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Australian Banknote Serial Numbering

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Abstract

Australian banknote serial numbering for over 100 years observed the principle that no two notes should ever bear the same number, but there were exceptions. This story explains their sequences and indexes serial number prefixes to easily identify all notes printed since 1910.

Keywords

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Introduction

Serial numbering has always been one of the most important features on banknotes. A serial number individualises each note, indicates when printed and acts as a security device against forgery and theft. Collating and listing serial number prefixes in alphabetical order enables any banknote in the last 100 years to be identified solely by its serial number.

Serial numbers have either a prefix, suffix or both and for around 75 years contained one million numbers per prefix e.g. from 000001 to 1000000. In about 1974 the number 1000000 was discontinued and notes were numbered from 999999 in descending order to 000000, with the sheet numbered 000000 either later destroyed or donated to charities for auction.

The serial numbering of Australian banknotes began over 100 years ago with the principle that no two banknotes would ever bear the same serial number. However, there were several instances of duplication and overlapping of serial numbers in the pre-decimal series, and a plethora of collector issues by Note Printing Australia featuring some duplication and many notes with out-of-sequence serial numbering.

Overlapping occurred when serial numbers from one series extended beyond stated serial number ranges into another series.

Superscribed notes

The first Australian banknotes (as distinct from private bank issues) were the superscribed series from 1910 to 1913. They were unissued notes of 15 banks and the Queensland Government overprinted vertically by the Commonwealth Treasury with "AUSTRALIAN NOTE" and a promise to redeem in gold. These banknotes were

issued after the issue of banknotes was taken from the control of private issuers and the Queensland Government. It took more than two years for the Commonwealth Treasury to design and produce the first of the new Commonwealth of Australia issues.



Figure 1, Union Bank of Australia superscribed £1 note. Image: author.

The first serial number letter prefixes used on superscribed notes were £1 “A”, £10 “B”, £5 “C” and £20 “D”. I have deliberately illustrated the £1 note in Fig. 1 because it has the serial letter “A” and is very worn, demonstrating its prolonged period in circulation. It is so worn that it feels like a limp piece of rag. All Australian banknotes were printed on “rag paper”. By the time the £20 note series began, the first 1,000,000 of the £1 notes had been issued and so the prefix letter “E” was used for the next run of £1 notes; next came the £100 notes with prefix “F” and £50 with “G”. Superscribed £1 notes then continued with letters H, J, K and L.

Commonwealth treasury issues



Figure 2, Collins/Allen 10/- M 000054. Image: author.

Australian government-designed notes first appeared after 1 May 1913. Serial letters M to N were allocated to the 10/- notes, P to T for £1, U and V for £5, W for £10, X for £20, Y for £50 and Z for £100. The £1,000 note appears to be an afterthought using the pre-printed prefix “2A” (Fig. 3). It was only in public use for a short time until 1915 and then used for inter-bank settlements. The first 500 10/- notes were “presentation notes” balloted mostly to members of parliament, who paid for them.



Figure 3, serial number of Kell-Collins £1,000 note. Image: Rare Coin Co.

The first ten shilling banknote serial numbers with the prefix letter “M” were printed in red (Fig. 2) and later in black, followed by the prefix “N”. Forgeries of the first ten shilling notes prompted the mosaic overprinting of the backs, and “half sovereign” was printed in red on the four borders on the front of the notes. With only two million ten shilling notes possible using “M” or “N” as a prefix, other ways had to be devised to continue using the same letters. The next two million ten shilling notes were given the suffix “M” or “N” and the next two million M (number) M and N (number) N. Numbers then commenced with the prefix M and a different letter suffix and then N with a different letter suffix. For a short period notes of Collins/Allen and Cerutti/Collins bore serial numbers from a different numbering machine designated as “seriffed” (bottom note in Fig. 4). Bold type was used for the balance of the series.



Figure 4, the five serial number types of Collins/Allen 10/- notes. Image: author.



Figure 5, £1 Collins/Allen notes with red and blue serial numbers. Image: author. One pound notes commenced with “P” prefix serial numbers in red, followed by Q, R, S and T with small blue numbers (Fig. 5).



Figure 6, £1 Collins/Allen notes with large black serials. Image: author. Collins/Allen £1 notes then continued with large seriffed black serial numbers with the prefix “T”, followed by letters A to T as suffixes, then continued with the prefix letter “A” and different suffixes. This system of changing the prefixes continued into the Cerutti/Collins series ending with “E” prefix and suffix ‘C’ (Fig. 6).



Figure 7, E. S. & A. emergency £1. Image: author.

A year or so after the £1 notes commenced there was a shortage of note paper from England due to WW1. Two types of emergency £1 notes were locally produced. The first of these was an unused 1894 English, Scottish & Australian Bank Limited £1 overprinted in a similar fashion to the previous superscribed notes, but without the decorative panels and only two serial numbers instead of three, using serial numbers A (number) A and B (number) B, (Fig. 7).



Figure 8, Emergency “Rainbow” pound. Image: author.

The second emergency issue was dubbed the Rainbow Pound and it used serial letters C No. (number) C and D No. (number) D, followed by E (number) E and F (number) F (Fig. 8). It circulated simultaneously with the Treasury (mining scene) notes, but was later withdrawn due to its simple design and apparent ease to forge.

Treasury-issued £5 notes of Collins/Allen commenced with prefixes “U” and “V”, then suffixes “U” and “V” continuing into the Cerutti/Collins signatures before commencing with the prefix letter U (number) A and ending with U (number) J. Forgeries of the first non-mosaic notes later prompted a mosaic of fives to be printed on the backs.

Treasury-issued £10 notes commenced with prefix “W” in Collins/Allen issues then into Cerutti/Collins notes with “W” as a prefix and then “W” as a suffix. For a very short period the series continued with U over 0 prefix, which remained unconfirmed for decades, with only one such note known to have survived (Fig. 9).



