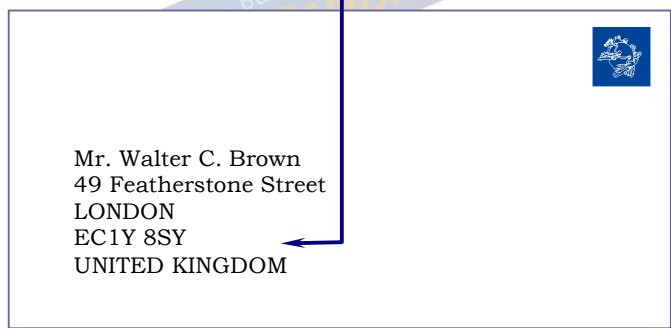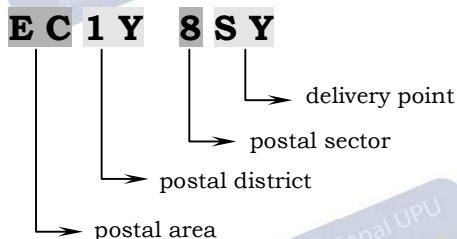# United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
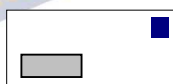
Postcode

Postcode type and position

Between 5 and 7 alphanumeric characters below the name of the locality, with a space before the last 3 alphanumeric characters

Coding method

E C 1 Y 8 S Y

→ delivery point

→ postal sector

→ postal district

→ postal area

Mr. Walter C. Brown
49 Featherstone Street
LONDON
EC1Y 8SY
UNITED KINGDOM

Position of the address on the envelope

Bottom left-hand corner

Alignment of address lines

Left-aligned

Address formats

A correct postal address must contain a minimum of information needed for correct sorting and delivery, and will contain a number of the following elements:

Addressee identification
Building
Dependent thoroughfare
Thoroughfare
Double dependent locality
Dependent locality
POST TOWN
County
POSTCODE
UNITED KINGDOM

The county name is no longer required in the address if the post town and postcode are provided.

The postcode will be in one of the six following formats. 'A' represents a letter of the alphabet and 'N' a digit:

Format	Example
AN NAA	M2 5BQ
ANN NAA	M34 4AB
AAN NAA	CR0 2YR
AANN NAA	DN16 9AA
ANA NAA	W1A 4ZZ
AANA NAA	EC1A 1HQ

There is only one exception to these formats: GIR 0AA.

The postcode must be written in capitals on the last (domestic) or penultimate (international) line of the address. It should appear on its own on a separate line, should not be underlined and should contain no punctuation. A one-character space should separate the two parts of the postcode.

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Examples

Leda Engineering Ltd	*addressee*
APPLEFORD	*dependent locality*
ABINGDON	*post town*
OX14 4PG	*postcode*
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1 Upper Littleton	*building no. + double dependent locality*
Winford	*dependent locality*
BRISTOL	*post town*
BS18 8HF	*postcode*
UNITED KINGDOM	
1A Seastone Cottages	*building no. + dependent thoroughfare*
Station Road	*thoroughfare*
Weybourne	*dependent locality*
HOLT	*post town*
NR25 7HG	*postcode*
UNITED KINGDOM	
The Manor	*building name*
Norwood Hill	*dependent locality*
HORLEY	*post town*
RH6 0HP	*postcode*
UNITED KINGDOM	
Victoria House	*building name*
15 The Street	*building no. + thoroughfare*
Hurn	*dependent locality*
CHRISTCHURCH	*post town*
BH23 6AA	*postcode*
UNITED KINGDOM	
10B Barry Jackson Tower	*no. + building name*
Estone Walk	*thoroughfare*
BIRMINGHAM	*post town*
B6 5BA	*postcode*
UNITED KINGDOM	
Stables Flat	*part of building*
The Manor	*building name*
Norwood Hill	*dependent locality*
HORLEY	*post town*
RH6 0HP	*postcode*
UNITED KINGDOM	
2B The Tower	*building name*
27 John Street	*dependent locality*
WINCHESTER	*post town*
SO23 9AP	*postcode*
UNITED KINGDOM	
Royal Mail	*addressee*
Address Management Centre	*organisation's name*
4 St. Georges Business Centre	*dependent thoroughfare*
St. Georges Square	*thoroughfare*
PORTSMOUTH	*post town*
PO1 3AX	*postcode*
UNITED KINGDOM	

