

Stamp Issues of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia (1939-1945)

The Pofis catalog states that valid First Republic stamps were accepted as postage until December 15, 1939 in the Protectorate and July 31, 1940 in the Slovak State.

In the Protectorate time frame, there were five phases of stamp production.

1. April 13, 1939: Pofis. # 352/Scott # 256 (regular mail- Masaryk 1K red) and April 22, 1939: Pofis. # L15/Scott #C18 (airmail- plane/landscape 30h violet);



On both stamps Czechoslovakia was hyphenated (ČESKO-SLOVENSKO).

2. July 15, 1939: The overprinting, in black, with BÖHMEN u. MÄHREN (top) and ČECHY a MORAVA (bottom) on 19 stamps. In this series the Pofis and Scott numbers are the same (#s 1-19);



3. July 1939 - October 1941: Some stamps with designs from the First Republic were issued with new "headings and footers" (BÖHMEN u. MÄHREN (top) and ČECHY a MORAVA (bottom) with new locations added in the same style. New designs were also created in this and the next two phases;



4. April 1942 - May 1943: Stamps were printed with DEUTSCHES REICH (top) and BÖHMEN u. MÄHREN and ČECHY a MORAVA (one above the other at bottom) **with one exception**. The stamp commemorating the first anniversary of the death of R. Heydrich (issued May 28, 1943) only included BÖHMEN u. MÄHREN at the bottom;



5. September 1943 - February 1945: Stamps were now printed with GROSSDEUTSCHES REICH (top) with BÖHMEN u. MÄHREN and ČECHY a MORAVA (one above the other at the bottom).



Regular postage

Phase 1: stamp valid to 12/15/1939

Phase 2: stamps valid to 12/15/1939

Phase 3: **linden leaves** (2 issues) & **landscapes, castles and cities**

(3 issues) valid to 3/31/1943; **Antonín Dvorak** valid to 12/31/1942 and **3 yr. anniversary of**

Protectorate overprint valid to 12/31/1943; **Prague Fair** valid to 12/31/1941

Phase 4: **Hitler** valid until 5/16/1945; **stamp day** valid until 6/30/1943; **Richard Wagner** valid until 9/30/1943

Phase 5: **St. Vitus Cathedral & Hitler** valid to 5/16/1945

Airmail

Phase 1: **airplane over landscape** valid to 12/15/1939

Phase 2,3,4,5: none

Newspaper stamps

Phase 1 and 2: none

Phase 3: **carrier pigeon** valid to 3/31/1943 (some use → 12/31/1945)

Phase 4: **carrier pigeon** valid to 12/31/1945

Phase 5: none

Commercial use by companies

Phase 1 and 2: none

Phase 3: **overprinted (GD-OT) 10h newspaper stamp** valid to 7/31/1941

Phase 4 and 5: none

Personal Delivery

Phase 1 and 2: none

Phase 3: **50h red** and **50h blue** valid to 4/19/1941 (sold until 8/1/1941)

Phase 4 and 5: none

Postage due

Phase 1 and 2: none

Phase 3: **floral design/numeral** used until 10/31/1942; valid to 3/31/1943

Phase 4 and 5: none

Official stamps

Phase 1 and 2: none

Phase 3: **wreath/numeral** valid to 3/31/1943 (post office use → 6/30/1943)

Phase 4: **eagle/numeral** valid to 12/31/1944 (some use → 5/16/1945)

Phase 5: none

Semipostals

Phase 1 and Phase 2: none

Phase 3: **German Red Cross** (1st issue) valid to 12/31/1940; **German Red Cross** (2nd issue) valid to 12/31/1941; **W.A. Mozart** valid to 1/31/1942

Phase 4: **Hitler's 53rd birthday & German Red Cross** (3rd issue) valid to 12/31/1942; **Winter aid** valid to 6/30/1943; **Hitler's 54th birthday & 1st anniversary of Heydrich death** valid to 9/30/1943

