



# A U S T R A L I A N P O S T O F F I C E

*"Vast to serve the Nation, personal to serve you"*

Royal Mail House,  
255 Bourke Street,  
MELBOURNE C.1, VICTORIA

21st January, 1966.

Dear Sir,

To help you in your change-over to decimal currency, I have summarised the main Post Office arrangements which may affect you.

## Post Office Charges

- \* The basic postage rate of 5d. will be reduced to 4c from C-day, 14th February, 1966.
- \* Local calls from subscribers' telephones will be 3 for 10c and trunk call charges will be the exact equivalent of existing charges.
- \* Details of Post Office decimal currency charges are set out in the enclosed booklet and brochures.

## Use of £.s.d. Postage Stamps from C-day.

- \* Although decimal currency postage stamps and stationery will be on sale, stocks of £.s.d. stamps and stationery may still be used for two years.
- \* The total value of £.s.d. stamps to be used on any article to pay "cent" postage should be in accordance with the Banking and Accounting Table:

1c ...	1d.	4c ...	5d.	7c ...	8d.
2c ...	2d.	5c ...	6d.	8c ...	9d.
3c ...	4d.	6c ...	7d.	9c ...	11d.

£.s.d. stamps may also be used in conjunction with "cent" stamps on the same basis.

- \* Aerogrammes bearing a 10d. imprint will need a 1c postage stamp added.
- \* If desired, stocks of £.s.d. stamps may be exchanged from C-day for decimal currency stamps of equivalent total value, provided their total value is a multiple of sixpence.
- \* Postal stationery (aerogrammes, embossed envelopes, letter sheets, letter cards, and wrappers) will not be exchanged.
- \* Postage stamps and postal stationery will continue to be re-purchased at the Cashier's office, Accounts Branch.

Sale of Decimal Currency Postage Stamps before C-day.

- \* From 7th February, 1966, decimal currency stamps may be purchased in full sheets from all official post offices, but large orders should be placed now.
- \* There will be a stamp for each cent value from 1 to 10 and 13c, 15c, 20c, 24c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$2 and \$4. The 1c to 4c and 40c to \$4 stamps will be in sheets of 100 and the others in sheets of 50.
- \* Decimal currency stamps will not be valid until C-day and must not be used before then.

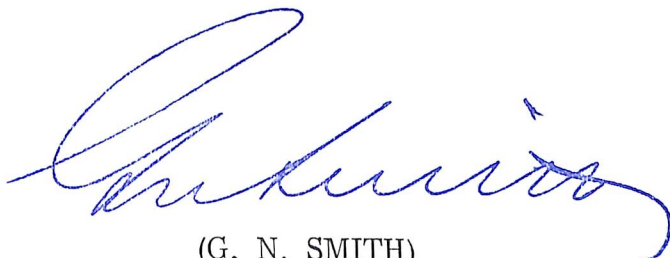
You will save waiting time at the post office and make your change-over to decimal currency smoother if you:

1. lodge large orders for decimal currency stamps at your post office now;
2. buy your decimal currency stamps early in the week before C-day;
3. let your stocks of £.s.d. stamps run down before C-day;
4. defer exchanging surplus £.s.d. stamps until a few days after C-day.

Post Offices will close at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 12th February, 1966, to enable staff to prepare for the change-over to decimal currency. However, the normal mail and telegram deliveries and mail despatch and telephone arrangements will be unchanged.

If you need any further information, or additional supplies of the brochures or booklet, please contact your local post office or telecommunications sales office.

Yours faithfully,



(G. N. SMITH)

Director

Posts and Telegraphs.

## £ s.d. to dollars and cents

A guide for you when you go shopping after 14th February.

### PENCE TO ROUND CENTS

1d. ... 1 cent	7d. ... 6c
2d. ... 2c	8d. ... 7c
3d. ... 2c	9d. ... 8c
4d. ... 3c	10d. ... 8c
5d. ... 4c	11d. ... 9c
6d. = 5c exactly	1/- = 10c exactly

### SHILLINGS TO CENTS

1/- = 10 cents exactly	6/- = 60 cents
2/- = 20c	7/- = 70c
3/- = 30c	8/- = 80c
4/- = 40c	9/- = 90c
5/- = 50c	10/- = 100 cents = \$1

### POUNDS TO DOLLARS

£1 = \$2	£5 = \$10	£10 = \$20
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**Remember this rhyme to convert pence to cents**

*One and two remain the same,  
The only difference is the name,  
Three to nine lose one it's true,  
And for the rest you take off two.*

*Produced by the Decimal Currency Board*

# SHOPPING IN DOLLARS AND CENTS



*Keep this card with you when you go shopping*

### New Coins

5 cents is exactly the same value as 6d.

10c = 1/-

20c = 2/-

50c = 5/-

### New Notes

\$1 is exactly the same value as 10/-

\$2 = £1

\$10 = £5

\$20 = £10

The only new coins that are "different" are the bronze ("copper") 1-cent and 2-cent coins. One cent equals 1.2d. and 2 cents equals 2.4d.

In £ s.d., the halfpenny, penny and threepence have no decimal coins of the same values. Remember, one penny is NOT exactly equal to one cent.

### How to shop if you have £ s.d. and the price is in dollars and cents

Offer money to the nearest sixpence, or shilling, or two shillings, etc., *above the price*.

#### Example 1

Price of article: 7 cents.  
Pay with a higher amount of £ s.d., e.g., 1/- = 10 cents. You receive change of 3 cents.

