

1. Prepaid token tram & bus tickets

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OR TICKETS IN LIEU OF CASH

The NSW Government Printing Office was responsible for printing government tram and bus tickets from 1879 to 1989.

In an 1882 description of his work, the Government Printer commented:

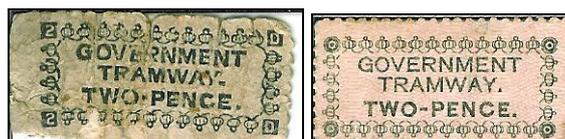
The tickets first used were produced like railway tickets, but a more economical and expeditious mode of printing them in sheets by letterpress was soon substituted....The paper, after being impressed with an imitation watermark "Two pence" is bound in books with butts and certificates as to the number of sheets in each book and the number of tickets printed thereon and then delivered to the accountant, issued by him to the foreman of the Stamp Branch to be printed and perforated and passed by the latter in sheets to the chief clerk.

The pre-purchase cardboard tickets were printed initially in strips, later in large sheets and could be purchased in strips from licensed vendors. After the 1888 ticket re-use scandal several changes were introduced. Several overprints were made for special groups (eg, On Service [OS], Ambulance, etc). Though these tickets were largely superseded by the cash fare paper types from 1896, they remained in use on trams and buses until the 1970s.

The elongated types were printed sheets of 240. Tramway tickets were printed by the Stamp Printing Branch of the Government Printing Office [GPrO] initially because they had the lithographic equipment.

Tickets were purchased from Tramway offices or authorised agents in strips and used on trams (and later buses) in lieu of cash. The tickets represented a discounted fare.

Buses used these tickets from 1932-1974.



Two different types.

1. 1879-1885 2d ticket, grey/white



2. 1880-8 3d colour?, 4d colour? Achival examples only seen.



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3. 1883-1887 1d purple/yellow print (back buff) with imitation watermark "GT" and perforation



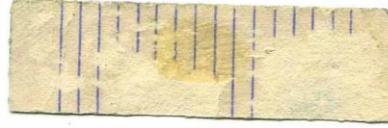
4. 1883-1891 Workman's Ticket, purple/buff



5. 189? Sunday school ticket

Values: 1=\$100+, 3=\$30+, 4&5=\$100+

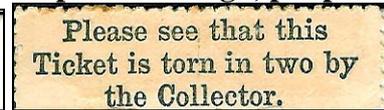
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6. 1.5.1888-1889 1d Black type 1 (lion and unicorn design), 1d blue



7. 1889-1891 1d On Service Ticket, red/buff printed design, pin perforated



8. 189? 1d yellow-orange.

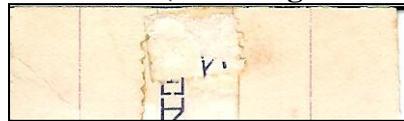


9. 1891 1/2d Violet Students-Workmen



10. 1894-1897 1d Blue type 2 (penny and Queen Victoria design), OS

11. 1896-1899 Brown School Pupils Bathers Tickets (see background below)



Rules on back

12. 1895-1898 3/4d Red Railway and Bent Street type 1

Values: 7-8=\$80+, 6=\$50, 10-12=\$30+, no difference for OS

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bottom frame damaged

13. 3.11.1897-7.9.1902 1d Blue type 3 (penny and NSW device design), OS, MILITARY SERVICE, CADET, SCHOOL CADET, AMBULANCE, DEPARTMENTAL OMNIBUS, OS & DEPARTMENTAL MONIBUS, PMG, DEFENCE DEPT.



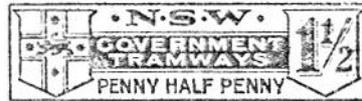
14. 1898-1900 3/4d Red Railway and Bent Street type 2



15. 1906 1d Magenta Apprentice



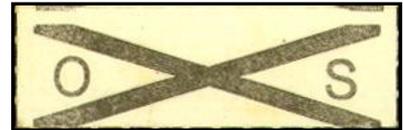
16. 1906 1 1/2d Green Omnibus



17. 1918 1 1/2d Yellow, OS, DEFENCE DEPT.



18. 192? 2d red, 1930 with moire background, OS.



Major printing flaw



19. 1952? 3d Green, OS, PMG, AMBULANCE.

20. 1952? 6d Orange, OS.

21. 1966 5c orange, OS, AMBULANCE.

22. 1968 7c Purple, OS.

23. 1971 10c Purple, OS.

24. 1971 18c Blue, OS.

Values: 14-16=\$100+, rest \$20+, no difference for OS but other ovpts double