

Telecom/Telstra Magnetic Card Types

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For use in Telecom/Telstra PUBLIC telephones located upon the Australian mainland and Tasmania. These are subdivided into two categories being:

- (a) Cards that a member of the public could readily obtain at **face value** from either a local retail outlet
OR

from the Phonecard collector Service using an order form from the Australian Phonecard Bulletin.

These particular cards are given a 3 digit catalogue number without a suffix.

- (b) Were not available at face value.

NOR

were they readily available through retail outlets or the Phonecard Collector Service.

These particular cards have a 3 digit catalogue number with a fab suffix.

Those cards with a “fab” suffix could be considered by collectors to be either fabulous or fabricated or a whole judgement range in between depending upon how the individual collector perceives them.

EXAMPLES: of “fab” cards include:

- Cards given away to particular socio-economic groups.
 - Social Security Lady in the Phonebox card (126 fab)
 - We are you -Young People in Care (686 fab)
- Cards given to customers who purchase a product
 - Nicotinel (178 fab & 179 fab)
 - Emu Export Beer (226 fab)
- Cards given to a company’s valued customers
 - Rentlo (127 fab and 128 fab)
 - Ernst & Young (605 fab)
- Cards for sale at Stamp, Coin and Phonecard exhibitions
 - Sydney ANDA show (683 fab)
 - Auscard 96 (448 fab & 449 fab)
- Cards used as fundraisers
 - Albury High School (151 fab)
 - St Andrews Choir (292 fab)
- Cards produced by entrepreneurs based upon specific themes or events
 - Coca Cola (227 fab to 239 fab)
 - Apollo Moon Landings (173 fab to 177 fab)
- Cards given to members of the public who happened to attend functions or events.
 - Bangalow Billycart Rally (619 fab)
 - Pre Decimal Banknotes (632 fab to 636 fab)

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For use in telephone equipment in Australia not accessible to the general public. Cards falling into this category are those used within the Victorian prison system.

These particular cards have a 3 digit catalogue number with a PRI suffix.

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For use in phones located on Australian “offshore” islands. Cards falling into this category are those used on



Christmas Island Indian Ocean

Norfolk Island

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For use in overseas countries that had telephone equipment maintained by Telecom/Telstra These countries were:



Cambodia



Rwanda



Tokelau Islands



Vietnam

All Christmas Island, Norfolk Island and foreign cards have a 3 digit catalogue number with a FGN suffix.

Allocation of Catalogue Numbers

- The face side design only of a card is considered.
- The face design (including the value remaining line) must be different. The exception to this is a very distinct colour difference between printings of the same design. An example is the shell on the beach complimentary cards (397 fab & 398 fab)

Diagram Showing “Code” and “Prefix”

