

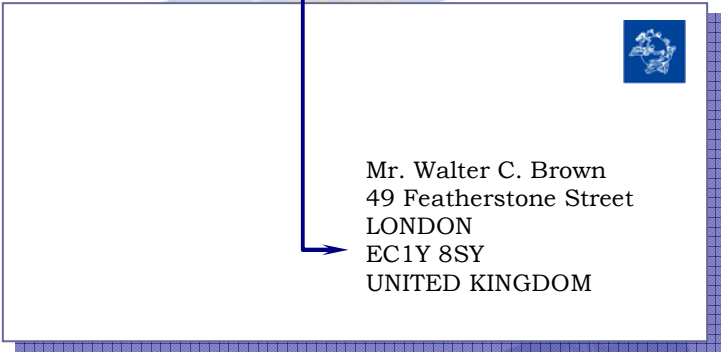
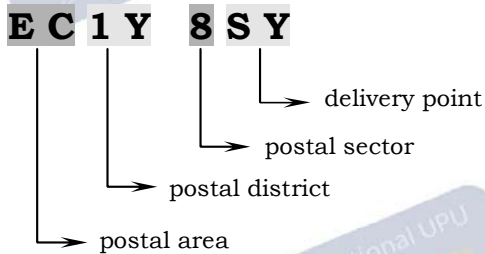
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Postcode

Postcode type and position

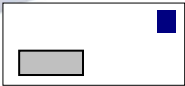
Between 5 and 7 alphanumeric characters below the name of the locality, with a space before the last 3 alphanumeric characters

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:

Format	Example
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 0AA.

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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Examples

Leda Engineering Ltd
APPLEFORD
ABINGDON
OX14 4PG
UNITED KINGDOM

addressee
dependent locality
post town
postcode

1 Upper Littleton
Winford
BRISTOL
BS18 8HF
UNITED KINGDOM

building no. + double dependent locality
dependent locality
post town
postcode

1A Seastone Cottages
Station Road
Weybourne
HOLT
NR25 7HG
UNITED KINGDOM

building no. + dependent thoroughfare
thoroughfare
dependent locality
post town
postcode

The Manor
Norwood Hill
HORLEY
RH6 0HP
UNITED KINGDOM

building name
dependent locality
post town
postcode

Victoria House
15 The Street
Hurn
CHRISTCHURCH
BH23 6AA
UNITED KINGDOM

building name
building no. + thoroughfare
dependent locality
post town
postcode

10B Barry Jackson Tower
Estone Walk
BIRMINGHAM
B6 5BA
UNITED KINGDOM

no. + building name
thoroughfare
post town
postcode

Stables Flat
The Manor
Norwood Hill
HORLEY
RH6 0HP
UNITED KINGDOM

part of building
building name
dependent locality
post town
postcode

2B The Tower
27 John Street
WINCHESTER
SO23 9AP
UNITED KINGDOM

building name
dependent locality
post town
postcode

Royal Mail
Address Management Centre
4 St. Georges Business Centre
St. Georges Square
PORTSMOUTH
PO1 3AX
UNITED KINGDOM

addressee
building name
dependent thoroughfare
thoroughfare
post town
postcode

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List of postcode areas

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		

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