**Post Office information in Nigerian gazettes online**

This document summarises post office information in the copies of the Nigeria gazette, the official organ for Nigerian government announcements, held at <https://gazettes.africa/gazettes/ng/> . This online series of gazettes starts from 1958, and is fairly complete up to 1984, although, as the details below show, there are gazettes missing in almost all years. There was no fixed number of issues per year, and many gazettes consist of little except the preamble to a supplement which gives details of legislation, proclamations etc. Where gazettes are missing, the accompanying supplement is often available. Gazettes are mostly but not perfectly in date or numerical order. However, every copy is dated.

There is no fixed pattern to gazette contents, though most start with several pages of ‘Movement of Officers’ containing information about government staff appointments, promotions etc. Gazettes may also include details of government scholarships, public announcements of insolvency, lists of accredited professionals, forthcoming high court cases etc.

The post office information is almost entirely concerned with individual post offices rather than matters such as postal regulations, postage rates etc. Michael Wright conducted a similar exercise in 2008, producing a list of Post Office openings up to 1975, which appears to be complete and there was no point in duplicating his work in the pre-74 gazettes. At the end of this document is the only general piece of post office information found back as far as 1975.

Peter Hørlyck has checked pre-1970 gazettes, and that information in the table is kindly supplied by him .

The gazette post office information is not necessarily a complete record: one suspects that not all openings are notified, though this period was probably the heyday of the expansion of the postal service. Announcements are generally of events during the preceding six months though occasionally include news of opening etc which is several years old.

I have used the information about openings to compile an alphabetical list of offices and their opening dates starting in 1975, ending in 1980. This complements Michael Wright’s list and takes the collected information on office openings up to the end of the period covered in Jones’ second edition of the cancellations and Postmarks of Nigeria 1914 – 1980. In separate documents I have also summarised each post office announcement for all the online gazettes dating back to 1974.

In the table which follows I’ve given gazette numbers (NB these are not always sequential on the website). Numbers in green contain at least 1 announcement about post office opening, closing, change of status or control.

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**Summary of gazettes available**

