

Singapore Postal Codes

A brief history, and some interesting patterns

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Introduction

100 Victoria St
Singapore 188064

1st Gen Postal Codes

- Introduced 6 Mar 1950
- Divided Singapore into 28 Postal Districts
- Combinations: $10^2 = 100$

Example

100 Victoria St
Singapore 7

New Postal Scheme For Singapore

THE postal district scheme, which is operated in most of the world's largest cities, will be introduced in Singapore next Monday. The island has been divided into 28 postal districts to facilitate the sorting and delivery of local correspondence.

Announcing this yesterday the acting Director of Posts, Mr. C. F. Larm, appealed for public co-operation on which the success of the scheme depended.

This is how you can help:

Underneath your office box, find out your postal district number and include it as part of your address on all correspondence.

In sending a letter to a Singapore address, put the postal district number in the address. Postal district numbers for any Singapore address can be obtained from any post office or from a new government publication, "Postage Rates, Telegraphy and Guide to Postal Districts." Where an address includes a post box number, the postal district should not be shown.

The 28 postal districts under the new scheme are as follows:

Singapore: 1. Raffles Place, 2.

Tanjong Pagar, 3. Telok Kurau,

4. Enggor Hill, 5. Pasir Panjang, 6. Fort Canning, 7.

Kampong Glam, 8. Kadang-Kadong, 9. Outram Road, 10.

Tanjong Katong, 11. Newton, 12. Serangoon, 13. Alkaff Gardens, 14.

Geylang, 15. Tanjong Katong, 16. Redhill,

17. Changi, 18. Tampines Road,

Paya Lebar, 19. Thomson Road, 20. Bedok, 21. Tiong Bahru,

Jurong, 22. Bukit Panjang, 24.

Tengah, 25. Mandai, 26. Beechwood, 27. Naval Base, 28. R.A.F.

Base, Sembawang.

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Source: *The Straits Times* (1 Mar 1950)

1st Gen Postal Codes

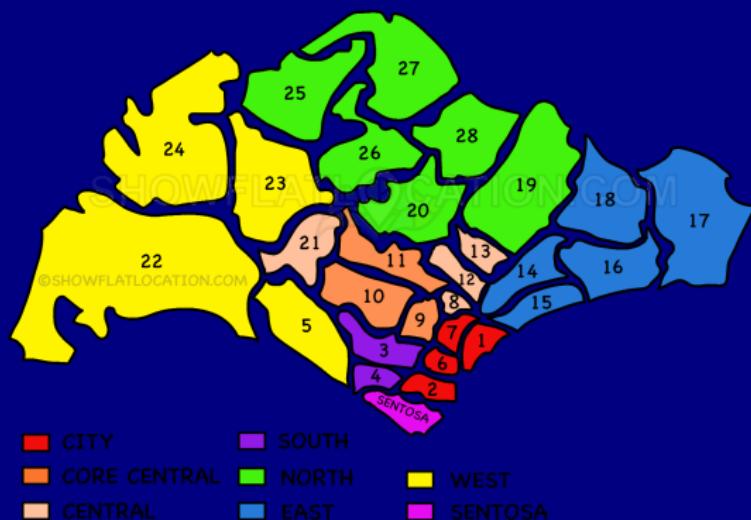
The 28 Original Postal Districts

Postal District	Area
1	Raffles Place
2	Tanjong Pagar
3	Tiong Bahru
4	Keppel Harbour
5	Pasir Panjang
6	Fort Canning
7	Kampong Glam
8	Kandang Kerbau
9	Orchard Road
10	Tanglin
11	Newton
12	Serangoon
13	Alkaff Gardens
14	Geylang

Postal District	Area
15	Katong
16	Bedok
17	Changi
18	Tampenis Road
19	Paya Lebar
20	Thomson Road
21	Bukit Timah
22	Jurong
23	Bukit Panjang
24	Tengah
25	Mandai
26	Nee Soon
27	Naval Base
28	R.A.F Base, Seletar

1st Gen Postal Codes

Surviving Examples



Source:

<https://showflatlocation.com/singapore-district-map/>

2nd Gen Postal Codes

- Introduced 1 Jul 1979
- 2 Digit → 4 Digit
 - First 2 Digits: Postal District (e.g. 07)
 - Last 2 Digits: Postal Sector (e.g. 18)
- Combinations: $10^4 = 10,000$

Example

100 Victoria St
Singapore 0718

New post code to sub-divide districts

A NEW postal code system which retains the existing 28 districts, but divides them into smaller sectors will be implemented from July 1.

