

King George VI – New Zealand The Half Penny Issues & Postal Rates

A Study Paper

Appendix 2 British Countries, Protectorates & Mandated Territories



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(as per New Zealand Post & Telegraph Department Guide - June 1937)

Aden	Gibraltar	Pacific Islands (British)*****
Ascension	Gold Coast	Palestine
Australia*	Great Britain	Papua
British Guiana	Hong Kong	Rhodesia
British Honduras	India***	St. Helena *****
British Somaliland	Irish Free State (Eire)	Sarawak
British West Indies**	Kenya and Uganda	Seychelles
Brunei	Malaya****	Sierra Leone
Cameroon (British Sphere)	Malta	South Africa*****
Canada	Mauritius	Sudan (Anglo-Egyptian)
Ceylon	Newfoundland	Tanganyika Territory
Cyprus	New Guinea	Togoland (British)
Egypt	New Hebrides	Tonga
Falkland Islands	Nigeria	Trans-Jordan
Fiji	Nyasaland	Zanzibar
Gambia		

The following additional notes apply to the British Countries list appearing in the June 1937 Guide:

*	Australia	Lord Howe Island, Nauru, Norfolk Island
**	British West Indies	Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Leeward Islands (Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts, Tortola & British Virgin Islands), Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands and Windward Islands (Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent)
***	India	Bahrein (Persian Gulf), Burma, Muscat & Oman
****	Malaya	(1) Straits Settlements: Malacca, Penang (Province Wellesley), Singapore (Labuan, Christmas Island, and Cocos Islands.. (2) Federated Malay States: Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Selangor (3) Un-Federated Malay States: Johore, Kelantan, Kedah, Perlis Trengganu
*****	Pacific Islands (Br)	Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Ocean Island, Pitcairn Island, Solomon Islands
*****	St. Helena	Ascension, Tristan da Cunha
*****	South Africa	Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Rhodesia (Northern and Southern), South West Africa, Swaziland, Union of South Africa and Walvis Bay

The following were treated as “Inland” destinations in the June 1937 Guide:

New Zealand	Cook Islands, Fanning Island, Niue, Pitcairn Island, Tokelau Group, Western Samoa,
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Changes to the British countries listings

July 26, 1938 (P&T Official Circular August 16, 1938)

The new “All-up” Empire Air Mail Service rate of 1½d. per ½ oz. applied to all British countries with the exception of Australia and New Guinea but included Egypt and Iraq for Letters. Existing Empire rates to Australia and New Guinea remained in force. Inland rates for New Zealand and dependencies remained in force.

1939 Post & Telegraph Department Guide (Correct to June 1, 1939)

No change from July 26, 1938 status

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October 1, 1939 (P&T Official Circular October 16, 1939)

No change from 1937 British countries listing. The new Empire Letter rate of 2d. first per ½ oz., 1d each additional half oz. applied to all British countries including Australia, New Guinea and also Egypt and Iraq. Egypt and Iraq were classified as Overseas destinations for Newspapers.

1944 Post & Telegraph Department Guide (Correct to September 1, 1944)

No change from October 1, 1939 status. However mail to British North Borneo, Brunei, Hong Kong, Malaya and Sarawak are noted as "Service Suspended".

1948 Post & Telegraph Department Guide (Correct to July 1, 1948)

Deletions from the 1937 Listing,

Brunei and Sarawak (presumably both included as part of Malaya Federation Listing as Empire rates still applied to these two destinations)

July 8, 1948 (P&T Official Circular August 2, 1948)

The 1939 Empire Letter rate of 2d. first per ounce, 1d each additional ounce retained for all British countries. Foreign countries now included Egypt, Palestine, Transjordan, Iraq and Burma.

1954 Post & Telegraph Department Guide (Correct to July 1954)

Deletions from the 1937 listing:

Newfoundland (included in Canada as of 1949)
Burma, Palestine, and Transjordan (deleted in 1948)

Additions to the 1937 Listing:

Bermuda (formerly included in the British West Indies)
Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland (formerly included in the South Africa listing)
Gilbert & Ellice Islands, Pitcairn Island & Br. Solomon Islands (formerly grouped as Pacific Islands Br.)
Pakistan (formerly included in India)
Singapore (formerly included in Malaya)

Reinstatements to the 1937 Listing (previously omitted in 1948 listing):

Brunei, Sarawak