Phase 5: **German Red Cross** (4th issue) valid to 12/31/1943; **5th anniversary of Protectorate & Hitler's 55th birthday** valid to 12/31/1944; **Bedřich Smetana** valid to 5/16/1945

Pofis/Scott catalog numbers: Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia Phases 1+2

Companies would have tried to use up their inventory of already perfined First Republic stamps prior to their last date of validity and may not have perfined any of the stamps in Phase 1 or 2 for use. Pofis # 352/Scott # 256 is frequently found perfined by several companies during its period of validity (4/13/1939 - 12/15/1939).

Phases 1 and 2 were valid for postage until December 15, 1939.

value	Pofis #	color	Scott #	color	style/notes
Phase 1					
April 13, 1939 hyphenated country name: ČESKO-SLOVENSKO					
1K	352	red	256	rose lake	1935 Masaryk
AIRMAIL					
April 22, 1939 hyphenated country name: ČESKO-SLOVENSKO					
30h	L15	violet	C18	rose lilac	plane over landscape
Phase 2					
July 15, 1939 black overprint: BÖHMEN u. MÄHREN / ČECHY a MORAVA					
5h	1	blue	1K	dk.ultra	1929 coat of arms
10h	2	brown	2	brown	↓
20h	3	red	3	red	
25h	4	green	4	green	
30h	5	violet	5	red violet	
40h	6	blue	6	dk. blue	1935 Comenius
50h	7	green	7	deep green	1938 Plzen factory
60h	8	violet	8	dull violet	1935 Štefánik
1Kč	9	red	9	rose lake	1935 Masaryk
1K	10	red	10	rose lake	1939 Masaryk

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value	Pofis #	color	Scott #	color	style/notes
1,20Kč	11	violet	11	rose lilac	1936 Mukačevo
1,50Kč	12	red	12	carmine	1936 Banská Bystrica
1,60Kč	13	yellow green	13	olive green	1936 Kutna Hora
2Kč	14	green	14	dk. blue green	1936 Zvikov
2,50Kč	15	blue	15	dk. blue	1936 Strečno
3Kč	16	brown	16	brown	1936 Czech landscape
4Kč	17	violet	17	dk. violet	1936 Poděbrady
5Kč	18	green	18	green	1936 Olomouc
10Kč	19	blue	19	blue	1936 Bratislava

Pofis/Scott catalog numbers: Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia Phase 3

Phase 3 stamp issues had varied dates for the end of postal validity. That date is indicated after the description of the stamp issue date and description.

Color variations (*) exist for some linden leaf and landscape/castle/city issues.

value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
Phase 3					
August 30, 1939-1941 linden leaves with closed buds March 31, 1943					
5h	20	blue	20	dk.blue	Linden leaves
10h	21	brown	21	blk brown	↓
20h	22	red	22	crimson	
25h	23	green	23	dk. blue green	
30h	24	violet*	24	deep plum	*color varies
30h	25h	brown*	24A	golden brown	
40h	26	orange	25	orange	
50h	27	bluegreen*	26	slate green	
July 29, 1939 landscapes, castles and cities (1st issue) March 31, 1943					
40h	28	blue	27	dk. blue	Zvikov
50h	29	green*	28	dk. blue green	Karlštejn
60h	30	violet*	29	dull violet	Kutna Hora
1K	31	red	30	deep rose	Praha
1,20K	32	violet	31	rose lilac	Brno
1,50K	33	red	32	rose carmine	Brno
2K	34	green	33	dk. blue green	Olomouc
2,50K	35	blue	34	dk. blue	Olomouc
3K	36	dk.violet	35**	dull rose violet	Zlín
3K	36a	violet	X	** Scott #s 35-39 (1939-40)	

