

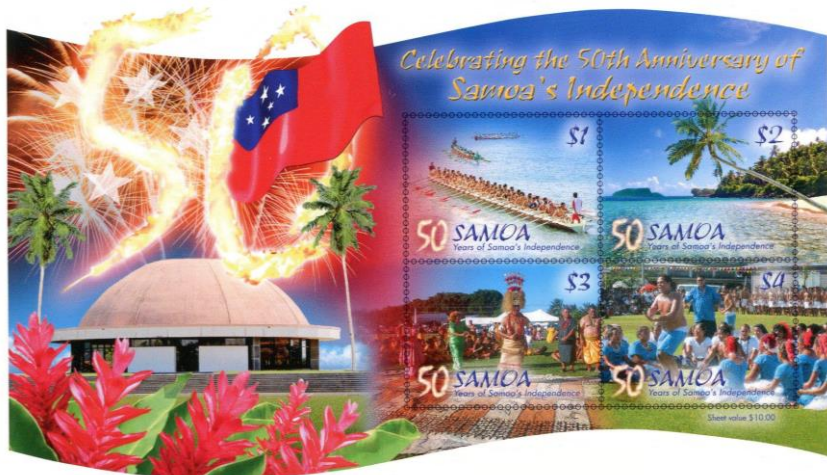


# COLLECTORS' BULLETIN



# 50th Anniversary of Samoa's Independence

2012 marks 50 years since the Samoan flag was first raised signalling the birth of the Independent State of Samoa. Following 63 years of foreign administration by Germany (1899 –1914) and New Zealand (1914 – 1962), Samoa was the first Pacific Island country to regain political autonomy. A Constitutional Convention, led to Samoa adopting a national constitution based on Christian principles and Samoan traditions.



Samoa had become the first Pacific Island country to regain political autonomy. Since 1962, annual Independence celebrations have moved from the 1 of January to the 1 of June. This is to take advantage of the pleasant weather in Samoa that time of the year. The official flag-raising ceremony this year will take place on 1 June at Ti'afau. A line-up of foreign leaders and international representatives

have been invited to this special occasion. The Government of Samoa will conduct a flag raising ceremony on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 and has also approved a week of national celebrations to coincide with this event. A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo has been designed by Tu'uaga Aviata and Leiataua Eteuati, and is shown above.

Samoa Post is proud to support and celebrate Samoa's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Please visit the Samoa Post web site to view the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary stamp release: [www.samoapost.ws](http://www.samoapost.ws)

### Collectors Notes:

Designer: Denise Durkin, Wellington, New Zealand  
 Printer: Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, New Zealand  
 Process: Offset Litho  
 Stamp Size: 35.0 mm x 30.8 mm horizontal.  
 Mini Sheet Size: 147.0 mm 88.0 mm die cut.  
 Perforation Gauge: 14.25 x 14.25  
 Denominations: \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$4.00  
 Paper: 104gsm Tullis Russell Yellow/Green phosphor gummed stamp paper  
 Period of Sale: 24 May 2012 for a period of 2 years.

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## ORDER FORM FOR CASUAL ORDERS OR ADDITIONAL ORDERS FOR STANDING ORDER CUSTOMERS

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Single mint or CTO set (Underline preference)	<b>10.00</b>		
Mint or CTO miniature sheet (Underline preference)	<b>10.00</b>		
Set of stamps only on First Day cover	<b>13.00</b>		
Mini sheet only on First Day cover	<b>13.00</b>		
Reg.Post + Ins			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

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