Figure 9, Cerutti/Collins U/0 prefix £10. Image: Noble Numismatics.



Figure 10, Collins/Allen £20, prefix letter X. Image: author.

Treasury-issued £20 notes commenced with prefix “X” for Collins/Allen (Fig. 10), then again with Cerutti/Collins notes before continuing as suffix “X” (Fig. 11).



Figure 11, Cerutti/Collins £20, suffix X serials. Image: author.

Treasury-issued £50 notes commenced with prefix “Y” for Collins/Allen and Cerutti/Collins notes, then ‘Y’ suffix in Cerutti/Collins before reverting to “Y” prefix and numerals in larger font.

Treasury-issued £100 notes commenced with two styles of “Z” prefix in Collins/Allen, one in blue and one in black, then Z suffix in Cerutti/Collins followed by “Z” prefix.

Whenever suffix letters and numerals were used in the £10 to £100 notes they were in “bold” style, rather than seriffed.

Commonwealth Bank issues

From 1923 new “Harrison” note designs were issued by the Note Issue Department of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. They were designed by the Australian Note Printer, Thomas Samuel Harrison, recruited by the Australian Government from Waterlow and Sons in England to set up the Note Printing Branch in Melbourne in 1913.



Figure 12, Harrison £1 issues, large and small prefix, Harrison imprint and no imprint. Image: author.

The £1 notes used large letter prefixes H, J and K and the “T.S. Harrison” imprint at the bottom, followed by notes without the imprint (Fig. 12).

Harrison £5 notes commenced at Q over 0 in small prefixes for Kell/Collins notes, and ended at Q over 29 in large prefixes for Riddle/Sheehan notes. Some early issues had Note Issue Dept. signature titles and others Commonwealth Bank titles.



Figure 13, Note Issue Dept. title specimen £10. Image: Snow Reinke, photo author.

Harrison £10 notes commenced at U over 1 for Kell/Collins notes and ended at U over 4 for Riddle/Sheehan (gold) notes. These were all “Commonwealth Bank” issues with only one specimen note known with the “Chairman of Directors Note Issue Dept.” title (Fig. 13).



Figure 14, Riddle/Sheehan 10/-, thick and thin Sheehan signatures. Image: author

The first Harrison issues had small prefixes and the later issues of 10/- to £5 large prefixes in the same size and font as the serial numbers (Fig. 14). In the 10/- and £1 notes of Riddle and Sheehan the earliest notes had a thick signature for Sheehan, which was later changed to a thin signature to match that of Riddle (Fig. 14).



Figure 15, Armitage/McFarlane 10/- star note. Image: author.

A different style of numbering was used for the legal tender issues from 1933, but still consisted of a single letter over numerals prefix. From 1948 star replacement notes (Fig. 15) were used to replace spoils, firstly with the same prefixes as those being replaced and later by star notes with their own serial number ranges. 10/- and £1 stars were used in King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II issues and £5 stars only appeared late in the Elizabeth II notes. The Queen Elizabeth II general issues from 1953 used two letters over two numbers prefixes with 10/- commencing AC, £1 HA, £5 TA and £10 WA.

During this series the Reserve Bank of Australia (R.B.A.) was created by the Reserve Bank Act of 1959 and came into operation on 14 January 1960 as Australia's central bank. Banknotes were thereafter issued by the Note Printing Branch of that bank, and later by Note Printing Australia, a wholly owned subsidiary of the R.B.A.



Figure 16, last of Queen Elizabeth issues from 25th Anniversary portfolio. Image: Stanley Gibbons.

The 800 sets issued by Note Printing Australia for the 25th anniversary of decimal currency (Fig. 16) had four pre-decimal notes with matching end numbers, with two of the denominations exhibiting last prefixes beyond those issued for general circulation,

and one each of the first prefixes of decimal \$1, \$2, \$10 and \$20 notes with similar matching end numbers. Later, triple anniversary sets were issued with the first \$5, \$50 and \$100 notes with matching end numbers. The pre-decimal notes were from the last 1,000 notes printed, and the decimal notes from the first 1,000.

Decimal issues



Figure 17, Coombs/Wilson \$1 AAA 000107. Image: author.

Decimal notes commenced on 14 February 1966, with \$1 at AAA, \$2 FAA, \$10 SAA and \$20 XAA. \$5 notes commenced in 1967 at NAA, \$50 in 1973 at YAA and \$100 in 1984 at ZAA. Fig. 17 is a low numbered note not among the 25th anniversary notes, having been extracted prior to the creation of the sets. Letters I, O, M and W were initially not used, with M and W later used for \$10 and \$50 notes respectively. Some prefixes were also later re-used in other denominations such as “R” from \$10 notes and “A” from \$1 notes for the \$20 denomination.



Figure 18, All 50 decimal star notes serial letter prefixes, ex-author’s collection.

Star replacement notes were issued from 1966 to 1971, using ZAA-ZAQ for \$1 notes, ZFA-ZFS for \$2, ZNA-ZND for \$5, ZSA-ZSJ for \$10 and ZXA for \$20. Letters I, O, and

M were not used. The star note serial numbers bore no relation to the serial numbers of the notes they replaced (Fig. 18).

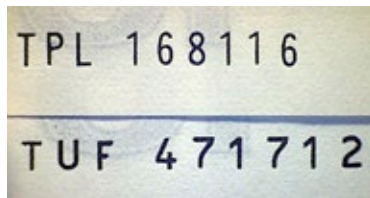


Figure 19, Gothic 18 and OCR-B serial numbering on paper \$10 notes. The first decimal notes were numbered in “Gothic 18” style, which later changed to OCR-B style to enable better machine reading of serial numbers (Fig. 19).

