

1893. First Official Issue.

Official with Watermark Sideways.

It is presumed that the sideways watermark varieties shown below were an emergency printing made in 1914 as Egypt's Official correspondence increased with the First War.



[-] Chestnut Official.
Watermark sideways to left.
Vertical strip of three, Plate 1.



[-] Chestnut Official.
Watermark sideways to left.
Block of nine, Plate 2.

1952. Official Issue.

In common with the Definitive, Air and Postage Due issues,
the Official series of December 1938 was overprinted
'King of Egypt and the Sudan-16th October 1951'

The overprint was applied by typography at the Survey Department, Cairo
in red, black, blue or brown and was issued on January 17th 1952.



Numbers overprinted are not known.

1922-23. O.H.E.M.S Official Issue.

Varieties.



10m. lake, two blocks of four, each showing the major variety
'O.H..E.M.S' with two stops after 'H' and none after 'S'.
Printing B, position 38.

It is interesting to note the variety on the upper right stamp -
a white flaw above lower left '10' value tablet cutting into outer frame line.
This is previously unrecorded but the multiples above prove the flaw to be constant.



50m. purple.

Left hand stamp shows the wider spacing
between OHEMS and arabic 'hukumah'.

1922-23. O.H.E.M.S Official Issue.

'Lower Dots, Broken Malakia, Traces of Stop Varieties'.



4m. green, left stamp with
Broken Malakia.
Printing B, position 26.



4m. green, Lower Dots
and Broken Malakia,
broken 'S' in 'OHEMS'.
Printing D.



4m. green, Lower Dots
and Broken Malakia,
'S' unbroken.
Printing D.



5m. pink, left stamp with
Trace of Stop after 'M'
right stamp with Lower Dots
and Broken Malakia.
Printing D.



5m. pink, overprint double.
Printing B.

A single pane of 100 of this variety was apparently found
in new issue supplies mailed to Tommy Allen, but first reported only in 1932.

1922-23. O.H.E.M.S Official Issue.

'Lower Dots, Broken Malakia, Trace of Stop Varieties'.

There are four different printings of the overprint on this issue.
The varieties listed above and shown below are present on all values.



1m. sepia, trace of Stop after M
on left stamp, Lower Dots on right stamp
and Broken Malakia.

The pair comes from printing D.



2m. vermilion, lower left stamp with Lower Dots
and Broken Malakia.

The block comes from Printing D.



3m. orange yellow, left stamp with Lower Dots
and Broken Malakia-note also the broken 'S' in
OHEMS on both stamps. From Printing D.

1922-23 O.H.E.M.S Official Issue.

The declaration of the Kingdom of Egypt called for a new issue of Official stamps, and the Harrison issue of 1921-22 was overprinted OHEMS-On His Egyptian Majesty's Service. The arabic inscription underneath reads 'Royal Egyptian Government'.

The 10 stamps of the set comprise both colours of the 10m value and both types of the 15m. blue.



The set of ten as issued.

Only 7,000 complete sets can exist
This being the total overprinted figure for the scarcest value of the set,
the 15m. indigo (..mat) value.

The 10m. blue was issued in September 1922,
the replacement 10m. lake being issued on August 24th 1923.

Printing Figures:

1m. 50,000. 2m. 60,000. 3m. 24,000. 4m. 17,000. 5m. 175,000.
10m. deep blue 60,000. 10m. lake 87,000. 15m. (..mat) 7,000.
15m. (..mah) 49,000. 50m. 10,000.

1922. Official Issue.

Lithographed Overprint.

Four values of the 1921-22 Harrison printing were overprinted lithographically at Bulaq, the 1m., 2m., 3m. and 5m. The overprint was slightly altered.

Margins were removed from the top and left of the sheet before printing, therefore there are no Control blocks recorded, the sheet size was reduced to two panes of 100 stamps each.

Printing figures are not known but the 3m. value is an extremely scarce stamp and can be found forged. The genuine overprint measures 15 millimetres.



1m. sepia.
June 28th 1922.



2m. vermilion.
June 16th 1922.



3m. orange yellow.
June 28th 1922.



5m. pink.
March 13th 1922.

1926-35. Official Issue.

The issue was requested as early as 1924 and the Survey Department in Cairo was again the printer.

Nine values were originally required, and these printed by off-set lithography, the 20m. and 50m. being in a larger format.

Additions to the set were made in 1934 and 1935 with the 20m. value being issued in small format in blue and colour changes being produced for the 10m. rose lake to violet, the 15m. blue to purple.

Watermarked Multiple Crown. Perforated $13\frac{1}{2}$.
Large format values perforated $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$.



The issued set and colour changes.