The new system will have a four-digit code formed by combining the existing postal district numbers with the new sector codes, numbered from 01 to 80, announced the Minister for Communications, Mr Ong Teng Cheong, yesterday.

Speaking at the presentation of the new system at the PTA Auditorium, he explained that the first two digits will remain postal district numbers while the last two digits will be the new sector codes.

He said: "For example, existing postal district 07, which will be subdivided into sectors 01 to 06, will have postal codes 0701, 0702, 0703, 0704, 0705 and 0706."

This will, he said, benefit both postal staff and the public, he said.

"Sorting staff at the Mails and Parcels Centre will be able to sort and despatch mail more easily into post offices with more ease, speed and accuracy. The public will also receive their mail more speedily," he added.

Source: *The Straits Times*
(26 Apr 1979)

2nd Gen Postal Codes

Examples

85 Bedok North St 4
Singapore 1646

1A Woodlands Centre Road
Singapore 2573

7 Tronoh Rd
Singapore 1233

2nd Gen Postal Codes

Surviving Examples



Source: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=429644306004090&set=a.403211105314077>

3rd Gen Postal Codes

Six-digit postal codes will apply to all areas from Sept 1

Examples of changes in postal codes

Sector number

Block number

CURRENT

NOW

HDB flats with unique block numbers

Block 53, Toa Payoh,
Singapore 1231

Block 53, Toa Payoh,
Singapore 3100 53

Block 116, Toa Payoh,
Singapore 1231

Block 116, Toa Payoh,
Singapore 310 116

Bungalow

95, Namly Place
Singapore 1026

95, Namly Place
Singapore 267247

Private apartment

1 Amber Road, #04-01
Singapore 1543

1 Amber Road, #04-01
Singapore 439845

Commercial/
office building

8 Shenton Way
Treasury Building
Singapore 0108

8 Shenton Way
Treasury Building
Singapore 068811

Note: Unique code given to every house and building

Same HDB block numbers in the same area

Block 1, South Bridge Road,
Singapore 05 0001

Block 1, Tew Chew Street,
Singapore 051_001

HDB block numbers with an alpha character

Block 29, Chai Chee Avenue
Singapore 466_029

Block 29A, Chai Chee Avenue
Singapore 461_029

Note: 3rd digit differentiates the block

Timesgraphics

New system means faster, mechanised mail sorting

All addresses in Singapore will get six-digit postal codes which can be used from Sept 1.

The new codes of Housing Board flats will include the block numbers. Other houses and buildings will have codes according to the alphabetical sequence of the street names in their sector.

In all cases, the codes will continue to reflect their general locations.

Post will allow the introduction of \$100-million computer systems in 1998 which can read postal codes — including handwritten ones — and sort them according to specific addresses.

Mail with four-digit codes will be sorted manually and may be delivered later than usual.

At a press briefing yesterday, Mr William Tan, vice-president of Singapore Post, said the new codes and the machines would improve efficiency and contain rising mailing costs.

The machines will save each postman about two hours a day of the tedious work of sorting.

The number of mail items a postman has to deliver daily is projected to grow from 4,800 today to 2,300 in 1998 and 4,100 in 2010.

To avert slower delivery, the company will have to increase mail sorting fully, all of which is done at its Mail and Parcels Centre in Chai Chee.

To do so, a unique postal code has to be given to each delivery point — every HDB block, private house and building.

For a year now, Singapore Post has been helping organisations such as statutory boards and banks to incorporate the new postal codes in their address databases.

It has also begun to inform residents and organisations of their new postal codes.

While all other districts will retain their block numbers — which is the last two digits of their current postal codes — Punggol has been given a new one 82 (now 54), and Sengkang, an undeveloped

Codes to change in Districts 9-11: Page 30

area, 83 (now 76).

