

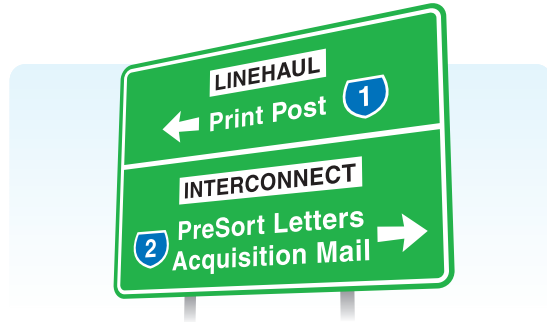
# Linehaul & Interconnect

The Linehaul and Interconnect options are transport services that are available to bulk mail service customers. They allow customers to transport lodgements to interstate facilities and get cheaper Same State postage rates.

Linehaul and Interconnect are terms used to describe the transportation of mail either by Australia Post or other private providers so that customers can take advantage of Same State rates (for delivery to metropolitan or country addresses within the state of lodgement), which are usually the most economical.

**Linehaul** is used by customers lodging large volumes of **Print Post** articles. Print Post is an economical choice for the delivery of magazines, newsletters and periodicals within Australia.

The **Interconnect** option is used by customers lodging large volumes of **PreSort Letters** and **Acquisition Mail** articles. The PreSort Letters and Acquisition Mail services offer reduced prices to those customers who can apply barcodes to their articles, sort them into a particular order, place them into appropriately labelled trays, complete documentation prior to posting at a designated postal outlet and comply with relevant mailing conditions.



A cost benefit analysis of the transportation price and the Same State rates usually needs to be performed to determine the cost savings of using these services. For example, if you are in Qld and have mail for delivery to NSW, is it more economical to lodge the NSW mail in Qld and pay Other State postage rates, or transport the NSW mail to NSW and pay Same State postage rates? Not a simple question to answer, so detailed analysis needs to be done by the customer to determine the most cost effective approach.

## Linehaul and Print Post

Linehaul is a freight transport service available for use with Print Post. It allows you to pay Australia Post (or a private freight service) to transport lodgements to an interstate 'gateway' processing facility to access the cheaper Same State or Local Sort Division rates.

A Linehaul fee is charged by Australia Post. This fee is determined by the pickup and delivery point. For further information on pricing for Linehaul charges, contact your Australia Post account manager.

When Australia Post is used to Linehaul articles, the articles are contained in Unit Load Devices (ULDs). To facilitate the charging of the ULD transport a *ULD Supporting Document (Manifest) / Linehaul Mailing Statement* is required. This records the number of ULDs for each destination mail centre.

Additionally, for any Print Post lodgement a *Print Post Mailing Statement* (8835283) is required. For lodgements that exceed 5,000 articles a *Print Post Supporting Document (Manifest)* is also required.

The delivery standard for Print Post articles that have been Linehauled commences when the ULD arrives at the designated facility for processing.

## Preparing a Print Post ULD for Linehaul

If there is spare capacity in the ULD, you may top-up with Print Post articles for different Sort Divisions subject to the following conditions:

- The maximum weight load for the ULD (including the ULD) is not to exceed 600kg.
- A minimum of 100 identical Print Post articles for each processing facility is required.
- Articles topping-up spare capacity in the ULD must be loaded on top of the Local Sort Division articles for processing at the destination mail centre.
- Articles contained within a ULD must all terminate in the same state.
- CBD Sort Divisions and Residue Print Post articles must terminate at a designated gateway processing facility for that State. A list of Gateway Processing facilities can be located in the Print Post service guide.
- ULDs containing a mix of Country and Metro articles must terminate at a metropolitan letter processing facility.
- ULDs containing mixed Country destinations may terminate at a Metro or Country letter processing facility.

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## Interconnect and PreSort Letters/Acquisition Mail

Interconnect is an option that is available to PreSort Letters and Acquisition Mail service customers. You have the option to arrange your own interstate transport of a lodgement to interconnect with Australia Post's letters service network at designated facilities in the state of destination and benefit from cheaper Same State PreSort Letters/Acquisition Mail rates. A list of designated Interconnect facilities can be located in the PreSort Letters service guide and the Acquisition Mail service guide.

Complete an application form – *PreSort Letter Service Application* (8835117) – nominating the facility(s) where the articles are to be presented for lodgement and forward the application to the Australia Post contact in the state in which your business is located.

At the time of lodgement, the following documentation may also be required:

- *PreSort Letters Lodgement Document* (8835114), or a *Meter Lodgement Document* (8838236) if a postage meter was used for payment
- *Acquisition Mail Lodgement Document* (supplied by Australia Post after campaign registration)
- *Supporting Document (Manifest)*, if the lodgement exceeds 2,000 articles

## The difference between Linehaul and Interconnect

### Linehaul

- is available as a service to Print Post customers
- customers can use Australia Post transport or a private freight service for lodgement
- attracts an Australia Post Linehaul charge
- must be lodged at letter processing facilities or Gateway processing facilities depending on the level of sort achieved (Local Sort, CBD, Residue, Country, Metro).

### Interconnect

- is available as a service to PreSort Letters and Acquisition Mail customers
- customers organise their own private transport for lodgement
- must be lodged at specific designated Interconnection facilities.



## More information

More detailed information for **Linehaul** is available in the *Print Post service guide*, from the account manager and at the Australia Post website.

More detailed information for **Interconnect** is available in the *PreSort Letters service guide*, the *Acquisition Mail service guide* and at the Australia Post website.