

UPPER VOLTA

The territory was mainly occupied by Mossi tribesmen when the French colonial army arrived in 1896. In 1919 parts of the Ivory Coast were joined with it to form the separate colony of Upper Volta, as a regional member of the French West Africa Federation (A.O.F. = Afrique Occidentale Française). Ouagadougou was the capital.

In 1932, in an attempt to reduce administrative costs, the colony was divided between neighbouring colonies, but was reformed into an administrative region on 1937, and fully reconstituted as the colonial territory of Upper Volta in 1947, following pressure from the Mossi people.

In a series of Acts of 1956 and 1957, provisional self-government was granted, and on 11th December 1958 Upper Volta became an autonomous republic within the French Community. Full independence was granted on 5th August 1958.

Following democratic elections that year, Maurice Yaméogo achieved power, and turned the country into a single party state. On 4th August 1984 the country's name was changed to Burkina Faso.

UPPER VOLTA REVENUE



1923. Key type.

1. 20c blue & black 35.00
2. 50c blue & black 35.00
3. 1F orange & deep blue 35.00
4. 2F orange & deep blue 35.00
5. 3F orange & deep blue 35.00
6. 6F orange & deep blue 50.00
7. 20F green & red 75.00

Other values (4F, 5F, 7F, 8F, 9F, 11F, 12F, 13F, 14F, 15F, 16F, 17F, 18F, 19F) were prepared but apparently unissued.



1932. French key type, A.O.F. at top and HAUTE-VOLTA below, in red (R).

22. 50c yellow-brown & blue (R) 20.00



1950. French key type, HAUTE-VOLTA at top, in red (R).

23. 10F blue & red (R) 5.00
24. 50F blue & red (R) 10.00



1960. French key type, HAUTE-VOLTA at top, in deep blue (B), or black (100F upwards).

25. 1F rose, red-brown & blue (B) . 3.50
26. 2F rose, red-brown & blue (B) . 3.50
27. 4F rose, red-brown & blue (B) . 3.50
28. 5F rose, red-brown & blue (B) . 3.50
29. 10F blue & red (B) 3.50
30. 25F blue & red (B) 5.00
31. 50F blue & red (B) 7.50
32. 100F blue & red (B) 15.00
33. 150F orange, brown & blue (B) . 20.00
34. 200F orange, brown & blue (B) . 20.00
35. 500F orange, brown & blue (B) . 25.00
36. 1000F green, dark green & black 30.00
37. 5000F violet, red & black 150.00

UPPER VOLTA EFFETS



1922. Country name ovpt in red (R).

1. 5c yellow-brown & black (R) 50.00
2. 10c yellow-brown & black (R) 50.00
3. 15c yellow-brown & black (R) 50.00
4. 20c yellow-brown & black (R) 50.00
5. 25c yellow-brown & black (R) 50.00
6. 30c yellow-brown & black (R) 50.00
7. 35c yellow-brown & black (R) 50.00
8. 40c yellow-brown & black (R) 50.00
9. 45c yellow-brown & black (R) 50.00
10. 50c yellow-brown & black (R) 50.00
11. 1F olive & red (R) 50.00
12. 1F50 olive & red (R) 50.00
13. 2F olive & red (R) 50.00
14. 2F50 olive & red (R) 50.00
15. 3F olive & red (R) 50.00
16. 3F50 olive & red (R) 75.00
17. 4F olive & red (R) 50.00
18. 4F50 olive & red (R) 75.00
19. 5F olive & red (R) 50.00
20. 6F olive & red (R) 75.00
21. 7F olive & red (R) 75.00
22. 8F olive & red (R) 75.00
23. 9F olive & red (R) 75.00
24. 10F olive & red (R) 50.00
25. 15F olive & red (R) 75.00
26. 20F olive & red (R) 75.00
27. 25F olive & red (R) 75.00
28. 30F olive & red (R) 100.00

Some of the above values may not have been issued.

UPPER VOLTA QUITTANCES



1922. Key type. Country name overprint is in red (R)

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| 1. 20c orange & black (R) | 5.00 |
| 2. 50c green & black (R) | 5.00 |
| 3. 1F violet & black (R) | 7.50 |
| 4. 2F deep rose & black (R) | 10.00 |
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UPPER VOLTA MUNICIPALS

