

L11: 9d MAORI PANEL, TYPE (Surface-printed)

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The nine pence value is the only stamp in the set that was not recess printed by *De La Rue*. The first plates were produced by *Waterlow* for Litho offset printing.



Single wmk



Multi wmk,
slate grey



Smaller design

Single watermark

The 9d was first issued on 1 May 1935 on single watermarked paper and perf 14x14½. The colour is black and scarlet and plate number. The stamps were printed by *Waterlow*, but all subsequent printings were made in New Zealand. There is no plate number. The stamps were printed by *Waterlow*, but all subsequent printings were made in New Zealand.

Multiple Watermark

Stamps on multiple watermarked paper were issued in June 1936 on sheets with the watermark sideways. The perforation is 14x15. This, and all subsequent printings, was by the *Government Printer* in Wellington. The border is often slate-grey rather than black. New plates with 120 impressions were produced by *Coulls, Somerville and Wilkie* of Dunedin and stamps issued on 1 March 1938. The watermark is upright and the perf is 14x14½. Again, the border is often slate-grey rather than black.



Official stamps perf 14x14½ with the overprint in green were also issued on 1 March 1938.



Coulls, Somerville and Wilkie later produced new plates of 240 impressions for surface printing in which the design is smaller. The first issue in May 1941 was on single watermarked paper while from September 1941, the stamps were on multi-watermarked paper. In both cases, the perforation was 14x15. The two sizes of design are easily distinguished. As the stamps are the same size, there is a larger space between the design and the perforations. The registration between the two colours is much better in the smaller design and the border is always black.

Official stamps with a black overprint were issued in October 1943.

The printings in New Zealand had wide margins and to stop the paper being used for illegal purposes, bars were printed in the selvedge. An example of the bottom margin of the smaller design on multi-watermarked paper is shown.