Collector issues

In 1988 and 1992 with the introduction of \$10 Bicentenary and \$5 polymer notes respectively, notes with the first date of issue overprint were produced in folders at a premium for collectors.



Figure 20, 80th anniversary of first Commonwealth note. Image: author.

In 1993 the first in a large range of special issues was produced for collectors by Note Printing Australia for the 80th anniversary of the first Commonwealth note shown in Fig. 2. It was a paper \$20 note with the serial numbers printed in red, the left side number in the same font as the first 10/- notes in 1913 (Fig. 20).



Figure 21, Last and First portfolio paper and polymer notes with matching serial numbers. Image: author.

Fig. 21 illustrates \$10 notes from the Last and First portfolio series issued from the \$10 in 1993 to the \$100 in 1996. The same serial numbers were in red on each note with the paper notes bearing polymer-type serial numbers.

There were many other collector notes issued, some in portfolios with stamps, one with a phone card and another with a coin. Some notes were overprinted and/or had out-of-sequence or special serial numbering and an annually dated low-number series (Fig. 22).

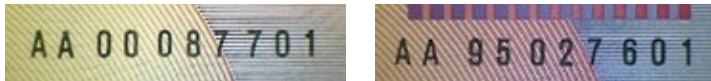


Figure 22, Australian modern numismatic banknotes.

All denominations of general circulating notes both paper and polymer were sold as full sheets, blocks and pairs and some paper \$5 notes were sold in 1992 in uncut form with special XXV prefixes to commemorate 25 years of the \$5 note.

The first in the New Note Series (NNS) of polymer notes was the \$5 in 1992, which used prefixes AA00 to AB19 with Fraser/Cole signatures (Fig. 23).

In 1993 the NNS \$10 notes commenced a new numbering system to include the year of printing, e.g. AA93, and this system is still in use today for all denominations (Fig. 24).



Figs. 23 and 24, \$5 numbering for 1992 and 1995.

The next signature combination in the \$5 note was Fraser/Evans and its numbering began with BA instead of AA, ranging from BA93 to EA93. This was due to the previous use of AA93 to AB19 in the first of the polymer \$5 notes. In 1995 the \$5 note was modified with brighter colours, orientation bars and a different style of the denomination “5”. About 200,000 were printed with prefix AA (due to the issue of collector issues, Fig. 24), but the official first prefix is BA95. All \$5 notes each year since then have commenced at BA. The commemorative Federation \$5 note in 2001 had its serial number printed vertically.

The numbering of the NNS polymer notes normally does not include serial letters N to Z as the second prefix letter, with notes being numbered AA to AM, then BA to BM, CA to CM and so on. The exceptions to this practice were runs of \$5 and \$100 test notes that used from N to Z as a second prefix letter for survey purposes.



Figure 25 and 26, NNS polymer serial numbering “Buch Grotesk” and “Modern Extended”.

As with the Bicentenary \$10 note in 1988, all polymer notes have two different styles of serial numbering (Figs. 25 and 26), with the exception of the \$5, which only has one number. The left side thicker number is in “Buch Grotesk” style and the right side number “Modern Extended”.

Over the last 105 years there has been a very wide and interesting range of banknotes issued in Australia with the earliest surviving lower-denomination issues being very rare in higher grades. Some issues such as superscribed £50 and £100 notes are unknown in private hands while there may only be one or two surviving notes known to still exist for some other notes. No superscribed £100 notes were preserved.

A relatively small total of Australian banknotes still exist despite the huge range and quantities of banknotes produced over the past century, but in nearly all instances, they can be identified solely by their serial numbers, as outlined in the appendix.

The decimal serial number listing appendix has not been previously published and is particularly important in that it integrates the circulating numbers with all the different NPA special issues so that collectors can tell if a note is from general circulation or extracted from a collector folder, portfolio or uncut sheet.

The Next Generation \$5 banknote, expected to commence from 1 September 2016, will begin to completely replace the existing notes, heralding the beginning of a whole new exciting chapter in the history of Australian banknotes.

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Appendix.*Serial Number Prefixes of Australian Banknotes 1910-2015.*

Pre-Decimal

<u>Single letter prefix</u>	<u>£</u>	
A	1	Superscribed
B	10	Superscribed
C	5	Superscribed
D	20	Superscribed
E	1	Superscribed
F	100	Superscribed
G	50	Superscribed
H	1	Superscribed
H, J, K	1	Miller-Collins
J, K, L	1	Superscribed
M	10/-	Red No. Collins-Allen
M	\$20	1-5500 80 th anniversary
M, N	10/-	Collins-Allen
P	1	Red numbered Collins-Allen
Q to T	1	Blue numbered Collins-Allen
T	1	Black numbered Collins-Allen
U	5	Collins-Allen
U, V	5	Collins-Allen
W	10	Collins-Allen
W	10	Cerutty-Collins
X	20	Collins-Allen
X	20	Cerutty-Collins
Y	50	Collins-Allen
Y	50	Cerutty-Collins
Z	100	Collins-Allen
Z	100	Cerutty-Collins

<u>Single letter suffix</u>	£	
-A to -L	1	Collins-Allen, omitting "I"
-M to -N	10/-	Black numbered Collins-Allen
-P to -T	1	Collins-Allen
-U, -V	5	Collins-Allen
-V	5	Cerutty-Collins
-W	10	Cerutty-Collins
-X	20	Cerutty-Collins
-Y	50	Cerutty-Collins
-Z	100	Cerutty-Collins
<u>Prefix and suffix letter</u>	£	
A-A to B-B	1	Emergency ES&A
A-B to A-M	1	Collins-Allen
A-H to A-U	1	Cerutty-Collins
B-C to B-T	1	Cerutty-Collins
C-A to C-T	1	Cerutty-Collins
C-C to D-D	1	Emergency Rainbow "No."
D-A to D-T	1	Cerutty-Collins
E-A to E-C	1	Cerutty-Collins
E-E to F-F	1	Emergency Rainbow
M-A to M-K	10/-	Collins-Allen
M-B to M-F	10/-	Collins-Allen seriffed serials
M-C to M-F	10/-	Cerutty-Collins seriffed serials
M-C to N-Z	10/-	Cerutty-Collins
M-M, N-N	10/-	Collins-Allen
U-A to U-J	5	Cerutty-Collins