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value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
4K	37**	bluegray	36	slate	Ostrava; ** T I & T II
5K	38	green	37	green	Praha-Charles Bridge
10K	39	blue	38	lt. ultra	Praha-Charles Bridge
20K	40	lt. brown	39	yellow brown	Praha-Charles Bridge
March 31, 1940 landscapes, castles and cities (2nd issue) March 31, 1943					
50h	41	green	40	dk. blue green	Jindřichův - Neuhaus
80h	42	blue	41	deep blue	Pernštejn
1,20K	43	brown	42	violet brown	Brno
2K	44	green	43	gray green	Pardubice
5K	45	green	44	dk. blue green	Bechyně - Lainsitz Bridge
6K	46	violet	45	brown violet	České Budějovice
8K	47	graygreen	46	slate green	Kroměříž
10K	48	blue	47	blue	Praha-Wallenstein garden
20K	49	dk. brown	48	sepia	Praha-Charles Bridge
July 28, 1941 linden leaves with open buds March 31, 1943					
60h	54	grayviolet	49**	violet	Linden leaves
60h	54a	lt. violet	X	**Scott 49-51 (types of 1939-40)	
80h	55	lt. orange	50	red orange	↓
80h	55a	dk. orange	X		
1K	56	brown	51	brown	

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value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
1K	56a	dk. brown	X		
July 28, 1941 landscapes, castles and cities (3rd issue) March 31, 1943					
1,20K	57	red	52**	rose red	Praha
1,20K	57a	carmine	X	**Scott 52-53C (types of 1939-40)	
1,50K	58	redviolet	53	lilac rose	Kutna Hora
11	58a	brownviolet	X		
2K	59	blue	53A	lt. blue	Pardubice
2K	59a	lt. blue	X		
2,50K	60	ultramarine	53B	ultramarine	Brno
2,50K	60a	blue	X		
3K	61	graygreen	53C	olive	Pernštejn
3K	61a	yellowgreen	X		
August 25, 1941 Antonín Dvořak - 100th anniversary of birth December 31, 1942					
60h	62	violet	54	dull lilac	portrait (facing left)
1,20K	63	brown	55	sepia	
September 7, 1941 Prague Fair (Agriculture and Industry) December 31, 1941					
30h	64	brown	56	dk red brown	farming scene
60h	65	green	57	dk. green	
1,20K	66	violet	58	dk. plum	factories
2,50K	67	blue	59	sapphire	
March 15, 1942 overprint 3rd anniversary of Protectorate December 31, 1942					
1,20K	72	carmine/blue	60	rose red (B)	1941 Praha 1,20K
2,50K	73	blue/red	61	ultra (R)	1941 Brno 1,50K

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value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
NEWSPAPER STAMPS					
August 25, 1939 carrier pigeon (1st issue) March 31, 1943					
2h	NV1	yellowbrown	P10	ocher	carrier pigeon
5h	NV2	blue	P2	ultramarine	↓
7h	NV3	orange	P3	red orange	
9h	NV4	green	P4	emerald	
10h	NV5	red	P5	henna brown	
12h	NV6	blue	P6	dk. ultramarine	
20h	NV7	green	P7	dk. green	
50h	NV8	brown	P8	red brown	
1K	NV9	gray	P9	greenish gray	
COMMERCIAL USE					
December 1, 1939 overprint GD-OT (carrier pigeon) July 31, 1941					
10h	OT1	red / black	P10	henna brown	NV5/P5 - 10h
PERSONAL DELIVERY					
December 1, 1939 special delivery April 19, 1941 (sold until 8/1/1941)					
50h	DR1	blue	EX1	indigo / blue	triangle
50h	DR2	red	EX2	carmine / rose	triangle
POSTAGE DUE					
December 1, 1939 floral design with numeral used until October 31, 1942; valid until 3/31/1943					
5h	DL1	red	J1	dk.carmine	floral design
10h	DL2	red	J2	dk.carmine	↓

