

# Bechuanaland and Botswana Registration Labels

## An Updated Typology and Listing

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#### Front illustration:

Registered envelope posted on 7 July 1995 from Botshabelo Post Office in Selebi-Phikwe, Botswana to Jersey, Britain. Postal rates in Botswana changed on 1 July 1995 and this cover appears to be paying the previous rate of 80 thebe for 20-gram airmail letter to Europe with a 50 thebe registration fee. Registration label type I5E6.

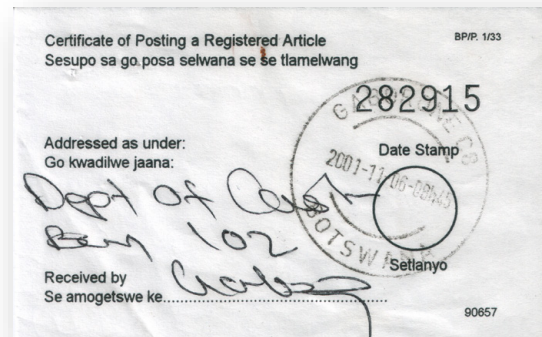
## An Updated Typology and Listing of Bechuanaland and Botswana Registration Labels

Registered mail is a service which provides the sender with a higher level of assurance that the letter or parcel will be received by the recipient. The mail is recorded in the post office of mailing and at each successive point of transmission and guaranteed special care in delivery.<sup>1</sup> Registered mail was originally a manual process which gave rise to a great variety of distinctive postal markings, like handstamps, and usage of registration labels.<sup>2</sup> In 1882, the Universal Postal Union standardized the design of registration labels. The prominent "R" and number remained largely unchanged until a few years ago, when many countries began using electronic bar coding.<sup>3</sup> Today, the registration process is largely computerized with barcode registration labels having only a printed serial number and no large "R" replacing the traditional analog labels.<sup>4</sup>

Generally, registered mail is pre-paid with the normal postage rate and an additional charge known as a registration fee. Upon payment of this fee, the sender is given a receipt and usually a unique numbered registration label is affixed to the letter. At each point along the route of delivery, the registered mail piece is recorded. Traditionally, the passage of the mail piece was recorded at each office in a ledger and usually received a transit marking in the form of a backstamp.<sup>5</sup>



Certificate of Posting a Registered Postal Article, Botswana Post Office Form P1/42. Dated 9 November 2000, denoting postage paid of P2.10 which was the rate of 35 thebe for domestic letter up to 20 grams and a P1.75 registration fee. Image reduced to 75% of original.



Certificate of Posting a Registered Postal Article, Botswana Post Office Form BP/P. 1/33. Dated 6 November 2001. Note that new shorter receipt from the one to the left has a preprinted registration number but does not designate sender or amount paid. Image reduced to 75% of original.

<sup>1</sup> Registered mail. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/registered%20mail>. Retrieved 14 September 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Mackay, James A. (1982). *Registered Mail of the British Isles*. Dumfries, Scotland: James A. Mackay. As quoted in [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Registered\\_mail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Registered_mail). Retrieved 13 September 2020.

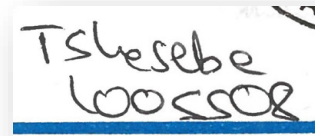
<sup>3</sup> <https://www.linns.com/news/postal-updates-page/stamp-collecting-basics/2003/november/registered-mail-offers-collecting-challenge.html>. Retrieved 14 September 2020.

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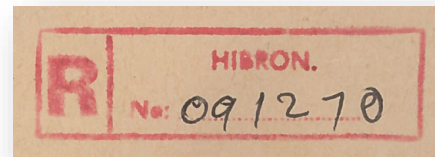
<sup>5</sup> <https://www.linns.com/news/postal-updates-page/stamp-collecting-basics/2003/november/registered-mail-offers-collecting-challenge.html>. Retrieved 14 September 2020.

To date, there have been five means of denoting the registration of mail in Bechuanaland and Botswana:

1. Initially, registration was noted on covers in Bechuanaland via manuscript markings and this type of marking continues in use today.



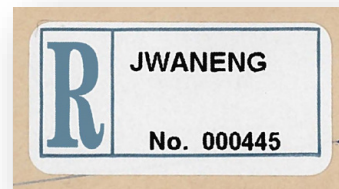
2. Handstamps with a manuscript number were also used as early marks of registration and their use has also continued until the present.



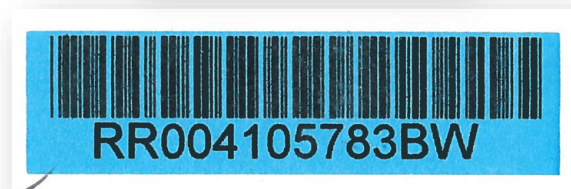
3. Printed registration labels were first introduced at a few of the larger offices in the Protectorate in the 1950's. Following Independence, the use of these labels became quite widespread. These were gummed labels printed with the issuing office name and a unique number supplied on perforated coils.



4. Self-adhesive labels printed with the issuing office name and a unique number were introduced in the 1990's. It is assumed that these are also provided on coils with the issuing office name and a unique number.



5. More recently, Botswana post has introduced the use of self-adhesive computer scannable barcode labels. The last two letters of the code designate the country of origin, in this case BW for Botswana



The typology presented in this article concerns itself with the third and fourth of these situations that involve the use of labels with the issuing office name on them. A description and tentative typology of the barcode labels is provided in a series of articles by Peter Jukes, Bruce Warrender and Neville Midwood in the *Runner Post*, the journal of the Bechuanalands and Botswana Society, issues 73, 74 and 75 from 2008 and 2009. A tentative system for creating a typology of handstamps is described in the *Postal Marking Classification (Typology)* developed by Brian Trotter published by the Bechuanalands and Botswana Society in 1995. The author is unaware of any studies on the manuscript registration marks in the Bechuanalands and Botswana.