One letter over numeral/s	£	
A/0 – A/23	10/-	Miller-Collins
A/0 – A/2	10/-	Coombs-Watt star
A/3 – A/9	10/-	Coombs-Wilson Geo. star
A/10 – A/74	10/-	Coombs-Watt
A/24 – A/51	10/-	Kell-Collins
A/51 – B/36	10/-	Riddle-Heathershaw
A/75 – B/49	10/-	Coombs-Wilson Geo VI
B/36 – B/43	10/-	Riddle-Sheehan “gold”
C/0 – C/20	10/-	Riddle-Sheehan
C/21 – C/69	10/-	Riddle-Sheehan overprint
D/0 – D/98	10/-	Riddle-Sheehan orange
D/98 – F/24	10/-	Sheehan-McFarlane
F/24 – G/84	10/-	Armitage-McFarlane
G/50 – G/74	10/-	Armitage-McFarlane star
G/85 – G/94	10/-	Coombs-Watt
G/95	10/-	Armitage-McFarlane star
G/96 – G/99	10/-	Coombs-Watt star
H/0 – H/60	1	Miller-Collins
H/0 – H/99	1	Armitage-McFarlane
H/61 – H/79	1	Kell-Collins
H/69 – J/2	1	Kell-Heathershaw omitting “I”
I/0	1	Armitage-McFarlane star
I/0 – I/9	1	Coombs-Watt star
I/10 – I/99	1	Coombs-Watt
J/0 – K/96	1	Armitage-McFarlane
J/2 – K/72	1	Riddle-Heathershaw
K/45 – K/94	1	Armitage-McFarlane star
K/72 – K/98	1	Riddle-Sheehan gold
K/97 – K/99	1	Coombs-Watt
L/0 – N/71	1	Riddle-Sheehan legal tender
N/71 – P/76	1	Sheehan-McFarlane
P/76 – P/99	1	Armitage-McFarlane
Q/0 – Q/7	5	Kell-Collins
Q/7 – Q/11	5	Kell-Heathershaw Note Issue Dept.
Q/7 - Q/11	5	Kell-Heathershaw Commonwealth Bank
Q/11 - Q/12	5	Riddle-Heathershaw Note Issue Dept.
Q/11 – Q/26	5	Riddle-Heathershaw Commonwealth Bank
Q/26 - Q/29	5	Riddle-Sheehan gold
R/0 – R/10	5	Riddle-Sheehan tender, pink face of King
R/10 – R/20	5	Riddle-Sheehan tender, white face of King

One letter over numeral/s	£	
R20 – R/34	5	Sheehan-McFarlane
R/34 – R/84	5	Armitage-McFarlane
R/85 – S/26	5	Coombs-Watt
S/27 – S/57	5	Coombs-Wilson Geo VI
U/0	10	Cerutty-Collins
U/1	10	Kell-Collins
U/1 – U/4	10	Riddle-Heathershaw
U/4	10	Riddle-Sheehan gold
V/0 – V/3	10	Riddle-Sheehan legal tender
V/3 – V/5	10	Sheehan-McFarlane
V/5 – V/14	10	Armitage-McFarlane
V/15 – V/22	10	Coombs-Watt
V/22 – V/24	10	Coombs-Wilson Geo VI
W/0 – W/1	1	Coombs-Watt star
W/2 – W/6	1	Coombs-Wilson Geo. VI star
W/9 – W/71	1	Coombs-Watt
W/72 – W/75	1	Coombs-Wilson Geo. VI
W/76 – W/79	1	Coombs-Watt
W/80 – X/55	1	Coombs-Wilson Geo. VI

Two letters over numeral/s

£		
AC/00 – AF/19	10/-	Coombs-Wilson Commonwealth Bank (CW)
AC/90 – AC/99	10/-	Coombs-Wilson CW star
AE/90 – AE/93	10/-	Coombs-Wilson CW star
AE/93 – AE/99	10/-	Coombs-Wilson Reserve Bank (Res.) star
AF/20 – AH/43	10/-	Coombs-Wilson Res.
AG/50 – AG/51	10/-	Coombs-Wilson Res. star
AH/50 – AH/60	10/-	Coombs-Wilson Res.
AH/62 – AH/65	10/-	Coombs-Wilson Res.
AH/69	10/-	25 th anniversary collection 999101 onwards
HA/00 – HF/65	1	Coombs-Wilson CW
HA/90 – HA/99	1	Coombs-Wilson CW star
HC/90 – HC/99	1	Coombs-Wilson CW star
HE/80 – HE/99	1	Coombs-Wilson Res. star
HE/90 – HE/92	1	Coombs-Wilson CW star
HF/65 – HK/65	1	Coombs-Wilson Res.
HK/68	1	25 th anniversary collection from 999101 onwards
TA/00 – TB/41	5	Coombs-Wilson CW

TB/41 – TD/09	5	Coombs- Wilson Res.
TD/10	5	25 th anniversary collection from 999101 onwards
TC/10 – TC/13	5	Coombs-Wilson Res. star
WA/00 - WA/28	10	Coombs-Wilson CW
WA/28 – WA/62	10	Coombs-Wilson Res. WA62 ended 061000.
WA/62	10	25 th anniversary collection from 089101 onwards
2A	1000	Collins-Allen
2A	1000	Kell-Collins

