

Commonwealth Coat of Arms



Initial Coat of Arms

The initial coat of arms was granted by a Royal Warrant of King Edward VII 7 May 1908



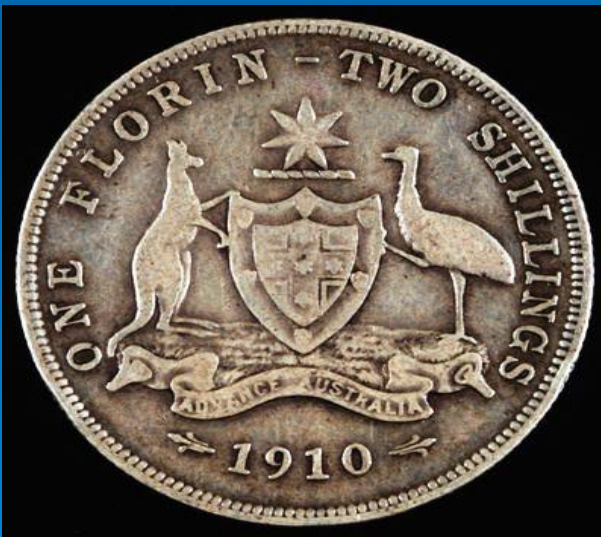
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Coins



- used on some Australian coins
- last appeared on the sixpenny piece in 1966



50 cent piece

one shilling piece

Current Version



the current version
was granted
by King George V
(3 June 1865 -
20 January 1936)
19 September 1912

Why a new one?

no specific references to the states

alterations



approved



a new design:

six badge of states

What is in?

□ a shield: the badges of the six Australian states

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□ enclosed by an *ermine border*

□ a symbol for the federation of the states, which took place in 1901



What is in?

- the crest (helmet on a coat of arms)
- a seven-pointed gold star on a blue and gold wreath.
- Six of the points represent each of the states of the Commonwealth; the seventh point represents Australia's territories





Additional Items



sprays of golden wattle
with a scroll beneath it

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the word 'Australia'





Six Badges

Victoria

New South Wales



Queensland

South Australia

Tasmania

Western Australia

“Supporters”



the kangaroo



the emu

native animals + cannot walk backwards

Australia moves forwards

USE

- to authenticate documents
- from embellishing the Australian passport to forming part of all Australian government departmental insignias
- The use by private citizens or organisations



Motto

- the motto 'Advance Australia'
- before the federation of the states in 1901, popularly accepted due to the song 'Advance Australia Fair'  Australia's national anthem in 1984

Advance Australia Fair

Colours

green and gold as national colours

Before: tradition



the use of green and gold by Australia's international sporting teams



Pretext

The coat of arms
basis of

the Queen's Personal Australian Flag

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a slightly modified version has formed
the basis of

the Great Seal of Australia

(since 1973)

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