

Pitcairn Islands First Definitive Series Postal History

This exhibit addresses the rates, routes and usages associated with the KGV1 definitive series. The first eight values were issued October 15, 1940. The 4d. and 8d. values were added to the series on September 1, 1951. The series was replaced by the first QEII definitives on July 2, 1957.



Pitcairn Surface Mail Postcard, Letter, and Printed Matter Rates

Effective Date	Commonwealth Postcard	Foreign Postcard	Commonwealth Letter (1 oz.)	Foreign Letter (1 oz.)	Commonwealth Printer Matter (2 oz.)	Foreign Printed Matter (2 oz.)	Internal Letter (1 oz.)
10/15/1940	1½d.		1½d.	3d.	½d.		1d.
9/9/1954	2d.	2½d.	2½d.	4d.	1d.	1½d.	1½d.

Main References

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Main Postal Sea Routes

Normally only ships sailing between New Zealand and the Panama Canal stopped at Pitcairn. It was the only island along the journey where mail could be posted for return in the opposite direction.