PAPER DECIMAL

	\$	
AA93	10	red, last and first portfolio
AA94	20	red, last and first portfolio
AA95	50	red, last and first portfolio
AA96	100	red, last and first portfolio.
A	20	Fraser-Cole gold or red numbers in uncut pairs Gold 000001-000100, red 000101-002200
A	50	Fraser-Evans red or black numbers in uncut blocks of four Red 000001-000250, black 000251-001000
A	100	Fraser-Cole red or black numbers in uncut blocks of four Red 000001-000150, black 000151-000650
B	20	Fraser-Cole gold or red numbers in uncut pairs Gold 000001-000100, red 000101-002200
B	50	Fraser-Evans red or black numbers in uncut blocks of four Red 000001-000250, black 000251-001000
B	100	Red or black numbers in uncut blocks of four Red 000001-000150, black 000151-000650
C	20	Fraser-Cole gold or red numbers in uncut blocks of four Gold 000001-000100, red 000101-000900
C	50	Red or black numbers in uncut blocks of four Red 000001-000250, black 000251-001000
C	100	Red or black numbers in uncut blocks of four

		Red 000001-000150, black 000151-000650
D	20	Gold or red numbers in uncut blocks of four
		Gold 000001-000100, red 000101-000900
D	50	Red or black numbers in uncut blocks of four
		Red 000001-000250, black 000251-001000
D	100	Red or black numbers in uncut blocks of four
		Red 000001-000150, black 000151-000650
E	20	Gold or red numbers in uncut blocks of four
		Gold 000001-000100, red 000101-000900
E	50	Fraser-Evans red or black numbers in uncut pairs
		Red 000001-000250, black 000251-001500
E	100	Red or black numbers in uncut pairs
		Red 000001-000300, black 000301-001000
F	20	Gold or red numbers in uncut blocks of four
		Gold 000001-000100, red 000101-000900
F	50	Fraser-Evans red or black numbers in uncut pairs
		Red 000001-000250, black 000251-001500
F	100	Red or black numbers in uncut pairs
		Red 000001-000300, black 000301-001000
M	20	Red numbers 80 th anniversary first Commonwealth note folder
		M000001-000500 in folder with sleeve
		M000501-003000 Brisbane coin fair
		M003001-005500 mail order
HF	50	Florey portfolio red 000001-001000
HF	50	Florey portfolio black 001001-003500
A-B	20	1-100 uncut gold pairs
A-B	20	101-1500 uncut red pairs
A-D	50	Uncut blocks Fraser-Evans
A-D	100	Uncut red or black serials
C-F	20	1-100 uncut gold blocks
C-F	20	101-550 uncut red blocks
E-F	50	Uncut pairs Fraser-Evans
E-F	100	Uncut pairs Fraser-Cole red or black serials
AA93	10	Red number from Last and First portfolio 000101-001000
AA94	50	Red number from Last and First portfolio 000101-001000

AA95	20	Red number from Last and First portfolio 000101-001000
AA96	100	Red number from Last and First portfolio 000101-001000
AAA	1	000001-000100 NPA archives
AAA	1	101-1000 25 th anniversary portfolio
AAA-AGE	1	Coombs-Wilson
AAA-ADK	20	General circulation
AAA-ABQ	20	Fraser-Cole
AAA-ADK	20	Fraser-Evans
ABR-ADK	20	Fraser-Evans full sheets of 40 notes sale by tender 000001-000250 (250)
ADK	20	Hargrave centenary overprint red 000001- 001000
ADK	20	Hargrave centenary overprint black 001001- 005000
ADK	20	4000 Fraser-Evans overprinted Kingsford Smith centenary
AGE-AHY	1	Coombs-Randall
AHY-BBE	1	Phillips-Randall
AJS	20	Johnston-Stone signatures deleted for polymer trial
BBF-BLG	1	Phillips-Wheeler CW
BLG-BYB	1	Phillips-Wheeler Aust
BYC-CPJ	1	Knight-Wheeler
CPK-DGH	1	Knight-Stone
DBP	1	Knight-Wheeler test
DGH-DPS	1	Johnston-Stone
EAA-EYD	20	Johnston-Fraser
EVJ-EYD	20	Phillips-Fraser
EVJ-EYD	20	000002-10 uncut strip of 10 (36) sold by public tender
EYE-EZZ	20	Fraser-Higgins
EZP-EZY	20	Fraser-Higgins uncut horizontal pair
FAA	2	000001-000100 NPA archives
FAA	2	101-1000 25 th anniversary portfolio
FAA-FKD	2	Coombs-Wilson
FAA-FAB	50	Fraser-Evans
FAA-FBB	50	Fraser-Evans uncut sheets by tender 000001- 000125 (125)
FKD-FPS	2	Coombs-Randall

