



L10: 8d TUATARA TYPE (Recess)

Notes from NZ Stamp Images .

<http://nzstamps.org.uk/35pictorials/eightpence/index.html>

The 8d was issued on single watermarked paper on 1 May 1935 and on multiple watermarked paper in July 1936. Both issues were perforated 14x13½ and the watermark was sideways.

The first plate was numbered A2 while stamps from a plate numbered 3 were issued in July 1939. The plates had 160 impressions.



Stamps from plate 3 were also perforated 14x13½ and exist with both sideways and upright watermarks with the majority being upright.

Plate 3 was handed over to *Waterlow* in September 1940 and 52,500 sheets were printed and returned to *De La Rue* for perforation. 7,500 sheets were salvaged from the December fire and eventually returned to *Waterlow* in April where they were perforated 12½. A further 38,700 sheets were printed and perforated 12½ at this time.

They were issued in July 1941. There does not seem to be any way to distinguish the two printings.

While the plates were at *Waterlow*, rows of dots were added to the selvedge apparently to indicate the shift in which the printing took place. As the significance of these shift dots was not widely realised by collectors at the time, surviving blocks are scarce.

The plates were returned to *De La Rue* and stamps were issued in July 1942 printed on coarse paper from plate 3 and from a new plate 4. The perforation was 14x14½ and the watermark was sideways.

The 8d overprinted *Official* perforated 12½ was issued in August 1942 and perforated 14x14½ in January 1945.

The 8d was replaced by the George VI definitive on 1 May 1947.



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