

Collecting New Zealand Half Crowns

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Prior to 1933 United Kingdom currency was the official legal tender of New Zealand, although Australian coins and notes were also generally accepted.

The first New Zealand half crown was minted in 1933. The half crown ran until 1965, when New Zealand stopped minting pre-decimal coins in preparation for decimilisation in 1967.

Dates not minted: 1936, 1938, 1939, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960

King George V: 3 issues (1933 to 1935)

King George VI: 13 issues (1937 to 1951)

Queen Elizabeth II: 5 issues (1953 to 1965)

The reverse shows the NZ Shield of Arms with Maori designs, the Southern Cross, a sheaf of wheat, a lamb suspended by a ribbon, and mining hammers, with 3 ships in between.

Above is the royal crown.

The words 'NEW ZEALAND HALF CROWN' and date surround the main design.

Diameter: 32 mm

Alloy: 50 % silver until 1947

Designer: Kruger-Gray



King George V
3 issues



New Zealand King George V Half Crowns

		XF	Unc
1933	2,000,000	\$30	\$250
1934	2,720,000	\$35	\$300
1935	612,000	\$85	\$400



When a coin is describe with 8 pearls, it means that the pearls in the crown are visible.

King George VI
Obverse 1:
9 issues



New Zealand King George VI Half Crowns

		XF	Unc	
1937	672,000	\$60	\$300	
1940	101,000	\$22	\$65	Commemorative issue.
1941	776,000	\$40	\$220	
1942	240,000	\$50	\$250	
1943	1,120,000	\$38	\$180	
1944	180,000	\$180	\$750	
1945	420,00	\$15	\$225	
1946	960,000	\$45	\$175	
1947	1,600,000	\$30	\$120	Alloy changed to copper-nickel.

A Maori woman standing facing with hands outstretched and radiant sun behind her head; on the left two Maori buildings, a warefuni (thatch hut) and a puhara (look-out stage) reflecting on the pre-white settlement era; on the right a skyscraper building representing New Zealand's commercial development; below, a scroll bearing the dates, **1840 1940**; around above, **NEW ZEALAND CENTENNIAL: HALF CROWN.**



King George VI
Obverse 2:
4 issues



New Zealand King George VI Half Crowns

		XF	Unc	
1948	1,400,000	\$25	\$120	
1949	2,800,000	\$25	\$120	
1950	3,600,000	\$6	\$25	Variety: KG close to dot
		\$15	\$60	Variety: KG close to rim
1951	1,200,000	\$6	\$25	



Queen
Elizabeth II
5 issues



New Zealand Queen Elizabeth II Half Crowns

		XF	Unc	
1953	120,000	\$5	\$25	
1961	80,000	\$7	\$39	
1962	600,000	\$1	\$5	
1963	400,000	\$1	\$6	
1965	200,000	\$1	\$4	Proof \$5