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| **Year** | **Content** |
|  |  |
| 2020 | 1 document only, and it is a supplement giving text of legislation |
| 2019 | 8 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2018 | 32 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2017 | 8 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2016 | 17 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2015 | 9 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2014 | 14 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2013 | 10 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2012 | 29 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2011 | 53 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2010 | 21 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2009 | 22 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2008 | 8 supplements and 1 short gazette of no philatelic interest |
| 2007 | 19 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2006 | 9 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2005 | 7 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2004 | 6 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2003 | 6 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2002 | 2 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2001 | 3 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 2000 | 1 supplement and 1 short gazette of no philatelic interest |
| 1999 | 4 documents, all of them supplements giving text of legislation |
| 1998 | No documents |
| 1997 | 1 supplement giving text of legislation |
| 1996-90 | No documents |
| 1989 | 35 gazettes and 30 supplements. Gazettes: 3,6,7,15,13,14,18,20,24, 26,27,31,34,35,37,39,40,42,43,44,45,46,47,50,55,57,58,62,63,64,68,79,73,80,76. No 14 is in 1988 lists |
| 1988 | 9 gazettes and 8 supplements. Gazettes: 1,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11 |
| 1987 | 33 gazettes and 8 supplements. Gazettes: 3,7,8,9,10,13,20,22,29,32,33,34, 35,36,37,42,43,44,45,48,49,51,52,53,55,58,59,60,64,67,69,73,75 |
| 1986 | 17 gazettes and 11 supplements. Gazettes: 17,19,20,22,26,30,35, 37,45,46,47,54,55,56,58,61,67 |
| 1985 | 27 gazettes and 18 supplements. Gazettes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,20,21,22,23,25,26,27,28,31,34,35,36,37,40 |
| 1984 | 60 gazettes and 39 supplements. Gazettes: 1 to 74, missing 7,8,14,15,16,19, 24,28,36,40,41,45,66,69. PO information in: 1,5,12,25,32,42,44,48,51,65,72 |
| 1983 | 56 gazettes and 35 supplements inc 2 from 1984. Gazettes: 1 to 67, missing 16, 27,30,36,41,45,48,52,59,60. PO information in: 6,7,9,13,15,22,26,33,34,37, 38,43,54,64,65 |
| 1982 | 43 gazettes and 29 supplements. Gazettes: 1,2,3,5,7,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,18,20, 21,22,24,26,27,28,29,30,31,33,34,36,38,39,42,43,44,45,46,47,50,52,53,54,56, 57,59,60,61,63 #1 is in 1981 section |
| 1981 | 30 gazettes and 25 supplements. Gazettes: 1,2,3,4,5,7,10, 11, 12,13,14,15,16, 19,21, 22,24,31,38,39,43,44,45,47,48,49,51,53,61,64 (#11 is in 1980) |
| 1980 | 35 gazettes and 26 supplements. Gazettes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,20,24,25,29, 32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,49,50,52,53,55,56,57,58,59,60,61 |
| 1979 | 64 gazettes and 47 supplements. Gazettes: 1 to 65. PO information in: 5,8,10,14,15,20,21,22,25,26,27,28,32,33,36,40,42,50,51,54,56,64 |
| 1978 | 56 gazettes and 34 supplements. Gazettes 1 to 59, missing #s 23,24,33. PO information in: 12,13,15,18,22,25,26,28,31,36,38,39,41,42,47,49,50,55 |
| 1977 | 60 gazettes and 67 supplements. Gazettes 1 to 61, missing #3. PO information in: 1,5,13,17,23,29,31,34,36,41,43,45,46,47,51,57 |
| 1976 | 62 gazettes and 69 supplements. Gazettes 1 to 63, missing #23. PO information in: 1,4,6,9,11,12,16,20,27,30,31,34,36,40,44,45,48,50,51,54,59,60 |
| 1975 | 64 gazettes and 65 supplements. Gazettes 1 to 65, missing #27. PO information in: 1,2,4,7,8,10,14,20,24,25,36,39,41,42,46,48,50,51,52,53,58,60,62 |
| 1974 | 63 gazettes and 60 supplements. Gazettes 1 to 63 complete. PO information not checked (covered by Wright listing) |
| 1973 | 69 gazettes and 63 supplements. Gazettes 1 to 69, complete, but #2,4,6 are in 1972 section. PO information not checked (covered by Wright listing) |
| 1972 | 63 gazettes and 66 supplements. Gazettes 1 to 65, #5 is in 1971 section. Missing # 46. PO information not checked (covered by Wright listing) |
| 1971 | 64 gazettes and 72 supplements. Gazettes 1 to 64, complete. PO information not checked (covered by Wright listing) |
| 1970 | 70 gazettes and 70 supplements. Gazettes 1 to 70, complete. PO information not checked (covered by Wright listing) |
| 1969 | Gazettes 1-67, missing 29, 55 |
| 1968 | Gazettes 1-82, missing 7, 8 |
| 1967 | Gazettes 1-110, missing 56, 59, 65, 107 |
| 1966 | Gazettes 1-116, missing 103 |
| 1965 | Gazettes 1-104 |
| 1964 | Gazettes 1-108, missing 83 |
| 1963 | Gazettes 1-103 |
| 1962 | Gazettes 1-106 |
| 1961 | Gazettes 1-100 |
| 1960 | Gazettes 1-82 |
| 1959 | Gazettes 1-79, missing 8 |
| 1958 | Gazettes 1-85, missing 46 |

**Government Notice No.493, Nigerian Gazette No 20, Vol. 63 p 531 dated 15.4.76**

**VALIDITY OF NIGERIAN POSTAGE STAMPS**

**It is notified for general information that with effect from 1st April, 1976, all pre and post independence postage stamps whose values were expressed in £ s d will no longer be valid for the repayment of postage; and will not be repurchased by the Department of Posts and Telecommunications. Although the unused£ s d postage stamps will no longer have an official postage value after 1st April,1976, they would still retain their philatelic values.**