List of postcode areas

AB	Aberdeen	HA	Harrow	PO	Portsmouth
AL	St. Albans	HD	Huddersfield	PR	Preston
B	Birmingham	HG	Harrogate	RG	Reading
BA	Bath	HP	Hemel Hempstead	RH	Redhill
BB	Blackburn	HR	Hereford	RM	Romford
BD	Bradford	HS	Outer Hebrides	S	Sheffield
BH	Bournemouth	HU	Hull	SA	Swansea
BL	Bolton	HX	Halifax	SE	London SE
BN	Brighton	IG	Ilford	SG	Stevenage
BR	Bromley	IM	Isle of Man	SK	Stockport
BS	Bristol	IP	Ipswich	SL	Slough
BT	Northern Ireland	IV	Inverness	SM	Sutton
CA	Carlisle	JE	Jersey	SN	Swindon
CB	Cambridge	KA	Kilmarnock	SO	Southampton
CF	Cardiff	KT	Kingston Upon Thames	SP	Salisbury
CH	Chester	KW	Kirkwall	SR	Sunderland
CM	Chelmsford	KY	Kirkcaldy	SS	Southend on Sea
CO	Colchester	L	Liverpool	ST	Stoke on Trent
CR	Croydon	LA	Lancaster	SW	London SW
CT	Canterbury	LD	Llandrindod Wells	SY	Shrewsbury
CV	Coventry	LE	Leicester	TA	Taunton
CW	Crewe	LL	Llandudno	TD	Galashiels
DA	Dartford	LN	Lincoln	TF	Telford
DD	Dundee	LS	Leeds	TN	Tonbridge
DE	Derby	LU	Luton	TQ	Torquay
DG	Dumfries	M	Manchester	TR	Truro
DH	Durham	ME	Medway	TS	Cleveland
DL	Darlington	MK	Milton Keynes	TW	Twickenham
DN	Doncaster	ML	Motherwell	UB	Southall
DT	Dorchester	N	London N	W	London W
DY	Dudley	NE	Newcastle Upon Tyne	WA	Warrington
E	London E	NG	Nottingham	WC	London WC
EC	London EC	NN	Northampton	WD	Watford
EH	Edinburgh	NP	Newport	WF	Wakefield
EN	Enfield	NR	Norwich	WN	Wigan
EX	Exeter	NW	London NW	WR	Worcester
FK	Falkirk	OL	Oldham	WS	Walsall
FY	Blackpool	OX	Oxford	WV	Wolverhampton
G	Glasgow	PA	Paisley	YO	York
GL	Gloucester	PE	Peterborough	ZE	Lerwick
GY	Guernsey	PH	Perth		
GU	Guildford	PL	Plymouth		

Territories and countries subdivisions

Territories	ISO 3166-1 Alpha 3 code
Anguilla	AIA
Ascension	ASC
Bermuda	BMU
Cayman Islands	CYM
Diego Garcia	DGA
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	FLK
Guernsey	GGY
Gibraltar	GIB
Isle of Man	IMN

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Territories and countries subdivisions (cont.)	British Indian Ocean Territory	IOT
	Jersey	JEY
	Montserrat	MSR
	Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno (Islands)	PCN
	South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	SGS
	Saint Helena	SHN
	Tristan da Cunha	TAA
	Turks and Caicos Islands	TCA
	Virgin Islands, British	VGB
	British Antarctic Territory	XBA

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