

IDF CIVIL SERVICE REVENUES

IDF Revenue Stamps for Civil Service in the Occupied Territories

IDF revenue stamps were used to legalize various documents, as a way of collecting fees for various services provided by the IDF to citizens of the Gaza Strip, Sinai, Judea and Samaria, and to pay for various licenses or other state services. This method of using stamps for taxation in the territories was similar to that used within the borders of Israel.

The use of stamps by the IDF started in 1967, after the occupation of the so-called "West Bank" (Judea and Samaria) and the Gaza Strip. The occupation forces used the "Menorah" design Tabbed Treasury stamps with various overprints specifying usage or region. The tabbed stamps with serial number were used in the same way as the Israeli AGRA system in mainland Israel.

The IDF Revenue Stamps are classified into the following categories:

Area of use: Different issues printed for the Gaza Strip, Sinai and other were printed for Judea and Samaria.

IDF emblem overprint: All issues until the end of 1979 had no IDF emblem. After an armed robbery of a large quantity of stamps from the Tel Aviv post office, all new issues were overprinted with IDF emblem on right upper corner.

Currency: Changes of currencies were due to the monetary changes in Israel: until 1980 use of Lira and Agorot; Later Shekel and Agorot, and from 1986 NIS (New Shekel and New Agorot).

Purpose of Stamps: The purpose of the stamp was printed in Hebrew (and sometimes Arabic) overprint within the inner frame of the stamp as well as on the tab.

Control Number: (Serial Number): Different types of abbreviations were used as a prefix to the control number. e.g., sometimes "NR." In other cases "No.", a symbol, etc. Bale does not classify these types or numerous varieties of perforation and paper that can be found in these issues.



IDF Service Revenues General Issues

Examples of IDF revenues without IDF emblem



מפקדת חבל עזה אגרה
Gaza Headquarters - Tax (=Agra)



IDF Gaza-Sinai - Tax (=Agra)
צה"ל עזה-סיני אגרה



IDF Tax
צה"ל - אגרה

Examples of IDF revenues with IDF emblem



YOSH army headquarter Pnim (=Interior)
מפקדת יו"ש פנים



Gaza Headquarters
מפקדת חבל עזה

YOSH = abbreviation for "Judea and Samaria"

**Interior Ministry issue
Mainly to legalize documents (e.g., travel permits, etc.)**

Design: Menorah design overprinted stamps

Year	Overprints	Currency	No. of Stamps	US\$
1967	מפקדת כוחות צה"ל ברצועת עזה וסיני	Lira/Ag	6	130.00
1979	IDF emblem ovp	צה"ל אגרה Lira/Ag	10	200.00
1979		מפקדת חבל עזה Lira/Ag	3	100.00
1979		מפקדת יו"ש Lira/Ag	6	100.00
1980	Pnim	פנים - חבל עזה Shekel	19	350.00
1980	Hebrew & Arabic	פנים - חבל עזה	18	350.00
1980		מפקדת חבל עזה	7	200.00
1980		משרד הפנים	3	50.00
1986	Hebrew & Arabic	פנים - חבל עזה NIS	12	200.00

Family Travel Pass (leaving for Jordan via Allenby Bridge, March 1972). Using mixed franking of IDF tax stamps and Army Headquarters Gaza and Sinai - Agra 5 Lira.

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IDF Revenues Health Services Taxation Issues

Examples of IDF health stamps



Health Gaza - Tax TAX
בריאות חבל עזה - אגרה



Health services
Judea and Samaria region
in Hebrew and Arabic
15 Shekel (ovp. on Li.)
שירותי בריאות
אזור יהודה ושומרון
15 ל"ש



Black overprint: Health services Judea and Samaria
in Hebrew and Arabic / 100 Shekel (ovp. on 10 ag.)
IDF tax. (1978 issue)

שירותי בריאות ביהודה ושומרון
100 ל"ש / 10 אג צה"ל אגרה



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1977 issue Health Stamp (Hebrew and Arabic)
partial series with IDF emblem Liq. denomination.

Health and Interior Ministries - For drugs, medical insurance and medical services. "Menorah" design stamps overprinted

Year	Overprints	Currency	No. of Stamps	US\$
1968	ZAHAL Hebrew & Arabic "Medical Services" and "B" for Health	Lira/Ag	5	90.00
1974	צה"ל, עזה-סיני / אגרה		14	190.00
1975	צה"ל אגרה		16	175.00
1977	"Health Stamp"		10	200.00
1977		בריאות - חבל עזה	3	8.00
1978		שירותי בריאות ביהודה ושומרון	2	30.00
1978		צה"ל מפקדת בוכות צה"ל ביהודה ושומרון	2	60.00
1979	+ IDF emblem overprint	פנים - יו"ש	7	60.00
1979	IDF emblem overprint	צה"ל עזה סיני+	1	40.00
1979	NO TAB	קמ"ט בריאות עזה	3	30.00
1980		בריאות עזה	1	30.00
1981		בריאות - חבל עזה	3	60.00
1981		בריאות - יו"ש	6	90.00
1981	No sideways tabs	בריאות - יו"ש	6	90.00
1981	No sideways tabs	בריאות עזה	5	100.00
1982		קמ"ט בריאות - עזה	4	20.00
1982	Hebrew and Arabic	בריאות - חבל עזה	15	100.00
1983		הלשכה המחוזית למרשם האוכלוסין	3	10.00
1983		קמ"ט פנים	18	110.00
1983	(= Health Stamp)	"בול בריאות"	6	15.00
1983	NO TAB	קמ"ט בריאות - עזה"	8	30.00
1986	With TAB	קמ"ט בריאות - עזה"	3	12.00
1986		קמ"ט פנים	17	160.00

Further examples of documents

A large variety of forms was used by the IDF for managing the civil administration both in YOSH and Gaza Strip, all using stamps as fee:

1. Entrance permits
2. Exit permits
3. Immigration
4. Export of goods
5. Request to host an overseas visitor
6. Permit to travel abroad
7. Birth certificate
8. Death certificate
9. Family reunion request
10. Good behaviour
11. Surety bonds / guarantee
12. Civil court documents
13. Petitions from the Military Governor
14. Pilgrimage to Mecca
15. Dealers (various types of permits)
16. Truck movements and other vehicles
17. Various medical and health forms.

Further examples of documents



Pair of ZAHAL AGRA on request to issue Death Certificate.



Part of a Travel Pass (leaving Gaza through Allenby Bridge to Jordan). Stamps: Army Headquarters Gaza and Sinai 3 colour franking (1972) total of 7.5 Li.