FPT-GRF	2	Phillips-Randall
GRG-HBQ	2	Phillips-Wheeler CW
HBQ-HLP	2	Phillips-Wheeler Aust
HF	50	Florey 50 th anniversary
HLQ-HPT	2	Knight-Wheeler
HPU-HQV	2	as above OCRB
HQX-JDV	2	as above
JDX-KRP	2	Knight-Stone
KRQ-LQG	2	Johnston-Fraser
MAA-MHJ	10	Fraser-Higgins
MFQ-MGG	10	Fraser-Cole uncut blocks of four
MFQ-MRR	10	Fraser-Cole
MGH-MGR	10	Fraser-Higgins uncut pairs (20) 600106-10
MGH-MGR	10	Fraser-Cole uncut pairs 600002-601000
MGJ-MHJ	10	Fraser-Cole uncut blocks of four 600002-601000
MPX-MRR	10	Fraser-Cole full sheet 000001-000300 by tender (300)
NAA	5	000001-000100 NPA archives
NAA	5	101-1000 triple anniversary
NAA-NCS	5	Coombs-Randall
NCS-NGS	5	Phillips-Randall
NGT-NKG	5	Phillips-Wheeler CW
NKG-NQT	5	Phillips-Wheeler Aust
NQU-NVC	5	Knight-Wheeler gothic
NVD-NXE	5	as above OCR-B
NXF-NZZ	5	Knight-Stone
PAA-PDT	5	as above
PDU-PKE	5	Johnston-Stone
PKF-PYC	5	Johnston-Fraser
PXB-QBJ	5	as above, Gothic
QBK-QDE	5	as above
QDF-QJR	5	Fraser-Higgins
QDZ-QEG	5	Fraser-Higgins uncut vertical pairs 001001-003000
QDF-QFA	5	Fraser-Higgins uncut blocks four 001001-003000
QDF-QFA	5	Fraser-Higgins full sheets 000001-000500 (500)
QDF-QFA	5	Fraser-Higgins half sheets 000501-001000 (1000)

QGX-QPG	5	Fraser-Cole
RAA-RBU	20	Fraser-Higgins charity sheet 001092
RAA-RKB	20	Fraser-Higgins
RHG-RZZ	20	Fraser-Cole
RZV-RZZ	20	Fraser-Evans
SAA	10	000001-000100 NPA archives
SAA	10	101-1000 25 th anniversary portfolio
SAA-SDR	10	Coombs-Wilson
SDR-SFR	10	Coombs-Randall
SFR-STG	10	Phillips-Randall
STH-TBB	10	Phillips-Wheeler CW
TBC-TEL	10	Phillips-Wheeler Aust
TEN-TPC	10	Knight-Wheeler
TPD-TXT	10	Knight-Stone
TXU-UCC	10	Johnston-Stone
UCD-UYG	10	Johnston-Fraser
UYH-UZZ	10	Fraser-Higgins
VAA-VGX	20	Knight-Stone
VFV-VQK	20	Johnston-Stone
VQL-VZZ	20	Johnston-Fraser
WAA-WDD	50	Fraser-Higgins
WBT-WQH	50	Fraser-Cole
WNY-WZZ	50	Fraser-Evans
WYR-WZZ	50	Fraser-Evans full sheet (32) 000001-000125 (125)
XAA	20	000001-000100 NPA archives
XAA	20	101-1000 25 th anniversary
XAA-XBP	20	Coombs-Wilson
XBQ-XBS	20	Coombs-Randall
XBS-XEU	20	Phillips-Randall
XEV-XGY	20	Phillips-Wheeler CW
XGY-XLH	20	Phillips-Wheeler Aust
XLJ-XUZ	20	Knight-Wheeler
XVA-XZZ	20	Knight-Stone
XXV	5	Charity auction sheet 000001-019501
XXV	5	Uncut 25 th anniversary Fraser-Cole
Blocks of four 012002- 020000		
Vertical pairs 008002- 012000		

Horizontal pairs 000002-08000

YAA	50	Phillips-Wheeler Aust. 000001-100 NPA archives
YAA	50	101-1000 triple anniversary from 000101-001000
YAA-YAU	50	Phillips-Wheeler
YAV-YCZ	50	Knight-Wheeler
YDZ-YHH	50	Knight-Stone
YHJ-YNS	50	Johnston-Stone
YNT-YXH	50	Johnston-Fraser
YXJ-YYU	50	Phillips-Fraser
YXJ-YYU	50	Phillips-Fraser uncut blocks of four (72) 000002-000010
YXJ-YYU	50	000002-10 uncut blocks (72) sold by public tender
YYV-YZZ	50	Fraser-Higgins
ZAA-ZAF	1	Coombs-Wilson star
ZAA	100	Johnston-Stone 000001-100 NPA archives
ZAA	100	101-1000 triple anniversary
ZAA-ZCD	100	Johnston-Stone
ZAF-ZAH	1	Coombs-Randall star
ZAH-ZAQ	1	Phillips-Randall star omitting ZAI ZAO ZAM
ZBC-ZFU	100	Johnston-Fraser
ZEJ-ZJS	100	Fraser-Higgins
ZFA-ZFH	2	Coombs-Wilson star
ZFH-ZFK	2	Coombs-Randall star
ZFK-ZFQ	2	Phillips-Randall star
ZHG-ZLD	100	Fraser-Cole
ZJT-ZLD	100	Fraser-Cole uncut sheets of 32 (75) by tender
000001-000075		
ZNA-ZNC	5	Coombs-Randall star
ZNC-ZND	5	Phillips-Randall star
ZSA-ZSD	10	Coombs-Wilson star
ZSD-ZSE	10	Coombs-Randall star
ZSF-ZSJ	10	Phillips-Randall star omitting ZSI
ZXA	20	Phillips-Randall star

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Normal serial number prefix runs only use letters A to M for the second prefix letter.

\$5 and \$100 test notes had the second prefix letter from N to Z.

Bicentenary \$10 and 1992-1994 \$5 notes had sequential numbering for prefixes.

From \$10 New Note Series in 1993 onwards, the prefix consists of two letters followed by the last two digits of the year printed e.g. AA93. Not all denominations are printed each year.