The approach to creating a typology for registration labels described in this article is directly based on the work undertaken by John Inglefield-Watson and his colleagues in the Bechuanaland and Botswana Society in the late 1980's and early 1990's as described in the Runner Post issues 15, 18 and 29. Readers will notice that there have been some changes and additions made to the typological listing provided by Inglefield-Watson. These changes are based on additional research and a wide review of additional registered covers from the 1990's until present. To maintain a consistency of information and enable an easy comparison between the original and the new research, the black and white illustrations from the original articles have been preserved.


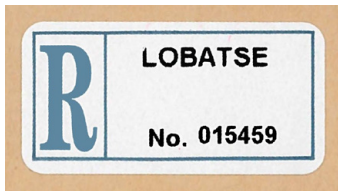
This first part of this paper describes the updated typology and provides illustrations of the different types. The second part provides a listing of the recorded offices of use based on the typology.

The author welcomes any additions to the recorded types and details and would appreciate receiving copies of the additions for comparative purposes.













## Typology

Five main features suffice to identify the label types so far recorded. The features of the label are broken down as follows.

### a. the Type of Label

Type	Description	Example
RL	The label is from a gummed perforated coil	
RSL	The label is a self-adhesive sticker	

**b. The 'R'.** All Types in blue.

Type	Description	Example
A	Medium thickness (1.5 to 2mm vertical stroke), serif, flat-footed.	
B	Medium thickness (1.5mm), serif, sliced foot to vertical stroke.	
C	Medium thickness (1.5mm), serif, broken lower right serif showing as dot.	
D	Medium thickness (1.75 to 2mm), serif, hooked foot at bottom right.	
E	Squat and thicker (2.5mm), serif, flat-footed.	
F	Squatter (9mm tall) and thicker (2.75mm) than Type E. Thick square-ended serifs. Flat-footed.	
G	Medium thickness (2mm), serif, bulbous foot at bottom right. Bottom of opening in top of 'R' slopes down to left. Similar to Type D with the hooked foot filled in.	
H	Thicker (2.5mm) than Types D and also taller (12mm). Serif, thick, hooked foot (often filled in) with horizontal top to the hook touching the internal frame line.	
I	Similar to Type D, but with thicker tail that ends in thick pointy hook.	
J	Similar to Type D, but front side of tail is on angle.	
Y	<b>Associated with RSL:</b> Tall (13.5mm), serif, hooked foot at bottom right.	
Z	<b>Associated with RSL:</b> Similar to Type Y but with deeper cut where tail meets the loop.	

Examples of 'R' Types D and H exist with the hooked foot partly filled in. There is no trace of any such blockage or over-inking in Type G and the outline of its bulbous foot is a regular shape with a different slope on the front of the tail.

c. **The Office Name.** All Types are in capital letters. All types are in blue unless otherwise noted:

Type	Description	Example
1	2.5mm sans-serif letters.	LOBATSI
2	2mm sans-serif letters.	FRANCISTOWN
3	1.75mm slightly serif letters, spacing of letters varies to fit frame	GABERONES
4	2 to 2.25mm slightly serif letters.	GABORONE
5	Initial letter(s) 2.25 to 2.5mm, others 1.75 to 2mm, all slightly serif.	MABUTSANE
6	Two line office name. Top line 2mm, bottom line 1.75mm, all slightly serif letters.	RAMOUTSA STATION
7	1.5mm sans-serif letters.	SEROWE
8	3.5mm sans-serif letters very tight spacing.	MIDDLEPITS
9	3 to 3.5mm sans-serif letters, tight spacing.	MIDDLEPITS
10	3.5mm sans-serif letters, medium spacing.	GABORONE
11	3.5mm sans-serif letters, wide.	KAVIMBA
12	3.5mm sans-serif letters, very wide.	OTSE
13	2 to 2.25mm serif letters widely spaced.	M A U N
14	1.5mm sans-serif letters, similar to Type 7, but letters are wider.	MOLEPOLOLE
98	Associated with RSL: 2.25 to 2.5mm sans-serif letters in black.	GABORONE
99	Associated with RSL: 2.25 to 2.5mm sans-serif letters in black. Similar to Type 98, but slightly finer. Also, note differences in 'G' and 'R'.	GABORONE

Types 4 and 5 may sometimes appear sans-serif to the naked eye. However, under magnification the extremities of the letters show slight widening or very small serifs.



Registered envelope posted on 22 June 1990 from Mochudi Post Office to Jersey, Britain, correctly paying 30 thebe for 10-gram airmail letter to Europe and 40 thebe registration fee. Registration label type D4D5. Image reduced to 80% of original.

**d. The 'No.'** preceding the individual registration serial number. All Types in blue unless otherwise noted.

Type	Description	Example
A	Serif without stop, tall (4.5mm) 'N'.	No
B	Serif without stop, smaller (4.25mm), thicker 'N'.	No
C	Sans-serif without stop, narrow 'N' (under 2mm overall width).	No
D	Sans-serif without stop, wider 'N' (2 to 2.25mm), squatter 'o'.	No
E	Serif with stop under superscript 'o' of 'No.'	No
F	As Type D but the 'o' of 'No' underlined. The position of the underlining varies, sometimes being close to the bottom frame line.	No
G	Sans-serif with dash under superscript 'o' of 'No.'	No
Y	<b>Associated with RSL:</b> Sans-serif with stop in black.	No.
Z	<b>Associated with RSL:</b> Sans-serif with stop in black. Similar to Type Y but narrower letters.	No.

**e. The Serial Number.** All Types in blue unless otherwise noted. In markings containing a mix of font styles (serif or non-serif), the style that provides the most digits sets the type.

