

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY TRAVELLING POST OFFICES
CANCELLATION CHECK LIST

This document is based on the information contained within the publication *Mails by rail in New Zealand* by Albert B Johnstone and Robin M Startup. Indeed, the classification of the marks has also been retained.

Each mark is illustrated, mostly from the original text, and the period of use is given below. A date in black is the one that appears in *Mails by rail in New Zealand*. A date in red is a revised date (either earlier or later) and is one that has been clearly observed from either supplied material or auction catalogues.

The purpose of this document is to try and build the data/knowledge with regards to the periods of use of each of the marks. This information has apparently been twice lost in fires at records offices and so this is another attempt to rebuild. If you have any material which extends the given dates please provide details and scans to the contact/editor of the web site who will forward as appropriate.

Anthony Nicholson
7 June 2018

Revision Dec. 2020 has updates for the following marks:

WG2 new late date 21/3/07 – does not appear to show a direction code
DS6 new early date 11/11/03

Rev July 2021 has updates for the following marks:

WG2 new late date 18/07/07 – faint direction code '1'
DN9 new early date 26/05/30 – faint direction code '1'

Rev Dec 2023 has updates for the following marks

NA1 new early date 25/4/91 (seen in published illustration)
DN2 new early date 19/11/79
DS2 new early date 22/09/80

Rev April 2025 has an update for the following mark:

DS2 new early date 27/02/79

Rev May 2025 update is as a result of a number items coming to light within one collection:

NA5 new early usage in November 1926 but the day is not clear - /11/26

MTW4 new early usage (ie a first mark with a day and month) 04/11/12

MTW5 new early usage in December 1912 but the day is not clear enough -/12/12

TH2 new early usage 23/08/09

W9 new early date 13/06/21

NU2 new early date 10/09/02

DN5 new early date 13/02/97 and new late date 02/11/03

DN7 new late date 06/03/11 and new early date 02/11/03

DN2 new late date 21/08/83

W3 new late usage 01/03/01

nb modified illustration for DS10 – diameter also confirmed as 31mm

Rev June 2025 - correcting two errors which were made in the May 2025 revisions

W9 early date corrected back to 31/1/23

DN7 Late date corrected to 06/02/11

SOUTH ISLAND RTPO MARKS

Section 1: Canterbury South



C1
-/10/1878 to 24/2/86



C2
19/8/79 to 10/6/86



C3
18/9/86 to 14/11/92



C4
7/12/92 to 22/7/96



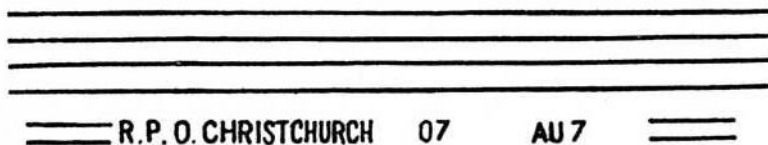
C5
8/8/96 to 17/9/00



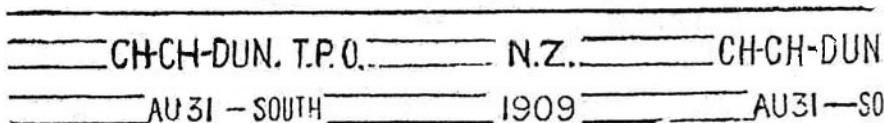
C6
8/9/00 to 12/12/04



C7
28/11/03 to 6/12/11



C8
2/8/07 to 8/10/08



C9
11/10/08 to -/11/09



C10
22/2/12 to -/5/16



C13
-/8/18 to -/12/27



C14
-/9/20 to -/10/25



C15
-/8/26 to 23/3/39



C16
21/8/39 to -/6/42



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nb. C11 and C12 are the Canterbury North cancellers used as relief cancellers for short periods in January 1914 and May-September 1916

