

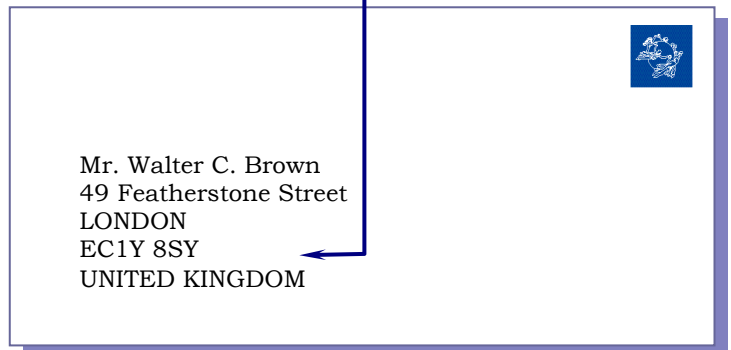
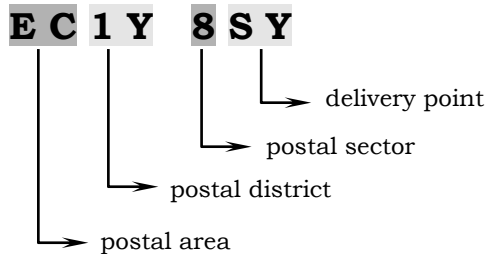
# United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

## Postcode

### Postcode type and position

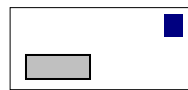
Between 5 and 7 alphanumeric characters below the name of the locality, with a space before the last 3 alphanumeric characters

### Coding method



### Position of the address on the envelope

Bottom left-hand corner



### Alignment of address lines

Left-aligned



### Address formats

A correct postal address must contain a minimum of information needed for correct sorting and delivery, and will contain a number of the following elements:

Addressee identification  
Building  
Dependent thoroughfare  
Thoroughfare  
Double dependent locality  
Dependent locality  
POST TOWN  
County  
POSTCODE  
UNITED KINGDOM

The county name is no longer required in the address if the post town and postcode are provided.

The postcode will be in one of the six following formats. 'A' represents a letter of the alphabet and 'N' a digit:

<i>Format</i>	<i>Example</i>
AN NAA	M2 5BQ
ANN NAA	M34 4AB
AAN NAA	CR0 2YR
AANN NAA	DN16 9AA
ANA NAA	W1A 4ZZ
AANA NAA	EC1A 1HQ

There is only one exception to these formats: GIR OAA.

The postcode must be written in capitals on the last (domestic) or penultimate (international) line of the address. It should appear on its own on a separate line, should not be underlined and should contain no punctuation. A one-character space should separate the two parts of the postcode.

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<b>Examples</b>	Leda Engineering Ltd APPLEFORD ABINGDON OX14 4PG UNITED KINGDOM	<i>addressee</i> <i>dependent locality</i> <i>post town</i> <i>postcode</i>
	1 Upper Littleton Winford BRISTOL BS18 8HF UNITED KINGDOM	<i>building no. + double dependent locality</i> <i>dependent locality</i> <i>post town</i> <i>postcode</i>
	1A Seastone Cottages Station Road Weybourne HOLT NR25 7HG UNITED KINGDOM	<i>building no. + dependent thoroughfare</i> <i>thoroughfare</i> <i>dependent locality</i> <i>post town</i> <i>postcode</i>
	The Manor Norwood Hill HORLEY RH6 OHP UNITED KINGDOM	<i>building name</i> <i>dependent locality</i> <i>post town</i> <i>postcode</i>
	Victoria House 15 The Street Hurn CHRISTCHURCH BH23 6AA UNITED KINGDOM	<i>building name</i> <i>building no. + thoroughfare</i> <i>dependent locality</i> <i>post town</i> <i>postcode</i>
	10B Barry Jackson Tower Estone Walk BIRMINGHAM B6 5BA UNITED KINGDOM	<i>no. + building name</i> <i>thoroughfare</i> <i>post town</i> <i>postcode</i>
	Stables Flat The Manor Norwood Hill HORLEY RH6 OHP UNITED KINGDOM	<i>part of building</i> <i>building name</i> <i>dependent locality</i> <i>post town</i> <i>postcode</i>
	2B The Tower 27 John Street WINCHESTER SO23 9AP UNITED KINGDOM	<i>building name</i> <i>dependent locality</i> <i>post town</i> <i>postcode</i>
	Royal Mail Address Management Centre 4 St. Georges Business Centre St. Georges Square PORTSMOUTH PO1 3AX UNITED KINGDOM	<i>addressee</i> <i>organisation's name</i> <i>dependent thoroughfare</i> <i>thoroughfare</i> <i>post town</i> <i>postcode</i>

