

# Early New Zealand Registered Envelopes 1884 - 1924

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The first registered envelopes were 'formula types' printed by McCorquodale and issued in 1884

There is no indication of the country and all have 'R' in a small box

Issued in 4 different sizes - F, G, H and H2 ( close to our size K)



Size G envelope



Size F envelope

Size F envelope used in March 1893  
from Oamaru to Melbourne with 2d &  
3d adhesives



Large size 'H' envelope (225mm x 125mm)



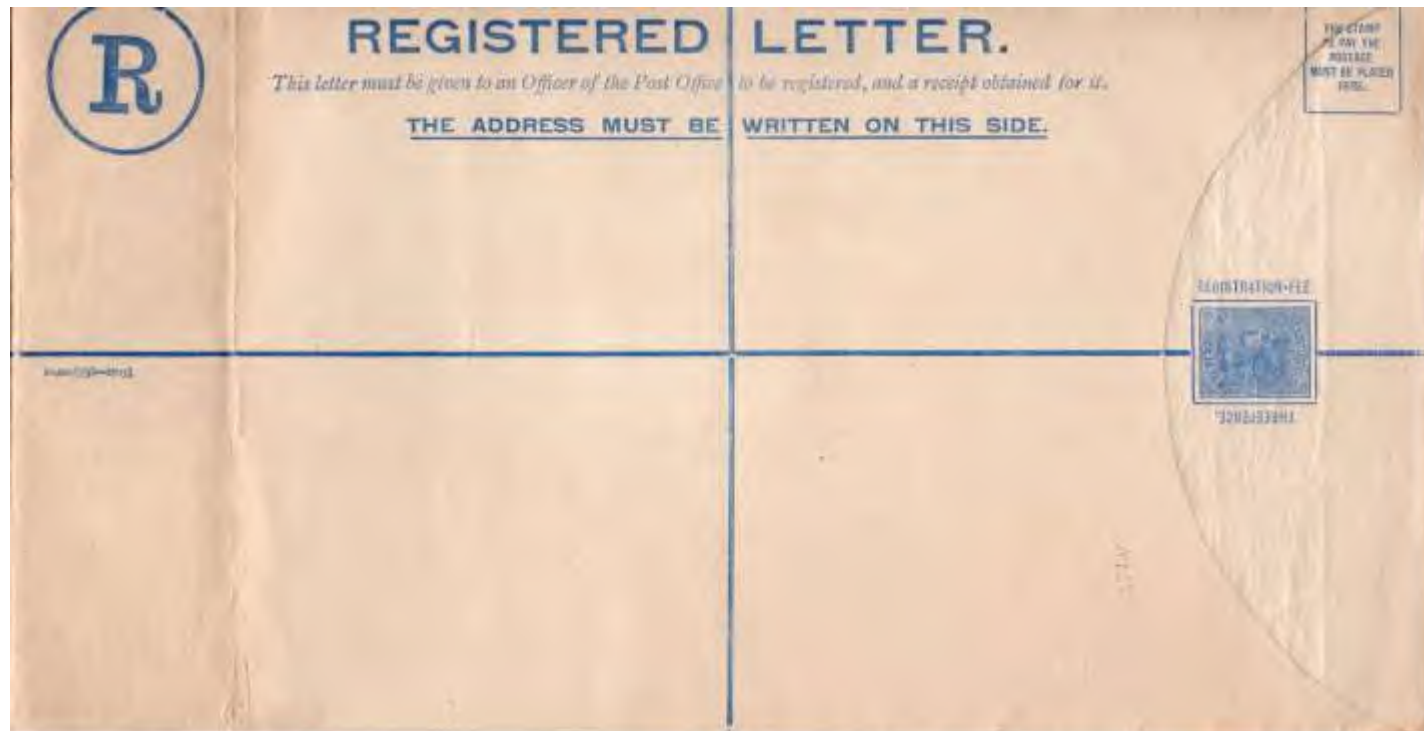
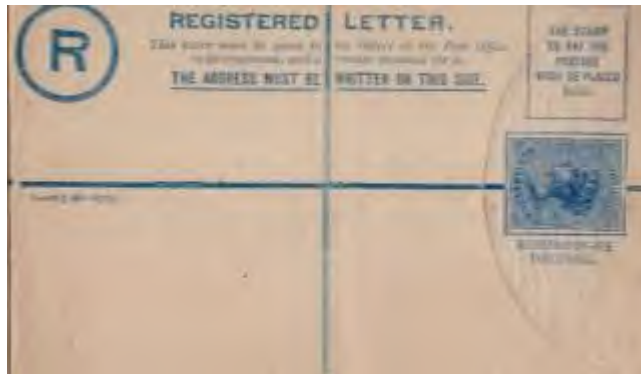
Samuel Vol IX states a size F with different  
imprint under the flaps – I show different  
printings on the size G envelope

The large size 'K' envelope is particularly scarce with only 1 properly used one known

I'm fortunate to have a used copy although mine is used from Australia out of period to Germany - but I'm happy to have it!



The first NZ registered envelopes to be issued with both the country name and with imprint was in 1898  
Issued in three sizes – F, G & K – they bore the impression of the 3d sideface stamp



The envelope had printing code numbers on the left side under the blue line but was re-issued in 1900/01 without the printing code in sizes F & G



Shown are used F & G envelopes with code and mint & used F and used G without the code

The first King Edward envelopes were issued in 1903 in size G, design having curved flap and in 1905 with larger flap with rounded corners. A reduction in registration to 2d meant envelopes would now pay 1d postage as well so issued with the central tablet removed



First issue mint with curved, semi-circular flap & used with larger flap



Mint envelope now with 'Registration Fee' tablet removed and used 1909



There were two further changes to the design of the Edwardian envelope. Firstly in 1910 it was issued with an outer frameline around the imprint and in 1912 final issue with the imprint now in an upright position leaving the frameline in situ.



In 1913 the new King George V envelopes were issued now with an embossed imprint by McCorquodale at 3d covering 1d postage & 2d registration fee. Issued in G & K with very few sizes Fs



It was issued in red-brown and bistre-brown colours  
Mint & used size G examples shown - note variation in flaps with pointed and rounded corners

Pair of used size G in different shades & different dies seen by the lines around 'New Zealand' in lower arch  
 Scarce size K envelope used to Melbourne in 1923



There was an increase in rate to 4d with new issue in sizes G & K in 1924 in brown or deep-brown using 2 dies again. There were four further printings of this envelope and a short-lived increase to 6d before a final 4d issued in 1933



Shown are mint & used 1924 size G envelopes in deep-brown and size K mint envelope in light-brown