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value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
20h	DL3	red	J3	dk.carmine	
30h	DL4	red	J4	dk.carmine	
40h	DL5	red	J5	dk.carmine	
50h	DL6	red	J6	dk.carmine	
60h	DL7	red	J7	dk.carmine	
80h	DL8	red	J8	dk.carmine	issued 6.10.1940
1K	DL9	blue	J9	bright ultra	
1,20K	DL10	blue	J10	bright ultra	issued 6.10.1940
1,20K	DL10a	blue	X	bright ultra	
2K	DL11	blue	J11	bright ultra	
5K	DL12	blue	J12	bright ultra	
10K	DL13	blue	J13	bright ultra	
20K	DL14	blue	J14	bright ultra	
SEMIPOSTALS					
June 29,1940 German Red Cross (1st issue) December 31, 1940					
60h+40h	50	blue	B1	indigo	nurse and wounded soldier
1,20K+80h	51	violet	B2	deep plum	
April 20, 1941 German Red Cross (2nd issue) December 31, 1941					
60h+40h	52	blue	B3	indigo	nurse & patient
1,20K+ 80h	53	violet	B4	deep plum	
October 25, 1941 W.A. Mozart - 150 year anniversary of death January 31, 1942					
30h+30h	68	brown	B5	brown	Old Prague theater
60h+60h	69	green	B6	Prussian green	

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value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
1,20K+ 1,20K	70	red	B7	scarlet	portrait
2,50K+ 2,50K	71	blue	B8	dk. blue	
3K	SL10	yellowgreen	O10	olive	
4K	SL11	violet	O11	red violet	
5K	SL12	yellow	O12	orange yellow	
OFFICIALS					
January 1, 1941 wreath encircling numeral valid to March 31, 1943 (post office use continued to June 30, 1943)					
30h	SL1	lt. brown	O1	ocher	wreath/numeral
40h	SL2	grayblue	O2	indigo	↓
50h	SL3	lt. green	O3	emerald	
60h	SL4	dk. green	O4	slate green	
80h	SL5	orange	O5	orange red	
1K	SL6	dk. brown	O6	red brown	
1,20K	SL7	red	O7	carmine	
1,50K	SL8	violet	O8	dk. plum	
2K	SL9	blue	O9	bright blue	
3K	SL10	yellowgreen	O10	olive	
4K	SL11	violet	O11	red violet	
5K	SL12	yellow brown	O12	orange yellow	

Pofis/Scott catalog numbers: Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia Phases 4+5

Phase 4 and phase 5 stamp issues had varied dates for the end of postal validity. That date is indicated after the description of the stamp issue date and description.

value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
Phase 4					
July 1, 1942 A. Hitler- portrait May 16, 1945					
10h	78	black	62	gray black	17.5x21.5mm
30h	79	brown	63	bister brown	↓
40h	80	grayblue	64	slate blue	
50h	81	green	65	slategreen	
60h	82	violet	66	purple	
80h	83	orange	67	orange vermillion	
1K	84	brown	68	dull brown	18x21mm
1,20K	85	red	69	carmine	↓
1,50K	86	redbrown	70	claret	
1,60K	87	green	71	Prussian green	
2K	88	blue	72	lt. blue	
2,40K	89	brown	73	fawn	
2,50K	90	blue	74	ultramarine	18.5x24mm
3K	91	yellowgreen	75	olive green	↓
4K	92	violet	76	bright red violet	
5K	93	green	77	myrtle green	
6K	94	brown	78	claret brown	
8K	95	blue	79	indigo	
10K	96	green	80h	dk. gray green	23.5x29.75mm

