



COLLECTORS BULLETIN



SAMOA - 40 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

A Samoa delegation led by Fiame Mataafa Faumuina Mulino II, CBE, to the United Nations in 1961 requested Independence for the United Nations Trust Territory of Western Samoa, then being administered by New Zealand. This led to the country's first plebiscite to approve the Constitution and political Independence.

The response was a definite "yes" and on 1 January 1962, the Constitution of Western Samoa was adopted and the country became the first Pacific Island State to gain political autonomy. On Independence Day 1962, Tupua Tamasese Meaola and Malietoa Tanumafili II assumed jointly, the Office of Head of State.



Western Samoa has remained politically stable since becoming Independent. In the early 1990s the system where only the Matai were eligible to vote was changed as a result of a referendum thereby introducing Universal Suffrage and the Parliamentary term extended from three to five years. In July 1997, Western Samoa dropped the "Western" prefix and became the Independent State of Samoa.

SamoaPost recognises the importance of commemorating the significance of Samoa's independence and has released a four-stamp issue with souvenir miniature sheet. Both stamp sets and miniature sheets are also produced on First Day Covers and available from the Samoa Post Bureau or its appointed agents worldwide.

Collectors Notes:

Designer: Cathryn Wood, Wellington, New Zealand
 Printer: Cartor Security Printers, La Loupe, France
 Process: Offset Lithography
 Perforation Gauge: Simulated perforations
 Stamp Size: 34mm x 21mm horizontal flag-shaped.
 Mini Sheet Size: 60mm x 90mm horizontal flag-shaped
 Paper: 200 gsm self adhesive paper
 Denominations: 25s, 70s 95s and \$5.00.
 Period of Sale: 1 June 2002, for a period of 1 year.

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| MS on FDC | \$6.50 | | |
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