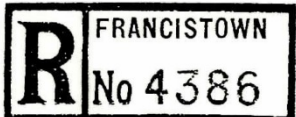
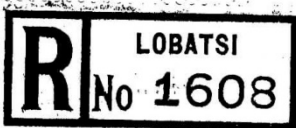
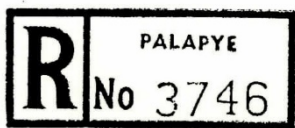
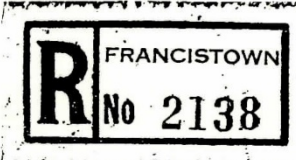
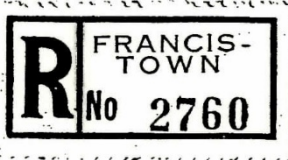

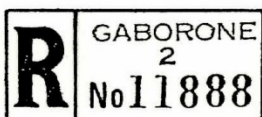
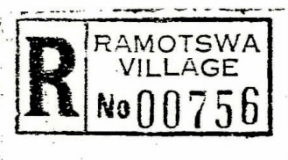
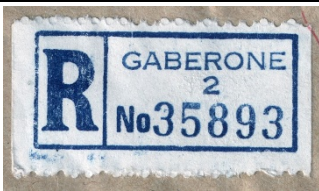
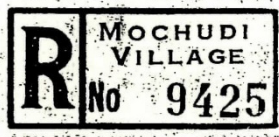
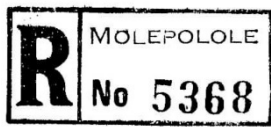
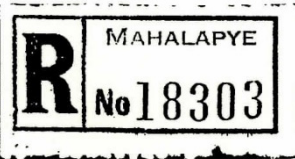
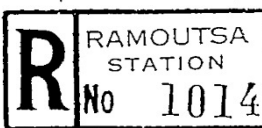
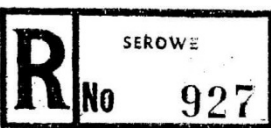
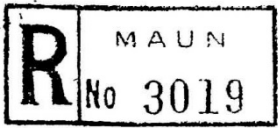
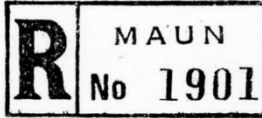
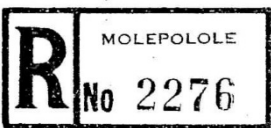
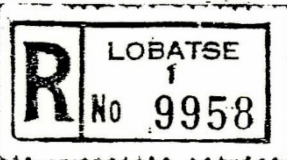
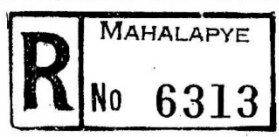
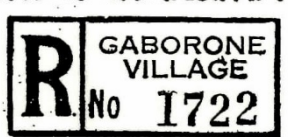
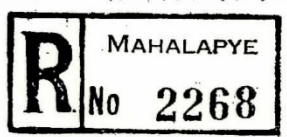
Type	Description	Example
1	Up to four 4.5mm mostly sans-serif digits. ('I' known serif).	4386
2	Up to four 4.5mm mostly sans-serif digits ('I' & '4' known to be serif). Different typeface, thinner than Type 1.	3746
3	Up to five 4.25mm sans-serif digits.	8979
4	Up to five 5mm slim serif digits.	07847
5	Up to five 4.25 to 4.5mm serif digits. On the '0', '6' & '9', the long sides tend to be more rounded and the counters (the holes in the numbers) tend to be narrower compared to Type 3.	09184
6	Up to six 3mm mostly serif digits ('1', '3', '5' & '7' known to be sans-serif).	48715
7	Up to six 3mm mostly sans-serif digits ('1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7' & '8' known to be serif).	003068
98	<b>Associated with RSL:</b> Six sans-serif digits in black.	003996
99	<b>Associated with RSL:</b> Five sans-serif digits in black slightly larger than Type 8 with rounder '0'. In black.	40537

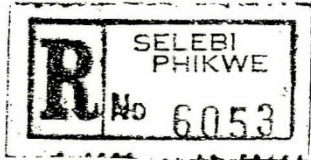


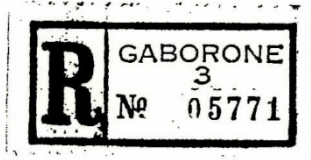
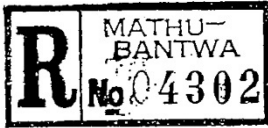

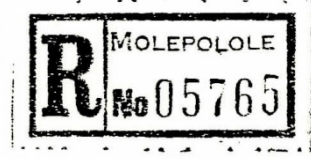
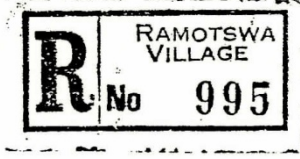
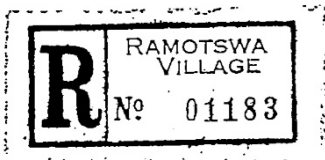

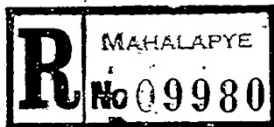
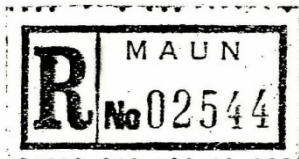
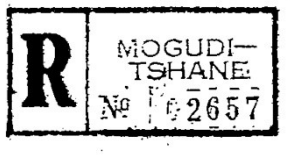
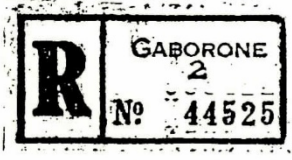
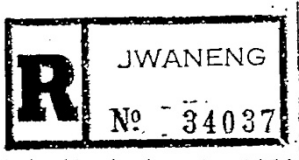
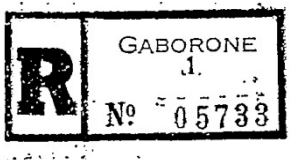
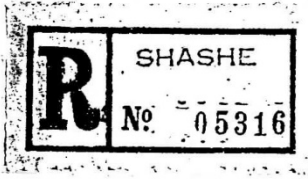
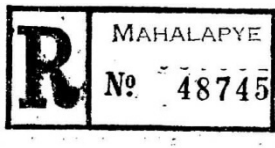



These five typology elements are combined in the above sequence to form individual type descriptions. While the relative positions of the elements may vary, especially the 'No.' and the Serial Number, these do not constitute differentiations for the purposes of this typology. For example, the relative locations of the Serial Number and its 'No.' prefix may vary, with the base of the Serial Number being higher or lower than the base of the 'No.' or the two elements may be nearer together or farther apart. Additionally, while not used as an element of classification, there are some differences in the dimensions of the printed blue frame, with variations from 34 to 39mm for the width and from 15 to 17mm for the height for gummed labels, and from 36 to 37mm for the width and 16 to 17mm for the height of the self-adhesive labels. Shades of blue printing of otherwise identical labels are outside the scope of this typology.



