

# U.A.E. POSTAL HISTORY

## 1972-2000

This exhibit shows the development of postal services in the United Arab Emirates under Federal Ministry of Communication and General Postal Authority with special study and research on different type of date-stamps (postmarks) along with route and postal rates used during the period.

The United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) was established on 2 December 1971 by six emirates, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Fujairah and Umm Al - Quwain. The Emirate of Ras Al-Khaimah joined on 11 February 1972. The capital is Abu Dhabi. Each emirate continued to use its own postal system and postage until a Postal Administration was established on 1 August 1972.

Following unification postal services were under the Federal Ministry of Communication till General Postal Authority formed in 1985.

Exhibit is divided into following two main sections:

### 1- Federal Ministry of Communication (1972-1985)

1.1 Pre-union Date-stamps	Frame 1
1.2 Early Double Circle Date-stamps	
1.3 Machine Cancellor	Frame 2
1.4 Registered Mail Date-stamps	Frame 3

### 2- General Postal Authority (1985-2000)

2.1 Double Circle Date-stamps	Frame 4
2.2 Machine Cancellor	Frame 5-6
2.3 Registered Mail	Frame 7
2.4 Innovations	Frame 8

### Highlights:

Important items highlighted by red border

Unique Sharjah and Dependencies date-stamp without star (\*) - Many unique destinations.

Registered cover from Algeemi, Al Ain - Earliest recorded cover from Leewarah, Ajman.

Earliest and latest recorded usage of date-stamps - Special slogan postmark un-adopted design.

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