

## PASSPORTS, VISA'S AND TRAVEL PERMITS

In terms of passports a fee of £1 in the form of a loose uncanceled revenue stamp was payable for each Passport. Passports were issued at the Department of Interior. Tourist Passports were issued for tourist purposes only and only for travel to the countries mentioned in the passport.

### Passport issued in 1921

#### PASSPORT REGULATIONS.

1. Applications for Passports must be made at least 30 days prior to the date of sailing in the prescribed form and enclosed in a cover addressed to "Secretary for the Interior, Pretoria."
2. A fee of £1 in the form of a loose uncanceled revenue stamp is payable for each Passport. The fee must accompany the application, and should be placed in a separate envelope inside the large envelope containing the application.
3. Passports are issued at the Department of Interior between the hours of 10 and 3 on weekdays and 10 to 12 noon on Saturdays. On Sundays and Public Holidays the Passport Office is closed.
4. Passports are granted in the Union
  - (1) to natural-born British subjects ;
  - (2) to the wives and widows of such persons ; and
  - (3) to persons naturalized in the United Kingdom or the Union of South Africa.

A married woman is deemed to be a subject of the State of which her husband is for the time being a subject.
5. Passports are granted
 

In the case of natural-born British subjects and persons naturalized in the United Kingdom or in the Union of South Africa upon the production of a declaration by the applicant on Form D.I. 45, verified by a declaration made by a magistrate or justice of the peace resident in the Union. The applicant's certificate of birth and other evidence may also be required.

No. 36145/11.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

#### PASSPORT.

*We, Prince Arthur Frederick*

*Patrick Albert of Connaught,*

*Major-General, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Personal Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Union of South Africa,*

*Request and require in the Name of His Majesty all those whom it may concern to allow N<sup>o</sup> Ernest John Selvage white accompanied by his wife and child to pass freely without let or hindrance, and to afford <sup>him</sup> every assistance and protection of <sub>her</sub> which <sup>he</sup> may stand in need.*

*Given at Pretoria*  
*the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1921*

*Arthur Frederick*




#### OBSERVATIONS

This passport is valid for travelling anywhere within the British Empire but it does not exempt the holder from compliance with the immigration regulations in force in the various countries in the Empire.



### Tourist Passport issued 1957

Tourist Passport (below) issued in King William's Town on 15 May 1957 to Charles Pilson a South African citizen. The 5/- Tourist Passport fee was paid by an impressed



No 389114

Reeks No.  
Serial No.

**TOERISPASPOORT  
TOURIST PASSPORT**

Uitgereik aan CHARLES ALEXANDER PILSON  
Issued to

van King William's Town  
of

\*n Suid-Afrikaanse burger\* vergesel van  
a South African citizen\* accompanied by

kinders onder die ouderdom van 16 jaar.  
children under the age of 16.

\*Skrap indien nie toepaslik nie.  
\* Delete if inapplicable.

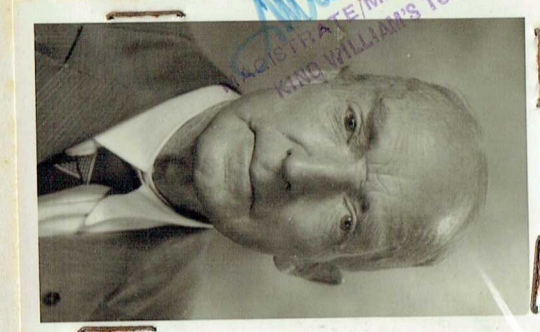
Uitgereik deur [Signature]  
Issued by (Handtekening en ampstittel van uitreikingsbeampte.)  
(Signature and title of Issuing Officer.)

Plek King William's Town  
Place

Datum 15 MAY 1957  
Date

(of kantoordatumstempel duidelik afgedruk.)  
(or office date stamp plainly impressed.)

Portret en besonderhede van houder.  
Photograph and particulars of Holder.



Datum van geboorte 29/9/1885  
Date of Birth

Plek van Geboorte Birkbeeston, Engeland  
Place of Birth

Charles Pilson  
Handtekening van houder.  
Signature of Holder.

Vergesel van die volgende kinders:—  
Accompanied by the following children:—

Naam. Name.	Datum van geboorte. Date of Birth.	Geslag. Sex.	Nasionaliteit. Nationality.

