



# *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



# *Initial Coat of Arms*

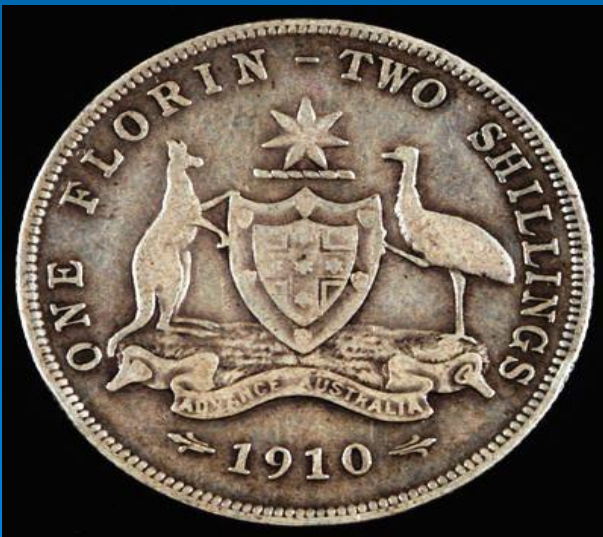




# *Coins*



- 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

+

□ 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

+

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  
+  
a slightly modified version has formed  
the basis of  
the Great Seal of Australia  
(since 1973)



# *References*

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coat\\_of\\_arms\\_of\\_Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coat_of_arms_of_Australia)
- [http://www.dfat.gov.au/facts/coat\\_of\\_arms.html](http://www.dfat.gov.au/facts/coat_of_arms.html)
- <http://www.aussie-info.com/identity/nationalid.php>
- <http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/coat-arms/index.cfm>