

*Ready Reference Guide to*  
**Worldwide Postal-Code  
Formats & Placement**

Information on zip and  
postal code placements  
and formats for every  
country in the world.

This *Ready-Reference Guide* provides a summary of postal code use and their locations in addresses by country. Please keep in mind that postal authorities in some countries may specify a postal code but the residents may not use it with any frequency or know their postal code. Country codes are no longer recommended by those countries that previously used them, except where noted as part of the postal code. For more information on each country, see the *Guide to Worldwide Postal-Code and Address Formats* published by WorldVu LLC. More information is available at [www.worldvu.com](http://www.worldvu.com).

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**Country:** Informal country name in English. If the postal administration is handled by another country, it is noted in parentheses.

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**Postal Code:** Indicates that the country uses a country-wide postal code system, the standard location of the code in the address and the format of the code. **Left** indicates that the code is placed to the left of the locality name; **Right**, to the right of the locality name; and **Last line**, on the last line in the address above the country name on international mail, as the only item on that line. The code's format is given in parentheses. **N** indicates a number and **A**, a letter of the alphabet.

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**Locality Code:** Indicates that a sorting code is sometimes used for cities, post offices or other localities. Some localities within a country, usually larger cities, may have a sorting code while others do not.

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**Format:** Indicates what address format the country uses: **inverted** (with the city and country on the top line and the recipient on the bottom line); **lengthier** (requiring additional lines to accommodate the address); **standard** (1 or 2 lines for the delivery address in addition to the recipient, company; locality and country with the recipient or company on the top line); **standard with state, province or other information** in addition to the locality, and **POB only** (all mail delivery is to Post Office Boxes).

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### **Afghanistan**

Postal Code: Below the locality name (NNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: lengthier

### **Åland, Finland**

Postal Code: Left of the locality name (AX-NNNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

### **Albania**

Postal Code: Above the locality name (NNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: lengthier

### **Algeria**

Postal Code: Left of the locality name (NNNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

### **American Samoa (Administered by the U.S.)**

Postal Code: Right of the state abbreviation (96799 or 96799-NNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard with state (AS)

### **Andorra**

Postal Code: Left of the locality name (ADNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

### **Angola**

Postal Code: none

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Anguilla**

Postal Code: none

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Antigua & Barbuda**

Postal Code: none

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Argentina**

Postal Code: Above the locality name (ANNNNAAA)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Armenia**

Postal Code: Left of the locality name (NNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Aruba**

Postal Code: none

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Ascension Island (Administered by the U.K.)**

Postal Code: Below the locality name (ASCN 1ZZ)

Locality Code: none

Format: lengthier

**Australia**

Postal Code: Right of the state abbreviation (NNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard with state

**Austria**

Postal Code: Left of the locality name (NNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Azerbaijan**

Postal Code: Above the locality name (AZNNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**The Bahamas**

Postal Code: none

Locality Code: none

Format: standard with island name

**Bahrain**

Postal Code: Right of the locality name (NNN or NNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Bangladesh**

Postal Code: Right of the locality name (NNNN) with a hyphen between the locality and code Bangladesh had changed from a 4-digit to a 6-digit postal code from 2003 through 2006 and is again using a 4-digit code.

Locality Code: none

Format: lengthier

**Barbados**

Postal Code: Right of the parish (BBNNNNN)

Locality Code: none

Format: standard with parish

**Belarus**

Postal Code: Left of the locality (NNNNNN)  
Locality Code: Right of the locality name (NN)

Format: standard (with district and province in rural areas)

**Belgium**

Postal Code: Left of the locality name (NNNN)  
Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Belize**

Postal Code: none  
Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Benin**

Postal Code: none  
Locality Code: Left of the locality name (NN)

Format: POB only

**Bermuda**

Postal Code: Right of the locality name (AA NN or AA AA)  
Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Bhutan**

Postal Code: Right of the locality name (NNNNN)  
Locality Code: none

Format: lengthier

**Bolivia**

Postal Code: none  
Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Bonaire – see Dutch Caribbean**

The dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles took place as scheduled on 10 October 2010. As of October 10, 2010, Curaçao and St. Maarten became autonomous countries within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, while Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba become special Dutch municipalities. (St. is the abbreviation of Sint.)

**Bosnia & Herzegovina**

Postal Code: Left of the locality name (NNNNN)  
Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**Botswana**

Botswana Post is introducing numbering for buildings and land plots for all mail. Deliver to physical addresses is available for EMS, registered mail and other special deliveries but has not started for all mail.

Postal Code: none  
Locality Code: none

Format: POB only

**Brazil**

Postal Code: Last line (NNNNN-NNN)  
Locality Code: none

Format: standard with state

**British Antarctic Territory (Administered by the U.K.)**

Postal Code: Last line (BIQQ 1ZZ)  
Locality Code: none

Format: standard

**British Indian Ocean Territory (Administered by the U.K.)**

Postal Code: Last line (BBND 1ZZ)  
Locality Code: none

Format: standard