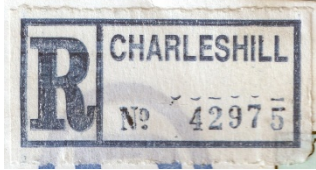






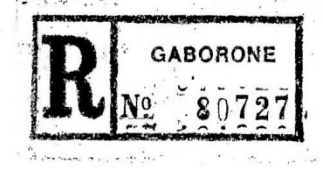



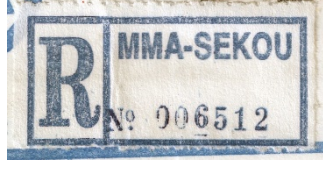








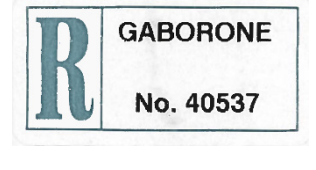
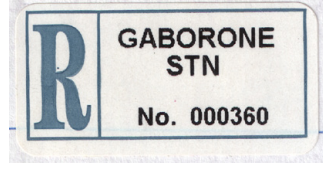
## Label Type Illustrations

Note: Where the types assigned by Inglefield-Watson have been changed due to new information obtained since his articles were published in the early 1990's, his types assignments are shown in brackets with the prefix IW.

		
RL A1A1	RL A1A1 with serif 'l'	RL A2B2
		
RL A3C3 (IW-A3C5)	RL A4C3 (IW-A4C5)	RL A4C5
		
RL A4D3 (IW-A4D5)	RL A4D4	RL A4D5
		
RL A5C3 (IW-A5C5)	RL A5D3 (IW A5D5)	RL A5D4
		
RL A6C3 (IW A6C5)	RL A7C3 (IW A7C5)	RL A13C3 (IW A2C5)
		
RL A13D3	RL A14C3 (IW A7C5)	RL B4C3 (IW B4C5)
		
RL B5C5	RL C4C3 (IW C4C5)	RL C5C3 (IW C5C5)

		
RL D4D3	RL D4D4	RL D4D5
		
RL D4E6	RL D4F5	RL D5D3
		
RL D5D4	RL D5D5	RL D5E6
		
RL D5F5	RL D5F5 showing variation in location of underline in 'No.'	RL D13D4 (IW D4D4)
		
RL E4E6	RL E5E6	RL F4E6
		
RL F5E6	RL G4E6	RL G5E6
		
RL H8E6	RL H8G6	RL H8G7



		
RL H9E6	RL H9G7 (IW H8G7)	RL H10E6
		
RL H10G6	H10G7	H11E6
		
RL H11G7	RL I2E6 (IW D2E6)	RL I4E6
		
RL I5E6	RL I13E6	RL J8E6
		
RL J8G7	RL J9E6	RL J9G7
		
RL J10E6	RL J10G	RL J11E6
		
RL J11G7	RL J12G7	
		
RSL Y99Y99	RSL Z98Z98	





Registered envelope posted on 11 November 1981 from Francistown Post Office to Johannesburg, South Africa paying 82 thebe. Registration rates in effect at the time were 25 thebe leaving a remainder of 57 thebe which does not correspond to any rate in force at the time. Registration label type D4D5. Image reduced to 90% of original.



