example, by returning it to the sender or destroying it. We will attempt to contact you before disposing of any uncollected mail.

It is your responsibility to check your mail box regularly for Royal Mail Signed For, Royal Mail Tracked or Special Delivery Guaranteed items.

Royal Mail Signed For, Royal Mail Tracked and Special Delivery Guaranteed items that have not been collected within 18 days will be returned to the sender (in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Royal Mail Signed For, Special Delivery Guaranteed and Royal Mail Tracked items (as relevant)). A notification card will be placed into your PO Box® if we return the items to the sender to inform you of this.

Where you have chosen the PO Box® Collect service or the PO Box® Transfer of Street Address Mail service, we will give you an authority card as your proof of identity, which you must bring with you to collect your mail from your local sorting office (as notified to you in your confirmation letter). Please check the opening times at your local sorting office before attempting collection of mail.
You may collect your mail during the hours your local sorting office is open to members of the general public.

Transfer of non PO Box® addressed mail
Mail that is directly addressed to your street address (not your PO Box®) can be delivered to your PO Box® so that you can keep all your mail together, and collect it at your convenience.

Only mail in the box holder’s name will be transferred to the PO Box® unless another occupant of your address has also requested that their mail is delivered to your PO Box. However, all other mail will be delivered as addressed, unless it is being redirected using the Royal Mail Redirection Service or Diversion Service. For businesses, all mail addressed to your normal street address will be held.

When your address changes
Your PO Box® is linked to your street address. Therefore if your street address changes, your PO Box® details may also need to change. If you plan to move permanently out of the sorting office area where the box is held, you will need to cancel your PO Box® and re-apply for a new PO Box® using your new address. For any change of street address you must give us no less than one month’s notice of the change.

Continuing service
We will write to you shortly before the rental period of your PO Box® is due to expire to ask if you wish to continue using the service. If we do not receive payment before expiry, this agreement is deemed to have ended and you will no longer be provided with the service.

When the service ends
After the rental period has expired or the service has been withdrawn or canceled, all incoming mail addressed to a PO Box® and any uncollected mail will be returned to the sender or otherwise disposed of.

Use of information
All processing of personal data under this agreement will be carried out in accordance with our privacy policy at www.royalmail.com/privacy-policy

For the purposes of the data protection legislation, we will act as the data controller in connection with any personal data.

By renting a PO Box® you consent to us providing your address (and title) as a PO Box® holder to any enquirers where we are required to do so by law and to information being added to our national address database – the Postcode Address File (PAF). Information on the PAF is used to produce a number of Address Management products that are available to the public. If you provide to us the personal data of a third party, you agree that you have that third party’s permission to provide their data to us, and that you have made them aware that their data will be processed in accordance with our privacy policy. You agree to indemnify us for any loss or damage that we incur as a result of any failure to do so.

Our Liability
Our obligations to you under this agreement (and otherwise arising in relation to it) are limited to providing the service in accordance with this agreement.

If we do not provide the service as required by this agreement because of our negligence, our breach of this agreement or for any other reason for which we are responsible in law (such as our duty to provide the service with reasonable care and skill) we will, if requested by you, provide an extension to the service free of charge for a period equivalent to that period for which we did not provide the service, or credit you the charges you have paid for the service on a pro rata daily basis for each working day we did not provide the service. This will be our only liability to you (subject to the final three paragraphs of this section).

Subject to the following paragraph, our total liability to you under this agreement will not exceed the charges you have paid for the service.

We do not exclude or limit in any way our liability that cannot by law be excluded or limited, such as liability for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

Nothing in this agreement affects your rights under a scheme or contract for the delivery of a postal item. The conveyance of a postal packet, letter or any other items subject to the service is governed either by a scheme made under the Post Office Act 1969, Postal Services Act 2000, or a contract with us, and compensation for loss of and damage to such an item (and delay in delivering an item if we are liable for delay) is as provided by that scheme or contract and not this agreement. You can find out more about the schemes at royalmail.com/termsandconditions

Cancelling the PO Box® service
You have a period of 14 calendar days, starting from the date of the confirmation letter, to notify us that you would like to cancel this agreement for the PO Box® service (the “Cancellation Period”).

You must notify us of your wish to cancel by contacting our Customer Services team using the contact details set out below. You may also use the cancellation form set out at Appendix 1.

When you are cancelling this agreement, please provide us with your name, address, PO Box® address, Royal Mail account number and telephone number.

If you send your cancellation request:

• within the Cancellation Period and the PO Box® service has not started, we will refund the charges paid for the service in full;
• within the Cancellation Period and, at your request, the PO Box® service has started, we will refund the charges paid for the service less £25 to cover our set-up and service delivery costs; or
• after the Cancellation Period, you must give at least 14 day’s written notice and we will not provide a refund.

Refunds will be paid within 14 days following receipt of your cancellation request.

If you wish to cancel your PO Box at the end of the fixed term, we require 14 days written notice. Failing which the term will automatically renew and you will be liable for payment of another fixed term.
Appendix 1 – CANCELLATION FORM

Please complete, detach and return this form ONLY IF YOU WISH TO CANCEL your contract for the PO Box® service.

To: PO Box® Applications Team, PO Box 740, BARNSLY, S73 0ZJ

I hereby give notice that I cancel my contract for PO Box® services.

Reference number: ____________________________________________

Name of Consumer: ____________________________________________

Address of Consumer: __________________________________________

PO Box® Address: _____________________________________________

Royal Mail Account Number: ____________________________________

Customer Telephone Number: ____________________________________

Signature of Consumer: ________________________________________

Date: ________________________________________________________