

**QUEENSLAND POSTAL STATIONERY
The 1911 1d Red Letter Card**

30 Dec 1911	Brisbane	Melbourne
27 Feb 1912	Adelaide	Broken Hill
28 Mar 1912	Broken Hill	Sydney

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The 1d Red Letter Card, in both single and reply versions, was issued in 1911 to replace the 2d Letter Card consequent upon the reduction in interstate postage rates from 2d to 1d on the 1 May 1911. Phil Collas placed the date of issue as somewhere between May and July 1911, whereas Robson Lowe gives the issue date as 1912. I have a card dated 22 May 1911, which leads me to surmise that the likely issue date was the 1 May 1911 when the rate reduction took effect.

Two of the cards were used outside the State, which was legal by that time. As you can see, the card is not plentiful.

REPLY CARD

The Reply portion of the card is folded in behind the outward card, with two sets of perforations on either side. The Reply Cards are recorded with the same issue date by Collas, who states that his earliest postmarked example is July 1911. All of the cards in my possession are unused except two cards cancelled to order:

The cards were of grey or off-white porous stock with the 1d Red Queen Victoria side-face with values in all corners imprinted. My records show the following usages:

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>
26 July 1911	Brisbane
date not known	Brisbane

SINGLE CARD

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
22 May 1911	Brisbane	Townsville
12 June 1911	Brisbane	Melbourne
26 July 1911	Brisbane	-
9 Sept 1911	Townsville	Lismore
23 Nov 1911	Yandina	Gympie

I have not seen a used Reply portion which indicates the extreme rarity of this card.

Editor's Note: I also have a reply card CTO on 26 July 1911.