Singapore Post is distributing a free directory listing the new postal codes of every block and building in Singapore.

People who do not get their copy by Aug 31 can go to the nearest post office and obtain one by showing their identity card. After Sept 1, copies can be had for \$2.50 each.

Enquiries about the postal codes of an address can be made at the helpline 1800-240-3838. Information can also be obtained from automated machines at post offices.

Source: *The Straits Times* (19 Aug 1995)

3rd Gen Postal Codes

- Introduced 1 Sep 1995
- 4-digit → 6-digit
 - First 2 Digits of New Postal Code = Last 2 Digits of Old Postal Code (e.g. 18)
 - Next 4 Digits - Delivery Point (e.g. 8064)
- Combinations: $10^6 = 1,000,000$
- Manual Sorting Rate - 48% to 17%!

Explanation on Change

Previously

100 Victoria St
Singapore 0718

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Previously

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Now

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Singapore 188064

3rd Gen Postal Codes

Examples

53 Lor 5 Toa Payoh
Singapore 310053

210 Lor 8 Toa Payoh
Singapore 310210

3rd Gen Postal Codes

Examples

82 Tanah Merah Kechil Ave
Singapore 465515

26 Ridout Rd
Singapore 248420

5001 Beach Rd
Singapore 199588

71 Ayer Rajah Crescent
Singapore 139951

3rd Gen Postal Codes

Examples

150 Bishan St 11
Singapore 310150

150A Bishan St 11
Singapore 311150

3rd Gen Postal Codes

Examples

150 Bishan St 11
Singapore 310150

150A Bishan St 11
Singapore 311150

18A Circuit Rd
Singapore 371018

18D Circuit Rd
Singapore 374018

3rd Gen Postal Codes

Examples

Tampines and Simei share same Postal Sector - **52**

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Tampines and Simei share same Postal Sector - **52**

101 Simei St 1
Singapore 520101

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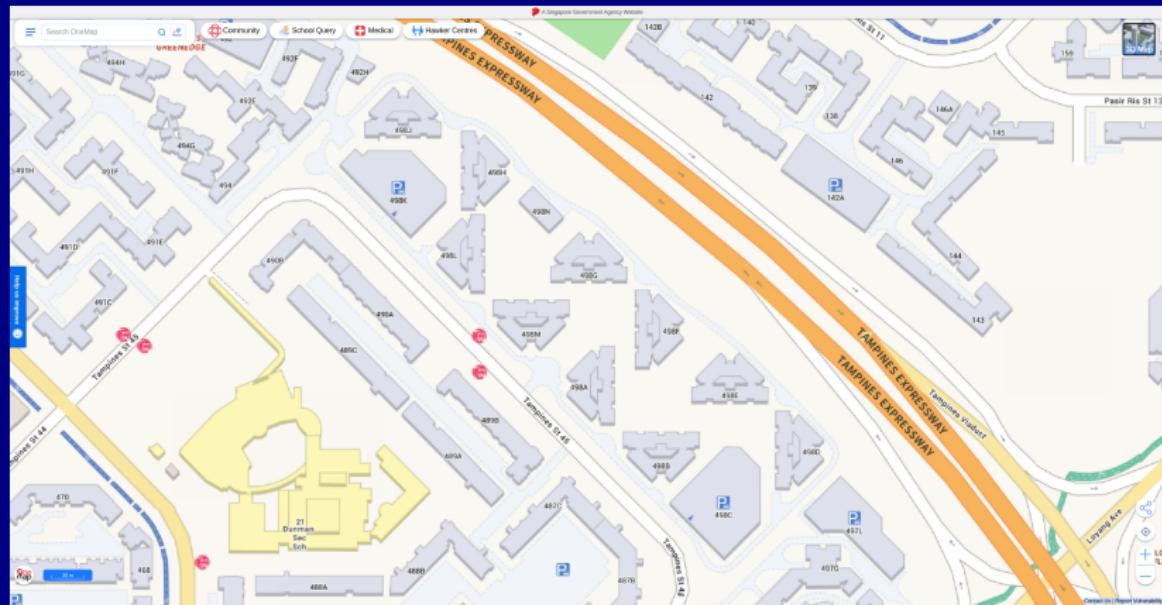
Tampines and Simei share same Postal Sector - **52**