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<b>List of postcode areas</b>						
AB	Aberdeen	HA	Harrow	PO	Portsmouth	
AL	St. Albans	HD	Huddersfield	PR	Preston	
B	Birmingham	HG	Harrogate	RG	Reading	
BA	Bath	HP	Hemel Hempstead	RH	Redhill	
BB	Blackburn	HR	Hereford	RM	Romford	
BD	Bradford	HS	Outer Hebrides	S	Sheffield	
BH	Bournemouth	HU	Hull	SA	Swansea	
BL	Bolton	HX	Halifax	SE	London SE	
BN	Brighton	IG	Ilford	SG	Stevenage	
BR	Bromley	IM	Isle of Man	SK	Stockport	
BS	Bristol	IP	Ipswich	SL	Slough	
BT	Northern Ireland	IV	Inverness	SM	Sutton	
CA	Carlisle	JE	Jersey	SN	Swindon	
CB	Cambridge	KA	Kilmarnock	SO	Southampton	
CF	Cardiff	KT	Kingston Upon Thames	SP	Salisbury	
CH	Chester	KW	Kirkwall	SR	Sunderland	
CM	Chelmsford	KY	Kirkcaldy	SS	Southend on Sea	
CO	Colchester	L	Liverpool	ST	Stoke on Trent	
CR	Croydon	LA	Lancaster	SW	London SW	
CT	Canterbury	LD	Llandrindod Wells	SY	Shrewsbury	
CV	Coventry	LE	Leicester	TA	Taunton	
CW	Crewe	LL	Llandudno	TD	Galashiels	
DA	Dartford	LN	Lincoln	TF	Telford	
DD	Dundee	LS	Leeds	TN	Tonbridge	
DE	Derby	LU	Luton	TQ	Torquay	
DG	Dumfries	M	Manchester	TR	Truro	
DH	Durham	ME	Medway	TS	Cleveland	
DL	Darlington	MK	Milton Keynes	TW	Twickenham	
DN	Doncaster	ML	Motherwell	UB	Southall	
DT	Dorchester	N	London N	W	London W	
DY	Dudley	NE	Newcastle Upon Tyne	WA	Warrington	
E	London E	NG	Nottingham	WC	London WC	
EC	London EC	NN	Northampton	WD	Watford	
EH	Edinburgh	NP	Newport	WF	Wakefield	
EN	Enfield	NR	Norwich	WN	Wigan	
EX	Exeter	NW	London NW	WR	Worcester	
FK	Falkirk	OL	Oldham	WS	Walsall	
FY	Blackpool	OX	Oxford	WV	Wolverhampton	
G	Glasgow	PA	Paisley	YO	York	
GL	Gloucester	PE	Peterborough	ZE	Lerwick	
GY	Guernsey	PH	Perth			
GU	Guildford	PL	Plymouth			

### **Territories and countries subdivisions**

#### **Territories**

#### **ISO 3166-1 Alpha 3 code**

Anguilla	AIA
Ascension	ASC
Bermuda	BMU
Cayman Islands	CYM
Diego Garcia	DGA
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	FLK
Guernsey	GGY
Gibraltar	GIB
Isle of Man	IMN

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<b>Territories and countries subdivisions (cont.)</b>	British Indian Ocean Territory	IOT
	Jersey	JEY
	Montserrat	MSR
	Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno (Islands)	PCN
	South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	SGS
	Saint Helena	SHN
	Tristan da Cunha	TAA
	Turks and Caicos Islands	TCA
	Virgin Islands, British	VGB
	British Antarctic Territory	XBA

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