Union of South Africa passport (above) issued in Pretoria on 12 March 1921 to John Selvage. The £1 Passport Fee was paid by a Series 1 revenue stamp. Note the passport regulations indicated on the left.

**PASSPORTS, VISA'S AND TRAVEL PERMITS: REVENUE STAMPS USED ON PASSPORTS**

**Transit Visa for Egypt**

**Renewal of a Passport**

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VISAS.

Visa for Egypt (Transit)  
Validity of Visa One Year  
Date 29.9.36 No. 2009  
PRETORIA. Cure  
SECRETARY FOR THE INTERIOR.



9  
Endorsement:  
VISA

Also valid for:

Egypt, Palestine, Turkey,  
Union of Soviet Socialist  
Republics, United States  
of America, Brazil,  
Argentina + Uruguay.

Cure

SECRETARY FOR THE INTERIOR



RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL  
POLICE  
10 DEC 1936  
DEPT OF PASSS-NOR

Passport originally issued to Irene Mundal a National of the Union of South Africa and a British subject by birth on the 29 March 1934. Transit (top left) Visa issued on 29 September 1936. The fee of 10d was paid by revenue stamps of Series 2 and a 1d postage/revenue stamp and cancelled by a Department of Interior Date Stamp in Pretoria on 29 September 1936.

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RENEWALS.—HERNUWINGS.  
RENOUVELLEMENTS.

This Passport is hereby renewed  
valid until 31 March 1945  
Cure  
for Secretary for the Interior.



Not valid for Spain or the Spanish  
zone of Morocco

COUNTRIES FOR WHICH THIS PASSPORT IS VALID.  
LANDE WAARVOOR HIERDIE PASPOORT GELDIG IS.  
Pays pour lesquels ce Passeport est valable.

~~and all countries in Europe, including the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and  
Turkey. The United States of America  
Portuguese East Africa~~

The validity of this Passport expires  
Die geldigheid van hierdie Paspoort vervel  
Ce Passeport expire le

31<sup>st</sup> March 1943.

unless renewed.  
tensy dit hernu word.  
à moins de renouvellement.

Issued at  
Uitgereik te  
Délivré à

PRETORIA

31-3-1938

Date  
Datum  
Date

This Passport is hereby renewed  
valid until 31st March, 1948.

Cure  
for Secretary for the Interior.



Passport originally issued to Marjory Hicks on 31 March 1938 and twice renewed: for one year and the fee of 4/- paid by revenue stamps of Series 3 and stamps cancelled at South Africa House in London on 19 January 1944 and the second time renewed for two years and the fee paid by a revenue stamp of Series 3 and a Bantam stamp of Series 4. Cancelled at South Africa House in London on 27 July 1945. Normally revenue stamps, and not Consular stamps, were used in the case of South African nationals.

**PASSPORTS, VISA'S AND TRAVEL PERMITS: CONSULAR STAMPS**

Revenue stamps were overprinted "CONSULAR/KONSULAIR" for use in the Union consular offices abroad. These stamps were affixed in foreign passports of visitors to South Africa. Normal general revenue stamps were used for other passports fees of South African nationals. These stamps were kept in stock at most of the Union embassies abroad.

**Statement seen at the Office of the Consulate-General of the Union of South Africa  
in Buenos Aires - 1944**

**Visa issued at the Consulate-General's Office  
in Leopoldville - 1951**



Visa issued on 3 July 1951 at the Office of the Consulate-general in Leopoldville and the fee paid with revenue stamps overprinted "Consular/Konsulair" to the value of 16s 8d. Note the use of the 5/- transposed plate stamp of Series 5. (see arrow).



Document translated from Spanish into English and seen by the Vice-Consul of the Union of South Africa with a 10/- fee paid and cancelled at the Office of the Consular-General in Buenos Aires. Rare usage of a Consular stamp for payment of the fee for this type of service.

**Visa issued at the Embassy  
in Brussels - 1957**



Visa issued on 1 April 1957 at the Office of the Embassy of the Union of South Africa in Brussels and the fee of 16s 8d paid with revenue stamps overprinted "Consular/ Konsulair".


**PASSPORTS, VISA'S AND TRAVEL PERMITS**

A Travel Permit was renewable for further periods of one year at any time within five years from the date of issue at a cost of 5s per renewal. A 5s revenue stamp had to be affixed at the back of the document every time the Permit was renewed. The Revenue stamp had to be cancelled by the Issuing Officer with his Official Stamp.

