

Western Australia

The 1865–88 issues listed were circulated in November 1889 and represented the stamps then current. They were followed by the 1890 2d, 4d and 1s in December 1891 and by the 1892 2½d and 5d in March 1892. All of these were handstamped or overprinted ‘SPECIMEN’ prior to distribution.

Although the 1890 typographed 1d is known with ‘SPECIMEN’ type WA1, no example has been seen in any collection formed from UPU distributions. There is no reference to this stamp in any Circular and it appears that distribution was erroneously omitted.

Between 1893 and 1901 stamps were distributed in mint condition.

Those postage and Postage Due stamps circulated in 1904 were cancelled-to-order in blocks of four with four concentric circles. Note that other stamps issued between 1882 and 1901 are known with this obliteration but that they were not sent to the International Bureau so cancelled.

The 1905 5d Swan watermarked V/Crown and 10d, 2s and 5s Postage Due stamps were distributed in mint condition.

Postage stamps issued in 1906–07 were cancelled with a ‘PERTH/WESTERN AUSTRALIA’ circular datestamp prior to distribution, as were the 1s and 5s Postage Due stamps with stroke after the figure of value.



1865–92 — ‘SPECIMEN’ type WA1 (the 2½d and 5d type D12x)



1902–03 watermark ‘V/Crown’ — cancelled type [1]



1906 watermark ‘W Crown A’
cancelled type [P] and handstamped ‘ULTRAMAR’