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AA00	10	dated Bicentenary Staff folders two notes
AA00	5	Fraser-Cole charity sheet 000000
AA00	5	Fraser-Cole purple serials FDI folder 000001-030000
AA00-AA23	10	dated Bicentenary folder single notes
Uncut vertical strips of 4 (1673), horizontal blocks of 4	(1373), half sheets (1000) and full sheets of 24 (500)	sold by public tender
AA00-AB19	5	Fraser-Cole 1992
AA01	5	Federation, low numbers tendered
AA01	5	Federation 000001-000008 NPA archives
AA01	5	Federation 000009-000500 sold by public tender
AA01	5	Federation overprinted 001000-001050 by tender
AA01	5	Federation overprinted from 001001 in folder
AA01-DA01	5	Federation charity sheet 000000
AA01-JD01	5	Federation Macfarlane-Evans
AA02-DD02	10	Macfarlane-Henry charity sheet 000000
AA02-DD02	20	Macfarlane-Henry charity sheet 000000
AA02-GL02	10	Macfarlane-Henry
AA02-KM02	20	Macfarlane-Henry
AA03-DF03	10	Macfarlane-Henry
AA03-DA03	20	Macfarlane-Henry
AA03-DA03	50	Macfarlane-Henry charity sheet 000000
AA03-DA03	50	Macfarlane-Henry
AA04-DA04	50	Macfarlane-Henry charity sheet 000000
AA04-GB04	50	Macfarlane-Henry
AA05-DA05	20	Macfarlane-Henry charity sheet 000000
AA05-GB05	20	Macfarlane-Henry
AA05-JC05	50	Macfarlane-Henry

AA06-GL06	10	Macfarlane-Henry
AA06-JC06	20	Macfarlane-Henry
AA06-JC06	50	Macfarlane-Henry
AA07-DA07	5	Stevens-Henry charity sheet 000000
AA07-GL07	10	Stevens/Henry
AA07-DA07	20	Stevens-Henry charity sheet 000000
AA07-JC07	20	Stevens/Henry
AA07-DA07	50	Stevens/Henry
AA08-DA08	50	Stevens-Henry charity sheet 000000
AA08-DF08	10	Stevens/Henry
AA08-JC08	20	Stevens/Henry
AA08-MD08	50	Stevens/Henry
AA08-EL08	100	Stevens/Henry
AA09-DA09	50	Stevens-Henry charity sheet 000000
AA09-SF09	50	Stevens/Henry
AA10-DA10	20	Stevens-Henry charity sheet 000000
AA10-DA10	20	Stevens-Henry
AA10-GB10	50	Stevens/Henry
AA10-EL10	100	Stevens-Henry
AA11-JC11	50	Stevens-Henry
AA11-EL11	100	Stevens-Henry
AA11-DA11	50	Stevens-Parkinson charity sheet 000000
AA12-DA12	5	Stevens-Parkinson charity sheet 000000
AA12-DF12	10	Stevens-Parkinson
AA12-GB12	50	Stevens-Parkinson
AA13	5	Dated folder 000125 onwards
AA13-DF13	10	Stevens-Parkinson
AA13-DA13	20	Stevens-Parkinson
AA13-JC13	50	Stevens-Parkinson
AA13-EL13	100	Stevens-Parkinson
AA14-JC14	50	Stevens/Parkinson
AA14-CF14	100	Stevens/Parkinson charity sheet 000000
AA14-JK14	100	Stevens/Parkinson
AA15-DF15	10	Stevens/Fraser charity sheet 000000
AA15-DF15	10	Stevens/Fraser
AA93	10	Fraser-Cole Last/First portfolio
AA93-GL93	10	Fraser-Evans
AA93-KE93	10	Fraser-Evans
AA93	10	Fraser-Evans charity sheet 000000
AA93	10	Red last/first portfolio 000101-001000
AA93	10	Red, black, last/first folder 001001-010000

AA93	10	Fraser-Evans black numbered folder 001001-010000
AA94	5	Fraser-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA94	5	Fraser-Evans A/D folder black 1001-10000
AA94	10	Fraser-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA94	10	Fraser-Evans A/D folder black 1001-10000
AA94-DF94	10	Fraser-Evans
AA94	20	Fraser-Evans charity sheet 000000
AA94	20	Fraser-Evans Last/first portfolio 000101-001000
AA94	20	Fraser-Evans FDI folder 001001-006000
AA94-PE94	20	Fraser-Evans
AA95	5	Fraser-Evans
AA95	5	Fraser-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA95	5	Fraser-Evans A/D folder black 1001-10000
AA95	10	Fraser-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA95	10	Fraser-Evans A/D folder black 1001-10000
AA95	20	Fraser-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA95	20	Fraser-Evans A/D folder black 1001-7000
AA95	5	30 th anniversary folder 1000 red, 1500 black
AA95-DA95	20	Fraser-Evans
AA95	50	Fraser-Evans charity sheet 000000
AA95	50	Fraser-Evans Last/first portfolio 000101-001000
AA95	50	Fraser-Evans FDI folder two notes 001001-004500
AA95	50	Fraser-Evans FDI folder one note 004501-011500
AA95-VG95	50	Fraser-Evans
AA95	5	Fraser-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA95	5	Fraser-Evans A/D folder black 1001-10000
AA95	10	Fraser-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA95	10	Fraser-Evans A/D folder black 1001-9000
AA95	20	Fraser-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA95	20	Fraser-Evans A/D folder black 1001-7000
AA96	100	Fraser-Evans charity sheet 000000
AA96	100	Fraser-Cole Last/First portfolio 000101-001000
AA96	100	Fraser-Evans FDI folder two notes 001001-003000

AA96	100	Fraser-Evans FDI folder one note 00301-00600
AA96	5	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA96	5	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-9000
AA96	10	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA96	10	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-9000
AA96	20	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA96	20	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-7000
AA96	50	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA96	50	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-5000
AA96-DF96	10	Macfarlane-Evans
AA96-DA96	20	Fraser-Evans
AA96-DA96	50	Fraser-Evans
AA96-JK96	100	Fraser-Evans
AA97	5	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA97	5	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-8000
AA97	10	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA97	10	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-8000
AA97	20	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA97	20	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-7000
AA97	50	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA97	50	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-6000
AA97	100	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA97	100	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-5000
AA97-DA97	5	Macfarlane-Evans charity sheet 000000
AA97-DF97	10	Macfarlane-Evans
	10	Macfarlane-Evans uncut pairs Red 010326-010375, blue 010376-010455
AA97-DF97	10	Macfarlane-Evans uncut blocks of 4 Red 010001-010125, blue 010126-000325
AA97-DA97	20	Macfarlane-Evans
AA97-JC97	50	Macfarlane-Evans