Quantities printed are known exactly:



- 1926-37 1m. orange, four printings 472,000.
- 1926-37 2m. black, three printings 415,000.
- 1926-37 3m. sepia, two printings 360,800.
- 1926-37 4m. green, three printings 415,900.
- 1926-1937 5m. brown, seven printings 587,300.
- 1926-32 10m. brick red, three printings 480,000.
- 1933-37 10m. violet, four printings 883,000.
- 1926-32 15m. blue, two printings 325,800.
- 1933-37 15m. purple, two printings 235,000.
- 1926 20m. olive green, one printing 281,700.
- 1935-37 20m. blue, three printings 210,000.
- 1926-37 50m. myrtle green, three printings 409,000.



1938. Official Issue.

King Farouk Palace Printings.



Imperforate on card paper, under-printed
'Cancelled' in English.

Quantities printed:

- 1m. 600.
- 2m. 500.
- 3m. 500.
- 4m. 500.
- 5m. 600.
- 10m. 600.
- 15m. 600.
- 20m. 500.
- 50m. 500.

1938. Official Issue.

Issued in December 1938, the new Official issue was printed by the Survey Department, Cairo by off-set lithography.

The set comprised of nine values, the highest being the 50m. which was issued in a larger format and perforated 14x13½.

Watermarked Multiple Crown, sideways. Perforated 13½.



The issued set. Printings continued through to 1955.

1927-1956. Postage Dues.

Lithographed at the Survey Department, Cairo and issued alongside the Second Fuad Portrait issue of 1927. The issue had a long life-the 2m. in a colour change of red-orange not being issued until 1938 and the 20m. reddish brown value being issued as late as 1956.

The original issue was released on March 16th 1927.

Watermarked Multiple Crown. Perf 13x13½.
The 30m. in larger format perforated 13½x14.



The original issue of six values.

- 2m. grey black.
- 4m. yellow green.
- 5m. red-brown.
- 8m. purple.
- 10m. rose-lake.
- 30m. bright violet.



Colour changes.

Issue Dates:

- 2m. red orange November 1938.
- 4m. blue green 1929.
- 4m. sepia December 1932.
- 6m. grey green June 1941.
- 10m. brown-red 1929.
- 12m. lake June 1941.
- 20m. reddish brown 1956.

October 1915. Official Issue.

Two remainders from the De la Rue issue of 1888, the 2m. and 4m., with the 1914 5m. lake were overprinted lithographically at the Government Printing Works, Bulaq.

Just three values were overprinted and issued at the same time as the definitive 2m. on 3m. yellow-orange on October 15th 1915. It is interesting to note that the overprint on the definitive issue was typographed. Both issues however, have notable flaws in the overprints.

Printing figures are unknown.

Watermark Star & Crescent. Perforated 14.
5m lake perforated 13½x14.



The issued set of three values.



2m. green.
Overprint Inverted.



5m. lake.
Overprint 'à cheval'.

Dec 1914-March 1915. Official Issue.

A set of five values was issued to help cope with the increase of Official correspondence due to the First War.

The overprint was typographed at the Government Printing Works at Bulaq by typography. There were two printings of the overprint for the 2m. green value. Many mistakes occurred in the overprinting.



The set of five values.

Issue Dates:

- 1m. sepia January 1915.
- 2m. green March 1915.
- 3m. yellow-orange March 1915.
- 4m. vermilion December 1914.
- 5m. lake January 1915.



2m. green.
Overprint inverted.



2m. green surcharge 'à cheval'
-surcharge misplaced.



4m. vermilion.
Overprint inverted, used.



5m. lake surcharge 'à cheval'
-surcharge misplaced.

1907 Official Issue.

Plate Blocks.



5m. rose.

Control Number 4.

Only two Controls were utilised.

5,520,000 stamps issued.



1pi blue.

Control Number 4.

Only Control utilised.

2,760,000 stamps issued.



5pi slate grey.

Control Number 2.

Only Control utilised.

480,000 stamps issued.

1907 Official Issue.

Ordered from De La Rue & Co in November 1906, the original issue comprised six values,
1m., 2m., 3m., 5m., 1pi. and 5pi. all on chalky paper.

They were overprinted in sheets of 240, four panes of 60 stamps.

The overprinting was of such quality that only one barely significant error is recorded,
although imperforate examples are known.

The issue was released on February 1st 1907 as Postage on Official Mail was to become mandatory.



The set of six values.



1m. deep brown.
Control Number 3.
1,680,000 stamps issued.



2m. green.
Control Number 1.
1,680,000 stamps issued.



3m orange yellow.
Control Number 1.
960,000 stamps issued.