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How to Calculate Shipping Costs.



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It doesn't matter if it's an eye-wateringly large power bill or a flat tire first thing in the morning, no-one likes nasty, unexpected surprises. The same is true for shipping costs, often the last thing added on to any online purchase. An inflated shipping charge can often turn a great deal into an expensive headache.

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With more than three decades of combined industry experience, OLG has an extensive freight network with partners in every link of the supply chain. We utilize delivery partners with a track record of professionalism, cost effectiveness and reliability and are constantly reviewing these arrangements to get the best service for our customers.

In this article, we'll list some of the variables that affect the cost of delivering your office furniture as well as give some pricing predictions for 2023. We'll also explain OLG's standard delivery pricing model to help you plan and save money on your next order. By the end of this article, you'll be able to calculate the shipping costs on any given order and use that information to save money on delivery!

Reasons Why Shipping Costs Are So High

Right now, it would be pretty easy to blame any kind of price rises on inflation, and you'd technically be correct if you did so, but when it comes to shipping, the answer is a lot more complex than that.

● Global Energy Crisis

While there's no one single cause for rapidly rising fuel and energy costs across the world, there definitely have been some significant contributors. The first one being the post-pandemic economy bouncing back faster than energy stockpiles could handle. The second major reason was the ongoing Ukraine-Russian war and the resulting sanctions on Russian oil and gas. The third reason is inflationary pressures on just about every other element on the supply chain – from wages, to rent to raw materials, everything is more expensive than it was three years ago.

● Shipping Contract Price Surge

Freight carriers enjoyed a record surge in demand and subsequent price rises as the world emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic. This surge peaked at the end of Q3 in 2022 and by the end of the year, prices had actually begun to fall. [Experts actually predict global shipping prices will plummet even further in 2023](#) as an oversupply of providers and containers leads to a price war. This is good news as it will hopefully offset other inflationary pressures on overall prices.

● Receiver's Capabilities

Often times, the biggest contributor to the shipping cost is in the final mile, or the distance between our warehouse and your showroom or client site. But your physical distance from our warehouse isn't the only contributor. If you have container receiving capabilities or a forklift, you can dramatically reduce your shipping costs as opposed to needing individual item delivery.

OLG’s Standard Pricing Model

For many delivery types, OLG offers standardized pricing. [This may or may not include a processing fee](#), depending on a few conditions. Below, we’ll go through some of those conditions and the different pricing models of the various different delivery types.



Delivery to Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra & Adelaide Metro

To calculate shipping costs for Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra & Adelaide Metro deliveries, there are a couple of qualifying conditions.

If the order is over \$2,000, OLG waives all processing charges. For orders under \$2,000, a processing fee of \$30 applies. No additional delivery fee applies, even if delivery isn’t on the ground floor and there isn’t a forklift on site.

Delivery Outside Metro Areas

To calculate any deliveries outside the main metro areas we’ve already mentioned, the easiest way to estimate your shipping charge is through our customer portal at www.myolg.online. After populating your cart with products, you can calculate shipping based on your postcode.



CART TOTALS

Standard Dispatch: \$65.00

Calculate Shipping

Shipping

Australia

New South Wales

2000

Update Totals

Proceed to checkout

Contact Us for Orders over \$10,000

For large orders or projects exceeding \$10,000, give us a call to discuss your custom options. This includes customers who can accept whole container deliveries.



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