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First stamps

In 1850, New Zealand was a frontier colony with only a small European population. However, in line with other countries and after five years of planning by the New Zealand Government, a system for prepayment of postage on correspondence was introduced with the issue of the first imperforated stamps (prepayment of postage dues was not made compulsory until 1862).

Their design was based on a full face portrait of Queen Victoria in her state robes at the time of her coronation in 1837, by Alfred Edward Chalon. Hence these stamps are often called the "Full Face Queens" or "Chalon Heads".

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1940 Centennial

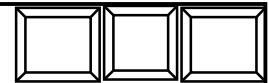
Planning for the commemorative 1940 Centennial of British Sovereignty issue began in The penny stamp features the Endeavour and Captain Cook with the map of New Zealand that Cook produced after circumnavigating both islands in 1769.

ANZAC Stamps

The 1936 ANZAC stamps were the first New Zealand stamps to commemorate the Gallipoli campaign.

In 1958 the New Zealand Returned Services Association suggested that the Post Office issue stamps to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the landing of Anzac troops on the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey on the 25th of April 1915. Stamps in this issue show Anzac Cove where the troops landed.

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History of New Zealand Stamps

Postal services in New Zealand have existed since at least 1831, when the Postmaster-General of New South Wales deputed a Bay of Islands merchant to receive and return mail.[1] Governor William Hobson issued an ordinance covering postal matters, although the British government retained control until 1848.

In these initial years, only a small number of post offices were established. Postal services expanded greatly from the mid-1850s, with the Local Posts Act of 1856[2] allowing Provincial Governments to establish post offices, and the Post Office Act of 1858,[3] which re-organized postal services under a Postmaster-General.

New Zealand Stamp Images

Site map of New Zealand stamps, postal history, early airmail history.

History of Health Stamps

Health stamps are a long-running series of charity stamp issued by New Zealand.

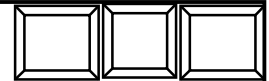
People on New Zealand Stamps

This is a Wikipedia list of people on stamps of New Zealand.

New Zealand Post Office

The New Zealand Post Office (NZPO) was a government department of New Zealand until 1987. It was previously (from 1881 to 1959) named the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department (NZ P&T).

As a government department, the New Zealand Post Office had as the political head the Postmaster General, who was a member of Cabinet, and, when it was a separate department, the Minister of Telegraphs.



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