101 Simei St 1
Singapore 520101

101 Tampines St 11
Singapore 521101

3rd Gen Postal Codes

Examples



Source: *OneMap*

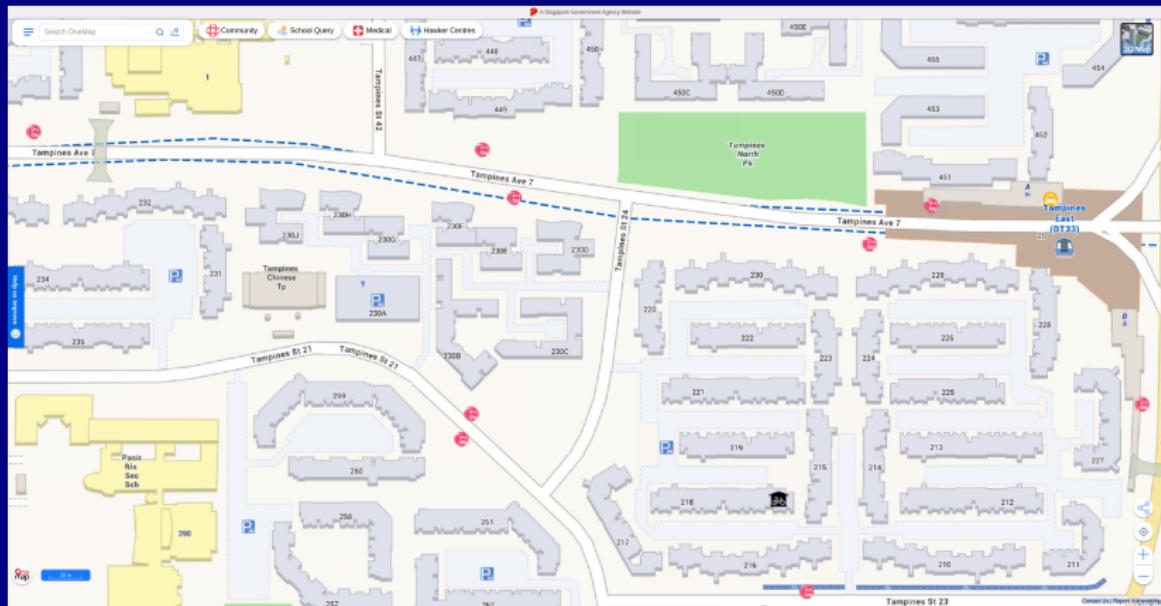
3rd Gen Postal Codes

Examples

Address	Postal Code	Remarks
498A Tampines St 45	520498	
498B Tampines St 45	521498	
498C Tampines St 45	529095	MSCP
498D Tampines St 45	522498	
498E Tampines St 45	523498	
498F Tampines St 45	524498	
498G Tampines St 45	525498	
498H Tampines St 45	526498	
498J Tampines St 45	527498	
498K Tampines St 45	529096	MSCP
498L Tampines St 45	528498	
498M Tampines St 45	529498	
498N Tampines St 45	529097	MPH

3rd Gen Postal Codes

Examples



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3rd Gen Postal Codes

Examples

Address	Postal Code	Remarks
230 Simei St 4	520230	
230 Tampines Ave 4	524230	
230A Tampines St 21	529398	MSCP
230B Tampines St 24	525230	
230C Tampines St 24	526230	
230D Tampines St 24	527230	
230E Tampines St 24	528230	
230F Tampines St 24	529230	
230G Tampines St 21	521230	
230H Tampines St 21	522230	
230J Tampines St 21	523230	

Thank You!

More Info:

- [https://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/infopedia/articles/
SIP_1006_2010-05-27.html](https://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/infopedia/articles/SIP_1006_2010-05-27.html)
- [https://www.industrialguru.sg/tips/
postal-code-system-and-how-it-evolved-in-singapore/](https://www.industrialguru.sg/tips/postal-code-system-and-how-it-evolved-in-singapore/)