Section 2: Dunedin North



DN1
-/10/78 to 1882



DN2
19/11/79 to 21/8/83



DN3
24/8/83 to 28/3/90



DN4
7/7/90 to 11/2/97



DN5
13/2/97 to 21/1/03
Stop after 1 from 19/9/00



DN6
7/5/02 to 30/10/03



DN7
2/11/03 to 6/2/11



DN8
5/10/14 to 20/12/29



DN9
26/05/30 to 28/12/41

Section 3: Dunedin South



DS1
1879 to 1881



DS2
27/02/79 to 21/8/83



DS3
16/2/84 to 16/6/90



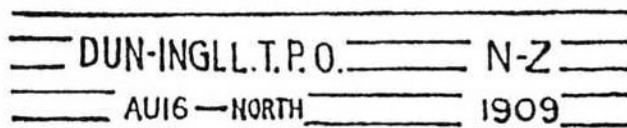
DS4
28/6/90 to 6/10/96



DS5
15/10/96 to 31/10/03
Stop after 1 from 13/1/02



DS6
11/11/03 to 19/6/12



DS7
-/10/08 to -/10/09



DS8
-/9/12 to 1/2/29



DS9
7/4/30 to 9/4/30



DS10
26/5/30 to 8/2/31

Section 4: Invercargill



IN1
1879 to 1885



IN2
4/8/79 to 22/5/88



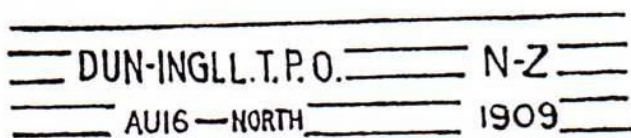
IN3
8/7/89 to 7/1/99



IN4
11/2/99 to 22/11/02



IN5
31/10/03 to 06/3/09



IN6
1909



IN7
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Section 5: Canterbury North



CN1
28/05/00 to 4/8/09



CN2
-/9/09

Section 6: North Otago Loose Letter



NO 1
14/10/11 to 6/2/17



NO 2
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NORTH ISLAND RTPO MARKS

Section 1: New Plymouth-Wanganui-New Plymouth



NU1
8/7/87 to 8/8/02



NU2
10/9/02 to 22/9/08



NU3
-/10/08 to 22/11/28



NU4
6/12/28 to -/12/31

Section 2: Wellington-Manawatu-Wellington



W1
3/12/86 to 11/4/92



W2
-/8/92 to 11/8/96



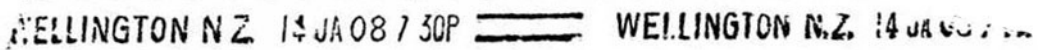
W3
-/9/96 to 1/3/01



W4
2/4/01 to 16/4/03



W5
4/5/03 to 13/11/07



W6
12/3/07 to -/10/09



W7
14/2/08 to 18/3/11



W8
17/10/11 to 8/9/22



W9
31/1/23 to 27/12/31

Section 3: Wanganui-Manawatu-Wanganui



WG1
26/3/89 to 6/7/02



WG2
-/12/02 to 18/7/07

Section 4: The Napier Mail

(a) Napier



NA1
25/4/91 to 17/5/98



NA2
22/7/98 to 31/1/03



NA3
11/1/03 to 22/9/14



NA4
21/10/14 to 7/11/26



NA5
-/11/26 to 3/8/31

(b) Palmerston North



PN1
22/1/92 to 1/12/97

(c) Wellington



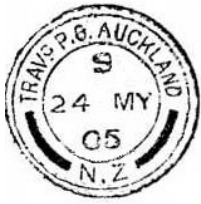
WN1
31/12/97 to 30/10/03



WN2
31/8/03 to 12/5/09

Section 5: Thames Mails

(a) Auckland-Waikato-Auckland



AK1
22/5/02 to 5/4/09



AK3
1/6/09 to 27/7/31

(b) Hamilton-Mercer-Hamilton



HN1
21/7/02 to 11/5/03

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AK/TH1
8/12/08 to 14/07/09

(c) Auckland-Thames



TH1
7/7/03 to 27/03/09



TH2
23/08/09 to -/11/28



TH3
8/12/30 to -/9/31

Section 6: Main Trunk

(a) Auckland



MTA1
5/4/09 to 24/10/27



MTA2
-/4/09 to 25/9/27



MTA3
13/2/14 to 31/10/18



MTA4
02/12/18



MTA5
12/6/26 to 22/4/28



MTA6
-/11/28 to 19/7/68



MTA7
6/12/28 to 14/9/66



MTA8
7/6/67 to 4/9/71



MTA9
26/3/69 to 5/9/71



MTA10
One Day Only



MTA11
One Day Only

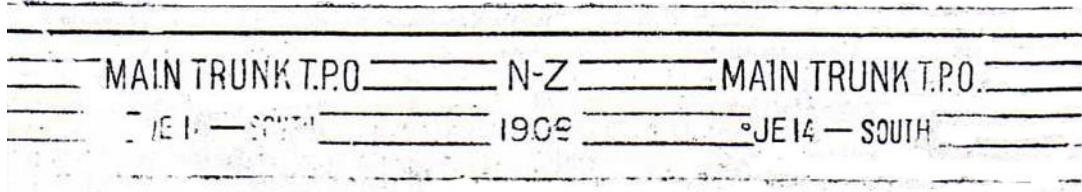
(b) Wellington



MTW1
-/2/09 to -/8/11



MTW2
-/2/09 to 22/12/11



MTW3
-/2/09 to -/2/10



MTW4
4/11/12 to -/6/46



MTW5
-/12/12 to 20/9/57



MTW6
7/1/58 to 5/9/71



MTW7
One Day Only



MTW8
One Day Only