#### Example 2

Price of article: \$6.14. Pay with a higher amount of £ s.d., e.g., £3.10.0 = \$7. You receive change of 86 cents.

### How to shop if you have dollars and cents and the price is in £ s.d.

Offer money to the nearest 5 cents, 10 cents, 20 cents, 50 cents, etc., *above the price*.

#### Example 1

Price of article: 9d. Pay with a higher decimal amount, e.g., 20 cents = 2/-. You receive change of 1/3d.

#### Example 2

Price of article: £1.7.8. Pay with a higher decimal amount, e.g., \$3 = £1.10.0. You receive change of 2/4d.

### You can mix the money

You can mix the "silver" coins (except the threepence) and the notes of both currencies quite freely. The shilling is 10 cents, and 10 cents is a shilling. Two one-shilling coins will be the same in a shop as two 10-cent coins, or one 10-cent coin and one shilling coin.

You can mix sixpences, shillings, florins, 5, 10, 20 and 50-cent coins, with notes of both currencies, and all these will be perfectly acceptable in *any* shop.

#### The 3d., 1d. and 1/2d.

Use these coins in lots amounting to sixpence in a shop selling in dollars and cents. This is the same as using them in lots of 5 cents, because 6d. is 5 cents.

#### The 1c and 2c coins

Use these coins in lots amounting to 5 cents in a shop selling in £ s.d. This is the same as using them in lots of sixpence, because 5 cents is 6d.

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METROPOLITAN

**TRAIN**

**FARES**

TO MELBOURNE

in DECIMAL currency

- SINGLE
- DAY RETURN
- OFF-PEAK
- SUNDAY EXCURSION
- WEEKLY
- QUARTERLY
- HALF-YEARLY
- YEARLY

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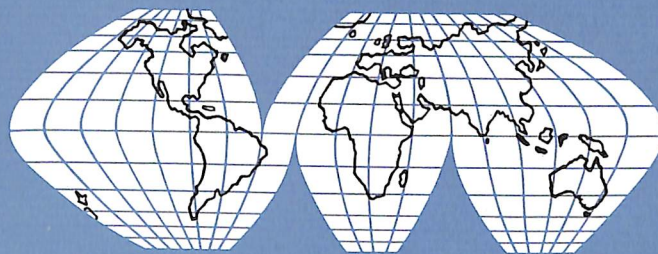
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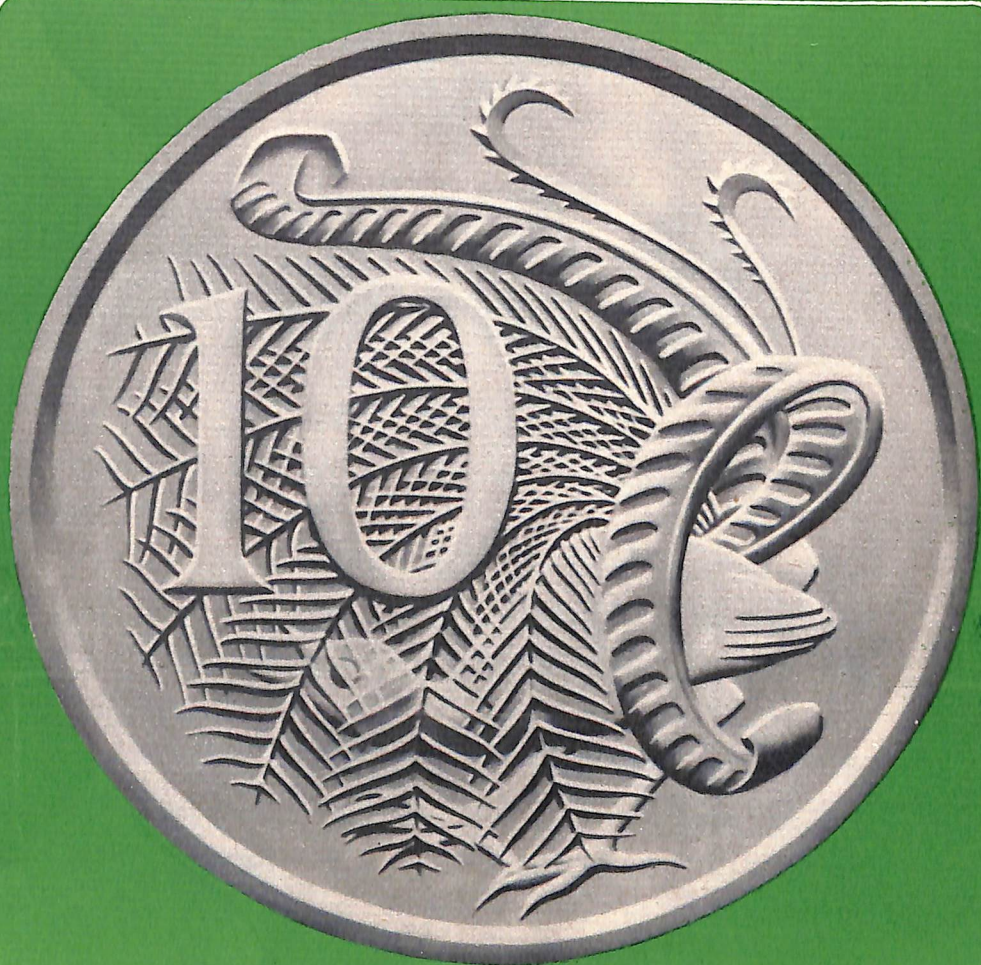
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