

POSTAL CARDS

Postal cards are pieces of stationery that have a pre-paid postage stamp or indicium inscribed on them. The postal service sells them. Dr. Emanuel Herrmann of Austria discussed the benefits of a Correspondenz Karte on January 26, 1869. By October 1, 1869, Austria-Hungary had created the first postal card in history. They instantly understood. Great Britain, Finland, Switzerland, and Württemberg joined the list of nations issuing postal cards by the end of 1870. They were created for the first time in the US in 1873. Postal cards come in a variety of shapes, such as the standard single card with a "penalty for private use," attached message-reply cards, airmail postal cards, and official postal cards used for official government business. The ordinary single card can be either commemorative or definitive.