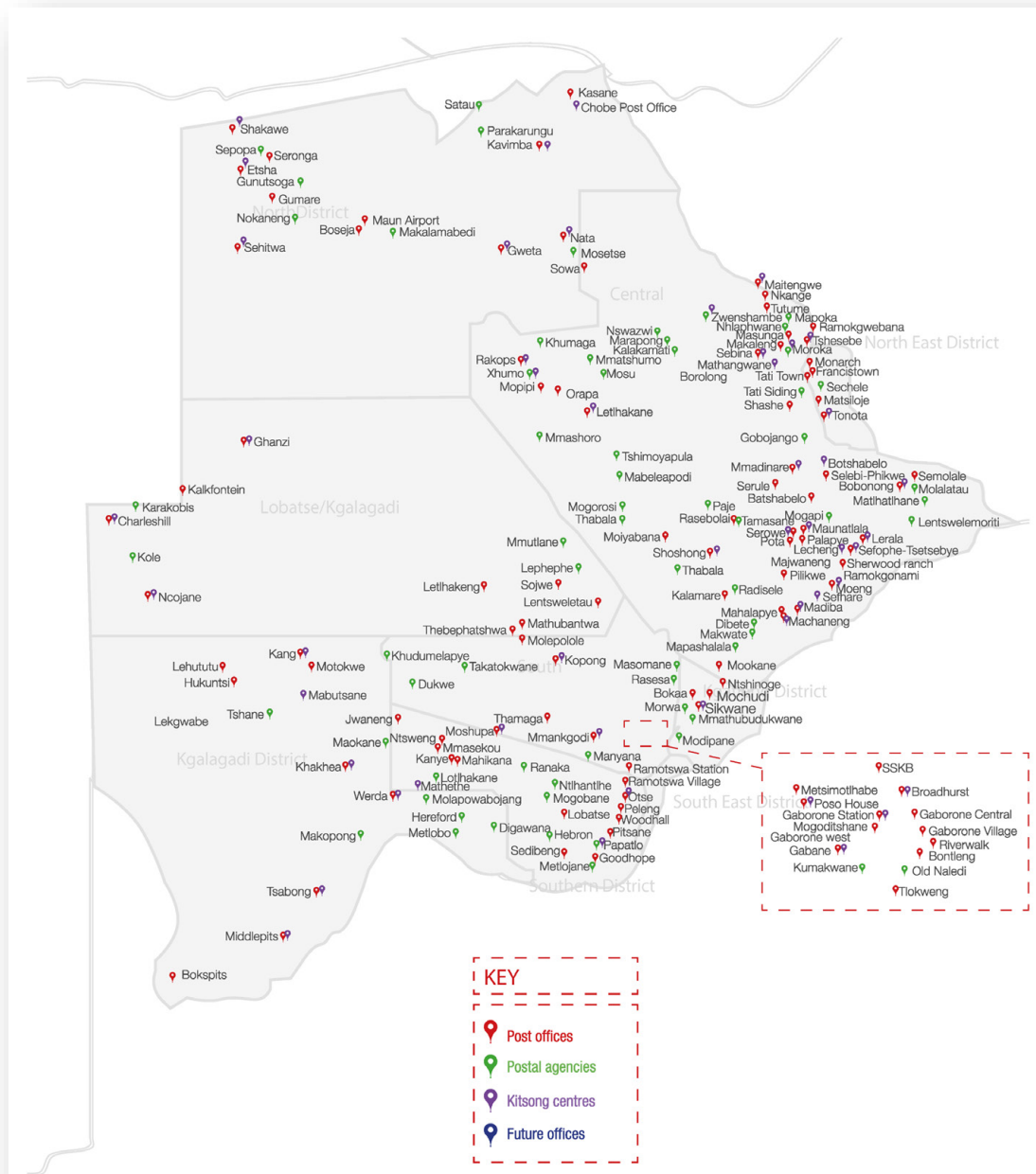
Registered envelope posted on 2 February 1965 from Francistown Post Office in the Bechuanaland Protectorate to Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. Interestingly, no country is provided for Bulawayo, but at the time it was the largest city close by and operated as a supply centre for Francistown. The postage correctly pays 2 1/2 cents for a one-ounce surface letter to countries in the African Postal Union and 5 cent registration fee. Registration label type A3C3. Image is unreduced.



## A Listing of Bechuanaland and Botswana Registration Labels

This is an update to the listings of printed registration labels provided by John Inglefield-Watson in Runner Post 15, 18, and 29 using the updated registration label typology described above. While this listing provides some finer differentiations between types resulting in some changes to the types provided by Inglefield-Watson, it has been assumed that all of his types matched the illustrations that he provided in his typology and all listings have been moved to the new types.

The following map and table record the postal facilities in Botswana as of 2020 and may be used to locate the post offices provided in the listing with the exception of any that may have closed or changed names.



Map of Postal Facilities in Botswana in 2019. (Source: BotswanaPost Annual Report 18/19. Retrieved from [https://www.botswanapost.co.bw/sites/default/files/downloads/2018\\_19%20BotsPost\\_Annual%20Report%20%282%29.pdf](https://www.botswanapost.co.bw/sites/default/files/downloads/2018_19%20BotsPost_Annual%20Report%20%282%29.pdf) on 9 October 2020)

## POST OFFICES

<b>VC North</b>	Maun	<b>VC South</b>	Lentsweletau	Ntshinoge	RamotswaStation	<b>VC Central</b>	Pilikwe
Blue Jacket	Maun Airport	Bontleng	Letlhakeng	Oodi	RamotswaVillage	Bobonong	Pota
Boseja	Monarch	Bokaa	Lobatse	Otse	RiverWalk	Botshabelo	Rakops
Charleshill	Nata	Bokspits	Mabule	Pitsane	Sedibeng	Kalamare	Ramokgonami
Chobe	Ncojane	Broadhurst	Mabutsane	Poso House	Sefalana Hyper	Lecheng	Rasebolai
Etsha	Nkange	Digawana	Mafikana		Shoppers GWest	Lerala	Sefhare
Francistown	Pandamatenga	Gabane	Mathubantwa		Shoppers Tlokweng	Letlhakane	Sefhophe
Francistown Airport	Ramokgwebana	GaboroneCentral	Metsimotlhabe		Sikwane	Machaneng	SelebiPhikwe
Ghanzi	Sebina	GaboroneStation	Middlepits		Sojwe	Madiba	Semolale
Gumare	Sehithwa	GaboroneUB	Mmankgodit		SSKAirport	Mahalapye	Serowe
Gweta	Seronga	GaboroneVillage	Mmasekou		Takatokwane	Maokatumo	Serule
Kalkfontein	Shakawe	GoodHope	Mmathethe		Thamaga	Maunatlala	SherwoodRanch
Kasane	Shashe	Hukuntsi	Mochudi		Thebephatswa	Mmadinare	Shoshong
Kavimba	Sowa	Jwaneng	Mogoditshane		Tlokweng	Moeng	Tsetsebye
Maitengwe	Tatitown	Kang	Molapowabojang		Tomela	Moiyabana	Tumasera
Makaleng	Tonota	Kanye	Molepolole		Tsabong	Mookane	
Masunga	Tshesebe	Khakhea	Moshupa		Werda	Mopipi	
Mathangwane	Tutume	Kopong	Motokwe		Woodhall	Orapa	
Matsiioje		Lehututu	Nkoyaphiri			Palapye	

## KITSONG CENTRE

<b>VC North</b>	Seronga	Mabule	<b>VC Central</b>	Ramokgonami
Blue Jacket	Shakawe	Mabutsane	Bobonong	Rasebolai
Charleshill	Tonota	Masa	Botshabelo	Sefhare
Chobe	Tshesebe	Middlepits	Lecheng	Sefhophe
Etsha	Tutume	Mmankgodit	Lerala	Shoshong
Ghanzi		Mmathethe	Letlhakane	Tsetsebye
Gumare	<b>VC South</b>	Moshupa	Machaneng	
Gweta	Gabane	Otse	Madiba	
Maitengwe	Gaborone UB	Poso House	Maunatlala	
Masunga	GoodHope	Railpark	Mmadinare	
Mathangwane	Hukuntsi	RiverWalk	Moiyabana	
Nata	Kang	Sikwane	Mookane	
Ncojane	Kopong	Tsabong	Mopipi	
Sebina	Letlhakeng	Werda	Rakops	
Sehithwa				

