

New Zealand Postage Due

Postage Due Issue Stamps

Postage-due stamps were used in New Zealand from the 1st of December 1899 to speed up the collection of short-paid postage. The stamps were applied by the post office delivering the mail. The value that was charged was normally double the amount of postage the mail was short by. The design is simply a large figure in red or pink surrounded by a green frame. The design was copied from the postage due stamps of the Australian State of Victoria which were current when these stamps were issued. [Virtual NZ Stamps](#)

From the establishment of a recognised postage service in New Zealand until 1862, when the use of stamps to prepay postage became obligatory, the postmaster at the office of despatch was required to indicate the sum to be collected before delivery was made of an unpaid package. The amount had to be marked in clear figures on the face of the envelope or other form of wrapper and there was legislative authority for the collection of the postage.

The despatching postmaster was required to keep a record of the address of each letter on which the postage paid was insufficient and to submit a monthly return to Head Office. The postmasters at the various offices of receipt were debited with the amount that they were required to collect. In cases where the addressee could not be found or where the acceptance of an insufficiently paid letter was refused, the receiving postmaster forwarded it to Head Office together with a form upon which he claimed credit for the amount charged against him. [NZ Post Collectables](#)

Date of Issue	1 st December 1899
Catalogue No:	CP Y1a – Y14a
Designer:	Government Printer, Wellington
Printer:	Government Printing Office Wellington
Stamps size:	25mm x 20mm
Sheet Size:	120stamps per sheet (2 panes of 60)
Paper	De La Rue
Process:	Surface Printed -Typography
Watermark	NZ and star watermark
Perforation	11

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On the 1 April 1878 a new docket system was put in place. The docket was in two parts – the docket proper and the advice. Particulars of the office of despatch, the office which the charge was to be collected, and that amount of the charge were entered on both parts of the form and the advice was sent to the General Post Office Accountant in Wellington. The docket was affixed to the letter, and the postmaster at the receiving office, after collecting the charge, removed the docket, affixed postage stamps to the amount of the charge to the back of the docket, cancelled the stamps by writing his name across them and then forwarded the docket to Wellington. The Labour involved in systematically pairing the dockets and advices had become altogether too onerous and the value of the check was out of proportion to the labour involved. Attention was drawn to the simple and convenient method then in use in the United States of America of collection postage due by means of distinctive stamps. The new system was to commence from 1 December 1899. The stamps were applied by the post office delivering the mail.

Because of the utilitarian nature of postage due stamps, it was not considered necessary to spend a lot on each stamp to get a special design produced. The Government Printer was therefore instructed to prepare a simple single design for the whole issue. [NZ Post Collectables](#)

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1899 ½d Perf 11 CPY1a Green Carmine



1899 1d Perf 11 CPY3a Green Carmine



1899 1d Perf 11 CPY4a Green Carmine



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1899 2d Perf 11 CPY5a Green Carmine



1899 2d Perf 11 CPY6a Green Carmine



1899 3d Perf 11 CPY7a Green Carmine



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1899 3d Perf 11 CPY7a Green Carmine



1899 4d Perf 11 CPY8a Green Carmine



1899 6d Perf 11 CPY10a Green Carmine



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Postage Due 1902 - 1937

Most probably as a result of plate wear, the low value postage due stamps were redesigned in 1902 while high values from the 1899 issue continued in use until 1916.

There is a problem with the design because the rose disc centre can shift as shown in the images below. It is believed that this was result of poor design, a problem for the printer who had to try fitting a disk into a circle perfectly. It seems to have been very difficult to do. [Virtual NZ Stamps](#)



Date of Issue	28 th February 1902
Catalogue No:	CP Y1a – Y14a
Designer:	W R Brock, Wellington
Printer:	Government Printing Office Wellington
Stamps size:	25mm x 20mm
Sheet Size:	120 & 240 stamps per sheet initially in panes of 60 and subsequently in consolidated sheets
Paper	Various
Process:	Surface Printed -Typography
Watermark	Unwatermarked & NZ and star watermark
Perforation	Various combinations

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Postage Due 1902 - 1937

1904 ½d Perf 11 CPY15b(1) Red & Green



1919 ½d Perf 14 x 15 CPY15c Carmine & Green



1925 ½d Perf 14 x 15 CPY15d Carmine & Green



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Postage Due 1902 - 1937

1926 ½d Perf 14 x 15 CPY15f Carmine Pink & Green



1928 ½d Perf 14 CPY15g Carmine Pink & Green



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Postage Due 1902 – 1937

1906 1d Perf 11 CPY16a

Carmine & Green



1906 1d Perf 14 CPY16b(1)

Carmine & Green



1919 1d Perf 14x15 CPY16c(1) Carmine & Deep Green



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Postage Due 1902 - 1937

1919 1d Perf 14x15 CPY16c(3) Pink & Green



1925 1d Perf 14x15 CPY16d(1) Carmine & Yellow Green



1d Perf 14x15 CPY16 Pink & Yellow Green



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Postage Due 1902 - 1937

1920 2d Perf 14x15 CPY17c Carmine & Green



1926 2d Perf 14x15 CPY17e(1) Carmine & Green



1926 2d Perf 14x15 CPY17e(2) Carmine Pink & Green



1928 3d Perf 14x15 CPY18a(2) Carmine & Green



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Postage Due 1939

The plates from the 1902 issue were showing signs of wear and were replaced in 1939 by a new issue of different coloured stamps. Collectors were allowed to use the stamps for ordinary postage on the first day of issue. From September 1951 ordinary postage stamps were used for the collection of postage due, and special stamp issues for postage due were abandoned. [Virtual NZ Stamps](#)



Date of Issue	16 th August 1939
Catalogue No:	CP Y19a – Y22d
Designer:	J Berry, Wellington
Printer:	Government Printing Office Wellington
Stamps size:	24mm x 20mm
Sheet Size:	120 stamps per sheet
Paper	Wiggins Teape Chalk Surfaced
Process:	Surface Printed -Typography
Watermark	Single & Multiple NZ & Star
Perforation	15 x 14

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Postage Due 1939

1939 ½d Perf 15 x 14 CPY19a Green



1939 1d Perf 15 x 14 CPY20a Carmine Pink



1939 2d Perf 15 x 14 CPY21a Bright Blue



1939 3d Perf 15 x 14 CPY22c(1) Pale Orange Brown