AA98	5	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA98	5	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-3000
AA98	10	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA98	10	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-3000
AA98	20	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA98	20	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-3000
AA98	50	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA98	50	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-3000
AA98	100	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA98	100	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-3000
AA98-DA98	5	Macfarlane-Evans uncut sheets (40) by tender (200) 005001-005200
AA98-DF98	10	Macfarlane-Evans
AA98	10	Currency note portrait Paterson 010001-011500
AA98-DA98	20	Macfarlane-Evans
AA98-DA98	20	Macfarlane-Evans uncut pairs red 010151-010170, black 010171-010210
AA98-AJ98	20	Macfarlane-Evans uncut blocks of four Red 100001-010050, black 010051-010150
AA98-JC98	50	Macfarlane-Evans
AA98-CF98	100	Macfarlane-Evans
AA99	5	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA99	5	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-2200
AA99	10	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA99	10	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-2200
AA99	20	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA99	20	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-2200
AA99	50	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000
AA99	50	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-2200
AA99	100	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder red 101-1000

AA99	100	Macfarlane-Evans A/D folder black 1001-2200
AA99-DF99	10	Macfarlane-Evans charity sheet 000000
AA99-DF99	10	Macfarlane-Evans full sheet (45) by tender (150) 010001-010150
AA99-PE99	50	Macfarlane-Evans
AA99-DA99	50	Macfarlane-Evans charity sheet 000000
AA99-DA99	50	Macfarlane-Evans uncut pairs Red 010061-010070, black 010071-010084
AA99-DA99	50	Macfarlane-Evans uncut blocks of four Red 010001-010025, black 010026-010060
AA99-CF99	100	Macfarlane-Evans uncut pairs Red 010061-010073, brown/green 010074-010090
AA99-CF99	100	Macfarlane-Evans uncut blocks of 4 Red 010001-010025, brown/green 010026-010060
AA99-JK99	100	Macfarlane-Evans
AB10-AB57	10	Bicentenary
AB93	10	000001-DF93 purple dated folder
AB94	20	FDI folder single note – AC etc.
AB98	10	Currency note portrait Gilmore 010001-011500
AB98	10	10 th anniversary polymer red 000001-001000
AB98	10	10 th anniversary polymer black 001001-002500
AN96-CS96	100	Fraser-Evans test
AN97-DN97	5	Macfarlane-Evans test
AP93	10	Eminent women portfolio red 000001-500
AP93	10	Eminent women portfolio black 501 auctioned
AP93	10	Eminent women portfolio black 000502-5000
BA02-EA02	5	Macfarlane-Henry
BA03-EA03	5	Macfarlane-Henry
BA05-KC05	5	Macfarlane-Henry
BA06-HB06	5	Macfarlane-Henry
BA07-HB07	5	Stevens/Henry
BA08-HB08	5	Stevens/Henry
BA12-EA12	5	Stevens/Parkinson
BA13-EA13	5	Stevens/Parkinson

BA14-EA14	5	Stevens/Parkinson
BA15-EA15	5	Stevens/Fraser
BA93-EA93	5	Fraser-Evans
BA95-KC95	5	Fraser-Evans
BA96-CC96	5	Fraser-Evans uncut pairs Red 000001-000125, black 000126-000400
BA96-CC96	5	Fraser-Evans uncut pairs
BA96-CC96	5	Fraser-Evans uncut blocks of 4 Red 000001-000125, black 000126-000400
BA96-EA96	5	Fraser-Evans
BA96-EA96	5	Macfarlane-Evans
BA97-HB97	5	Macfarlane-Evans
BA98-EA98	5	Macfarlane-Evans
BA97-CC97	10	Macfarlane-Evans uncut block of four 010166-010325
CI97-DF97	10	Macfarlane-Evans uncut blocks of four Red 010001-010125
CL96-EA96	5	Fraser-Evans blocks of four Black 000126-000400
CL97-EA97	10	Uncut block of four 010166-010325
CE98-DA98	20	Macfarlane-Evans uncut blocks of four Red 010001-010050, black 010051-010150
EA93	5	30 th anniversary date overprinted 1000 red, 1500 black
GD01-JD01	5	Federation Macfarlane-Evans uncut sheet of 40 (356) and low number singles by tender

Polymer out-of-sequence prefixes used for collector issues. \$

EA95	5	Red, last and first portfolio 500101-001000
ES97	20	Emergency services portfolio red 000001- 001000
ES97	20	Emergency services portfolio black 001001- 003000
FE96	5	Signatures folder red 1-001000, black 1001- 002500
HK97	5	Hong Kong handover 5000 and 5000 mini- sheets of 8.
ME96	5	Signatures folder red 1-001000, black 1001- 002500

MH99	20	Maritime Heritage portfolio red 000001-001000
MH99	20	Maritime Heritage portfolio black 001001-003000
OO96	5-100	polymer note portfolios date overprinted
QE96	5	30 years portfolio red 000001-001000
QE96	5	30 years portfolio black 001001-003000
WM95	10	Waltzing Matilda portfolio red 000001-001000
WM95	10	Waltzing Matilda portfolio blue 001001-005000
ZZ97	5-100	annual complete collection 998500-999999
ZZ98	5-100	annual complete collection 998500-999999