Pofis/Scott catalog numbers: Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia Phases 4+5

value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
20K	97	violet	81	gray violet	↓
30K	98	red	82	red	
50K	99	blue	83	deep blue	
January 10, 1943 Stamp Day June 30, 1943					
60h	102	violet	84	dk. rose violet	messenger on horseback
May 22, 1943 Richard Wagner - 130th anniversary of birth September 30, 1943					
60h	108	violet	85	violet	opera scene
120h	109	red	86	carmine rose	portrait
250h	110	blue	87	deep ultra	opera scene
SEMIPOSTALS					
April 20, 1942 Hitler's 53rd birthday December 31, 1942					
30h+20h	74	brown	B9	dull brown violet	at podium
60h+40h	75	green	B10	dull green	↓
1,20K+80h	76	violet	B11	deep claret	
2,50K +1,50K	77	blue	B12	dull blue	
September 1, 1942 German Red Cross (3rd issue) December 31, 1942					
60h+40h	100	blue	B13	deep blue	nurse and soldier
1,20K+80h	101	violet	B14	deep plum	
January 29, 1943 winter aid June 30, 1943					
60h+40h	103	violet	B15	violet	Emperor Charles IV
1,20K+80h	104	red	B16	carmine	Peter Parler

Pofis/Scott catalog numbers: Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia Phases 4+5

value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
2,50K +1,50K	105	blue	B17	violet blue	John the Blind, King of Bohemia
April 20, 1943 Hitler's 54th birthday September 30 1943					
60h+40h	106	violet	B18	dull violet	on balcony
1,20K+ 3,80K	107	red	B19	carmine	on balcony
May 28, 1943 1st anniversary of R. Heydrich's death September 30, 1943					
60h+ 440h	111	black	B20	black	death mask
NEWSPAPER STAMPS					
February 15 1943 carrier pigeon (2nd issue) December 31, 1945					
2h	NV10	yellowbrown	P11	ocher	carrier pigeon
5h	NV11	blue	P12	lt. blue	↓
7h	NV12	orange	P13	red orange	
9h	NV13	green	P14	emerald	
10h	NV14	red	P15	henna brown	
12h	NV15	blue	P16	dk. ultramarine	
20h	NV16	green	P17	dk. green	
50h	NV17	brown	P18	red brown	
1K	NV18	gray	P19	slate green	
OFFICIAL STAMPS					
February 15, 1943 eagle over numeral (2nd issue) December 31, 1944					
30h	SL13	lt. brown	O13	bister	eagle/numeral
40h	SL14	grayblue	O14	indigo	↓
50h	SL15	green	O15	yellow green	

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value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
60h	SL16	violet	O16	deep violet	
80h	SL17	orange	O17	orange red	
1K	SL18	brown	O18	chocolate	eagle/numeral
1,20K	SL19	red	O19	carmine	↓
1,50K	SL20	brown	O20	brown red	
2K	SL21	blue	O21	lt. blue	
3K	SL22	yellow green	O22	olive	
4K	SL23	violet	O23	red violet	
5K	SL24	green	O24	dk.green	
Phase 5					
November 21 1944 600th anniversary of Prague cathedral May 16, 1945					
1,50K	120h	brown	88	dull rose brown	founding of cathedral
250K	121	bluegray	89	dull lilac blue	
February 1, 1945 A. Hitler May 16, 1945					
4,20K	122	green	90	green	portrait
SEMIPOSTALS					
September 16, 1943 German Red Cross (4th issue) December 31, 1943					
1,20K +8,80K	112	black, red	B21	black & carmine	eagle & red cross
March 15, 1944 5th anniversary of the Protectorate December 31, 1944					
120K+3,80h	113	red	B22	rose lake	native costumes
4,20K +10,80K	114	brown	B23	golden brown	Nazi emblem, coats of arms

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value	Pofis	color	Scott	color	style/notes
10K+20K	115	blue	B24	sapphire	native costumes
April 20, 1944 Hitler's 55th birthday December 31, 1944					
60h+140h	116	brown	B25	olive black	Hitler in
1,20K+ 3,80K	117	green	B26	slate green	uniform
May 12, 1944 Bedřich Smetana - 60th anniversary of death May 16, 1945					
60h+140h	118	green	B27	dk. gray green	Bedřich Smetana
120K+3,80h	119	violet	B28	brown carmine	composer/pianist