## POSTAL AGENCIES

<b>VC North</b>	Moroka	<b>VC South</b>	Lephephe	Nthantle	Molalatau	Tobane
Borolong	Nswazwi	Boravast	Letlhakane	Rasesa	Mmaphashalala	Thabala
Chadibe	Nhlaphwane	Dutlwe	Metlobo	Ramatlabama	Majwaneng	Tamasane
Gunotshoga	Nokaneng	Gakutlo	Maokane	Ranaka	Makwate	Tshimoyapula
Kalakamati	Parakarungu	Hereford	Mokolodi	Sese	Moshopha	
Kachikau	Satau	Hebron	Morwa	Sekoma	Mabeleapodi	
Khumaga	Sepopa	Karikubis	Molapowabojang	Sikwane	Mmashoro	
Marapong	Shorobe	Kole	Mosomane	Tshane	Mogorosi	
Makalamabedi	Tatisiding	Kcagae	Makopong	Takatokwane	Mogapi	
Mapoka	Tsau	Metlojane	Modipane	<b>VC Central</b>	Pallaroad	
Mosetse	Xhumo	Khudumelapye	Manyana	Dibete	Paje	
Mmatshumo	Zwenshambe	Kumakwane	Malotwane	Gobojango	Radisele	
Mosu		Lokgwabe	Mathubudukwane	Lentswe-le-Moriti	Ratholo	
Marobela		Lorolwane	Mogobane	Mathathane	Seleka	

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Kitsong Centres have been developed via a Private Public Partnership between the then Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology / BotswanaPost and Mascom, a private cell phone and telecommunications company. In addition to traditional postal services, the centres provide communities with access to email and internet, computer training, Mascom services (mobile money, airtime, simcards), and secretarial services.

**Recorded Label Types.** Office names printed in two lines are listed accordingly. The relative setting(s) of the two lines are shown, normally by the position of the first letter/figure of the second line, e.g. N/T indicate that the 'T' is under the 'N'. In a few cases where the subsequent spacing of letters differs it may also be necessary to show the position of the final letter of the second line, e.g. A/V & N/ E. The setting column also includes, where relevant, the length of the Office Name where it was provided by Inglefield-Watson or where variations have been measured by the author.

The author welcomes any additions to the Recorded Offices of Use and of the recorded types and details, with copies of any additions.

Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
<b>BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE</b>				
RL A1A1	39 x 15.5	Francistown		1952-58
		Kanye		
		Lobatsi		
		Mahalapye		
		Serowe		
RL A2B2	38.5 x 15.5	Francistown		1953-61
		Lobatsi		
		Mahalapye		
		Palapye		
		Serowe		
RL A3C3 (IW A3C5)	36 x 16	Gaberones 1	R/1	1965-66 (Lobatsi also after Independence)
		Gaberones 2	R/2	
		Lobatsi		
		Mafeking		

Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
<b>BOTSWANA</b>				
RL A3C3 (IW A3C5)	36 x 16	Francistown		1966-73 (Some probably also pre-Independence)
		Gaberones 1	R/1	
		Gaberones 2	R/2	
		Lobatsi		
		Molepolole		
		Palapye		
		Pitsani		
		Serowe		
RL A4C3 (IW A4C5)	35.5 x 15.5	Bobonong		1968-95
		Francis-town	R/T, RA/T N/T, AN/T	
		Gaborone		
		Gaborone 1	OR/1	
		Gaborone 2	1st O/2	
		Gaborone 3	OR/3	
		Gaborone Village	A/V	
		Ghanzi		
		Kanye		
		Kasane		
		Lobatsi 2	A/2	
		Lobatse 1	AT/1, BA/1	
		Lobatse 2	A/2	
		Mahalapye		
		Maite-ngwe	IT/N	
		Maun		
		Mmadinare		
		Mole-polole	O/P	
		Moshupa		
		Ootse		
		Otse		



Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
RL A4C3 (IW A4C5) con't	35.5 x 15.5	Palapye		
		Pitsane		
		Pitsani		
		Rakops		
		Ramotswa Station	1 <sup>st</sup> A/S	
		Sedibeng		
		Serowe		
		Shoshong		
		Tatitown		
		Tsessebe		
		Thamaga		
		Tonota		
		Tsabong		
A4C5	36 x 16	Mahalapye		1969-1994
		Tsessebe		
RL A4D3 (IW A4D5)	35 x 15	Francis-town	N/T, RA/T	1976-79
		Gaberone 1	R/1	
		Gaborone 2	OR/2	
		Gaberone 3	ER/3	
		Ghanzi		
		Kanye		
		Kasane		
		Lobatse 2	A/2	
		Maite-ngwe	I/N	
		Maun		
		Mochudi		
		Orapa	17.5mm long	
		Palapye		
		Ramotswa Village	AM/V & WA/E	
		Sedibeng		
		Selibe-Pikwe	B/P	
		Sherwood -Ranch	E/R	

Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
RL A4D4	34 x 15	Francis-town	RA/T short hyphen	1979
		Gaborone 1	1 <sup>st</sup> O/1	
		Gaborone-3	R/3	
		Gaborone Village	A/V & N/E	
		Orapa	13.5mm long	
		Ramotswa Village	1st A/V & W/E	
		Selebi Pikwe	LE/P	

A4D5	34.5 x 15	Gaborone 2	O/2	1977
		Kanye		

RL A5C3 (IW A5C5)	36 x 16	Gaberones 2	ER/2	1968-75
		Gaberones Village	AB/V & NE/E	
		Machaneng		
		Mahalapye		
		Mochudi Village	MO/V	
		Molepolole		

RL A5D4	34.5 x 15	Mahalapye		?
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RL A5D3 (IW A5D5)	34.5 x 15.5	Mahalapye		?
		Molepolole		-

RL A6C3 (IW A6C5)	35.5 x 15.5	Ramoutsa Station	A/S & TS/N	1983 -
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RL A7C3 (IW A7C5)	36 x 17	Serowe		1967-73
	Note in Inglefield-Watson: "The above two Offices are grouped together although Molepolole is in a wider typeface than Serowe." In this listing, the 2 have been separated with Molepolole becoming A14C3.			

