

How do I find out the postal rate for countries I would like to send query letters or manuscripts to?

Q: I have gone to our local post office and asked for IRC coupons [An IRC is an International Reply Coupon. It is used when you send mail to a country other than your own and you want to pay for return postage] to include with my manuscript, one for Canada and one for England. The clerk had no idea how much I should enclose for return postage. How do I find out the rate for certain countries I would like to send either query letters or manuscripts to? If the post office can't help with the calculation for correct return postage who can?

Sorry to hear that your post office was not helpful. I would have thought they would answer that question. In any case, the US Postal Service's web site <http://ircalc.usps.gov/> has a postal rate calculator for domestic and international rates. I hope that works for you. 9:10/01