A13C3 (IW A2C5)	36 x 15.5	Maun		1980
		Tonota		

Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
A13D3	35 x 15.5	Maun	14.25mm long	?
A14C3	36 x 17	Molepolole		1967-73
RL B4C3 (IW B4C5)	34.5 X 15.5	Francis-town	AN/T	?
		Lobatse 1	A/1	
		Gaborone 3	OR/1	
		Gaborone Village	A/V	
RL B5C5	35 x 15.5	Mahalapye		1976-
RL C4C3 (IW C4C5)	36 x 16	Gaborone Village	A/V & N/E	1974-
		Maun	14mm long	
RL C5C3 (IW C5C5)	36 x 16	Mahalapye		?
RL D4D3	35 x 15.5	Gantsi		?-1994
		Selebi Phikwe	1 <sup>st</sup> E/P	
RL D4D4	35 x 16	Bontleng		1979-87
		Gaborone 1	OR/1	
		Gaborone 2	OR/2	
		Gaborone 3	OR/3, R/3	
		Gaborone Village	A/V & N/E	
		Jwaneng		
		Kanye		
		Lentswe-letau	N/L	
		Lobatse 1	AT/1, A/1	
		Lobatse 2	AT/2. A/2	
		Maun	15mm long, 11mm long	

Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
RL D4D4 con't	35 x 16	Mochudi		
		Moshupa		
		Otse		
		Palapye		
		Selebi-Pikwe	2nd E/P	
		Serowe		
		Serule		
		Shashe		
		Sikwane		
		Tatitown		
		Thamaga		
		Tsabong		
		Tutume		
RL D4D5	35 x 16	Bontleng		1982-94
		Charles-Hill	A/H & LE/2 <sup>nd</sup> L	
		Francis-Town	N/T, AN/T, N slightly rt of T long hyphen	
		Gabane		
		Gaborone 1	OR/1, R/2	
		Gaborone 2	OR/2, R/2	
		Gaborone 3	OR/3, R/3	
		Gaborone Village	A/V & N/E	
		Gantsi		
		Gumare		
		Gweta		
		Jwaneng		
		Kang		
		Kanye	15.5mm long	
		Kasane		
		Lerala		
		Mamelodi		
		Mathu-bantwa	MA/B & -/WA	
		Maun	10.5mm long	
		Mochudi		
		Moeng		
		Moshupa		



Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
RL D4D5 con't	35 x 16	Monarch		
		Odi		
		Orapa		
		Otse		
		Palapye		
		Pilikwe		
		Pitsane		
		Sebina		
		Sefhare		
		Sehitwa		
		Selebi Pikwe	L/P, EL/P & -/E, L/P & -/WE	
		Selebi Phikwe	LE/P	
		Serowe		
		Shoshong		
		Sikwane		
		Tatitown		
		Thamaga		
		Tlokweng		
		Tonota		
		Tutume		
RL D4E6	35.5 x 16	Bobonong		1985-94
		Broad-hurst	O/H	
		Charles-Hill	L/H	
		Francis-town	N/T, AN/T	
		Gaborone 1	OR/1, R/1	
		Gaborone 2	OR/2	
		Gaborone 3	OR/3	
		Gaborone Village	GA/V	
		Gweta		
		Hukuntsi		
		Jwaneng		
		Lerala		
		Kanye	12.5mm long, 15.5mm long	
		Kasane		

Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
RL D4E6 con't	35.5 x 16	Letlhakane	LH/K	
		Lobatse		
		Maokatumama	O' slightly left of 'T'	
		Maun	13mm long	
		Mochudi		
		Mogoditshane	MO/T	
		Monarch		
		Odi		
		Oropa		
		Ramotswa Village	RA/V	
		Sefhare		
		Selebi-Phikwe	EL/P & -/W	
		Serowe		
		Shakawe		
		Shashe		
		Shoshong		
		Tonota		
		Tsabong		
		Tshabong		
		Tshesebe		
RL D4F5	35 x 16	Gaborone 1	OR/1	1983-90
		Mathubantwa	MA/B	
		Mochudi		
RL D5D3	35.5 x 16	Mmathethe		1994
RL D5D4	35 x 16	Botshabelo		?
		Machaneng		
		Mahalapye		
		Mmadinare		
		Molepolole		
RL D5D5	35 x 15.5	Bobonong		1987-97
		Botshabelo		
		Letlhakane		
		Mabutsane		
		Mahalapye		

Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
RL D5D5 con't	x	Maitengwe		
		Matsiloje		
		Molepolole		
		Mmadinare		
		Mmathethe		
		Ramokgwebana		
		Ramokgwe-bana	MO/B	
		Ramotswa Village	RA/V & SW/E	
		Sherwood Ranch	E/R	
		Tshabong		
RL D5E6	35.5 x 16	Botshabelo		1986-2004
		Mabutsane		
		Ramotswa Village	AM/V & WA/E	
		Ramotswa Station	AM/S	
RL D5F5	35 x 15.5	Mahalapye		?
RL D13D4 (IW D4D4)		Maun	14.5mm	?
RL E4E6	36 x 16.5	Broad-hurst	RO/H	1986-1995
		Charles-Hill	A/H	
		Francis-town	AN/T	
		Gantsi		
		Gumare		
		Jwaneng		
		Lerala		
		Letlha-kane	2 <sup>nd</sup> L/K	
		Lobatse		
		Mathu-bantwa	MA/B	
		Maoka-atuma	1 <sup>st</sup> A/1 <sup>st</sup> A	
		Maun	11mm long	
		Mochudi		

Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
RL E4E6 con't	36 x 16.5	Mogudi-tshane	MO/T	
		Nkange		
		Orapa		
		Sedibeng		
		Selebi-Phikwe	SE/P, E/P	
		Serowe		
		Shakawe		
		Tatitown		
RL E5E6	36 x 16.5	Bobonong		1986-96
		Bontleng		
		Gaborone 1	1 <sup>st</sup> O/1, OR/1, R/1	
		Gaborone 2	OR/2	
		Gaborone 3	OR/3, 1 <sup>st</sup> O/3	
		Hukuntsi		
		Letlhakane		
		Mahalapye		
		Sherwood Ranch	R/E	
		Tlokweng		
RL F4E6	37 x 17	Francis-town	AN/T	1988-95
		Jwaneng		
		Kanye	12.5mm long	
		Orapa		
		Palapye		
		Selebi Phikwe	E/P	
		Sefhare		
		Shoshong		
RL F5E6	37 x 17	Gaborone 1	OR/1	1988-93
		Gaborone 2	OR/2, R/2	
		Gaborone Village	A/V	
RL G4E6	36 x 16	Shashe		1990-

Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
RL G5E6	35.5 x 16	Mahalapye		1990-94
		Mabutsane		
RL H8E6	37 x 17	Mahalapye		1993-94
		Middlepits		
		Mmasekou		
H8G6	37 x 17	Broadhurst		1993-95
		Mmmasekou		
RL H8G7	37 x 17	Broadhurst		1993-2002
		Charles Hill		
		Ntshinoge		
		Semolale		
H9E6	37 x 17	Charles Hill		1994
H9G7 (IW H8G7)	37 x 17	Serowe		1994-95
		Selebi Phikwe	S/PH & I to left side of E	
		Tutume		
H10E6	37 x 17	Francistown	RA/T & I/N	1998-2002
		Mochudi		
		Monarch		
		Shakawe		
H10G6	36.5 x 17	Selebi Phikwe	S/PH & to left side of E	1995
RL H10G7	37 x 17	Francis-town	RA/T	1992-2002
		Mahikana		
		Mopipi		
		Ncojane		
		Selebi Phikwe	S/PH & I/E	
		Shakawe		
		Thamaga		
H11E6	37 x 17	Tutume		1995

Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
RL H11G7	37 x 17	Kavimba		1994-97
		Lobatse		
		Maun	12.5mm long	
		Thamaga		

RL I2E6 (IW D2E6)	36 X 16	Broadhurst		1991-2002
		Digawana		
		Etsha		
		Francistown		
		Gaborone		
		Gantsi		
		Kasane		
		Lobatse		
		Mahalapye		
		Mathu-bantwa	TH/B	
		Maun	8.3mm long	
		Mogodi-tshane	G/T	
		Moeng		
		Orapa		
		Palapye		
		Ramokwe-bana	M/B	
		Ramotswa Stn	MO/S	
		Ramotswa Vge	MO/V	
		Selebi Phikwe	B/P, 2 <sup>nd</sup> E /P	
		Shakawe		
		Tsetsebye		

RL I4E6	36 x 16.5	Broad-hurst	RO/H	1990-2002
		Francis-town	AN/T short hyphen	
		Jwaneng		
		Kanye		
		Maoka-tuma	OK/T	
		Masunga		
		Mathu-bantwa	MA/B	



Type No.	External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)	Recorded Offices of Use	Settings	Recorded Overall Period of Use
RL I4E6 con't	36 x 16.5	Molepo- lole	E/~first L, LE/first L	
		Moshupa		
		Nkange		
		Ramotswa Village	RA/V	
		Sebina		
		Sefhare		
		Shakawe		
		Tonota		
RL I5E6	36 x 16.5	Botshabelo		1994-95
		Mabutsane		
RL I13E6	36 x 16.5	Kang	12.5mm long	1991
RL J8E6	37 x 17	Letlhakane	(manuscript E over G at end of name)	1995-96
		Mma-Sekou		
RL J8G7	37.5 x 17	Letlhakang		1995-96
		Mma-Sekou		
RL J9E6	37 x 17	Ramo kgwebana	R/W & O/first A	1995
RL J9G7	37.5 x 17	Bobonong		1994-2002
		Middlepits		
		Sherwood Ranch	HE/R & OO/H	
RL J10E6	37 x 17	Gaborone		1994-2000
		Gaborone Station	Station written in manuscript	1995-97
RL J10G7	37.5 x 17	Bontleng		1994-2002
		Gaborone		
		Gaborone Village	A/V & N/E	
		Jwaneng		
		Serowe		
		Tatitown		

<b>Type No.</b>	<b>External Dimensions of Blue Frame (mm)</b>	<b>Recorded Offices of Use</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>Recorded Overall Period of Use</b>
RL J11E6	37 x 17	Francis-town	RA/T & I/N	1994-2002
		Gaborone		
		Gomare		
		Maun	13.75mm long	
		Sowa		
RL J11G7	37 x 17	Francis-town	RA/T & I/N 21.75 long F to S	1994-96
		Ghanzi		
		Kasane		
		Lobatse (sic)		
		Mochudi		
		Mopipi		
		Nata		
		Orapa		
		Rakops		
		Tsabong		
RL J12G7	37.5 x 17	Otse		1997- 2002
RSL Y99Y99	36 x 16.5	Gaborone		2003
RSL Z99Z98	37 x 17	Gaborone Stn	BO/S & RO/N	2001-03
		Jwaneng		
		Lobatse		
		Mahalapye		
		Orapa		
		Serowe		
		Wood Hall		



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Registered envelope posted on 19 April 2002 from Mahikana Post Office in Kanye to Gaborone, correctly paying the 50 thebe rate for a domestic surface letter and registration fee of 1.75 Pula. Registration label type H10G7. Image is reduced 80% of original.

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