**Travel Permits**

ho. 3207/34  
 § G.P.-S.4867-26/6/34-200-50 S.

Revenue Inkomste { 190.  
 D.I. 19-

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.  UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.


N<sup>o</sup> 18694

**PERMIT.**

Issued to Mrs Victoria Maritz of Johannesburg  
 Uitgereik aan \_\_\_\_\_ van \_\_\_\_\_

a National of the Union of South Africa and a British Subject, and valid for travelling to Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Bechuanaland, 'n Burger van die Unie van Suid-Afrika en 'n Britse onderdaan, en geldig om na Noord- en Suid-Rhodesië, Betsjoeanaland, Basoetoland, Basutoland, Swaziland and Portuguese East Africa and returning to Basutoland, Swaziland en Portugees-Oos-Afrika te reis en na die Unie terug te keer.

The holder will be accompanied by his wife and \_\_\_\_\_ children under sixteen years of age.  
 Die houër sal deur sy vrou en \_\_\_\_\_ kinders onder die ouderdom van sestien jaar vergesel word.


 Photograph of wife of holder if travelling on this permit.  
 Portret van vrou van houër indien sy op hierdie permit reis.

Victoria Maritz  
 Signature of holder.—Handtekening van houër.

This permit must be produced to the immigration officer at the place of re-entry to the Union. It is valid for a period of one year from the date of issue, and for any number of journeys to the territories mentioned during that period. This permit is renewable for further periods of one year at any time within five years from the date of issue, at a cost of 5s. per renewal. (Persons who desire to proceed to Portuguese gebiede gebruik word. Hierdie permit is hernubaar vir verdere tydperke van een jaar enige tyd binne vyf jaar vanaf die datum van uitreiking East Africa to take up employment or for permanent residence must provide themselves with a proper passport. teen die betaling van 5s. vir elke hernuwing. (Persone wat na Portugees-Oos-Afrika wens te reis om daar te gaan werk of permanent te gaan woon, moet hulle van 'n behoorlike paspoort voorsien).

Signature and Title of Issuing Officer. J. B. Parsons ELECTORAL OFFICER  
 Handtekening en Rang van Uitreikingsbeampte.

Place/Plek \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Datum \_\_\_\_\_

 ELECTORAL OFFICER  
 BOX/BUS 6668  
 6-DEC 1934  
 JOHANNESBURG


Permit issued to a National of the Union of South Africa with an impressed oval 5s revenue stamp in black and cancelled by the oval date stamp of the "Electoral Officer/Verkiesingsbeampte Johannesburg" on 6 December 1934. This permit was valid for travelling to Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Bechuanaland, Basutoland, Swaziland and Portuguese East Africa.

it Renewed—Valid until  
 it Vernu—Geldig tot 12<sup>th</sup> May 1937 19\_\_

Plek PRETORIA

Datum 12<sup>th</sup> May 1936

J. Maritz  
 Signature and Title of Issuing Office.  
 Handtekening en Rang van Uitreikingsbeampte.  
 SECRETARY FOR THE INTERIOR




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it Renewed—Valid until  
 it Vernu—Geldig tot 18<sup>th</sup> May 1938 19\_\_

Plek \_\_\_\_\_

Datum \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

C. M. ...  
 Signature and Title of Issuing Officer.  
 Handtekening en Rang van Uitreikingsbeampte.




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it Renewed—Valid until  
 it Vernu—Geldig tot 18<sup>th</sup> May 1939 19\_\_

Plek \_\_\_\_\_

Datum 18-5-1938 19\_\_

M. ...  
 Signature and Title of Issuing Officer.  
 Handtekening en Rang van Uitreikingsbeampte.




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it Renewed—Valid until  
 it Vernu—Geldig tot 20<sup>th</sup> May 1940 19\_\_

Plek \_\_\_\_\_

Datum 20-5-1939 19\_\_

M. ...  
 Signature and Title of Issuing Officer.  
 Handtekening en Rang van Uitreikingsbeampte.




Reverse side of a Permit issued to "a National of the Union of South Africa and a British Subject" "to travel to Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Bechuanaland, Basutoland, Swaziland and Portuguese East Africa and returning to the Union of South Africa". The permit was issued for the first time on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1935. An embossed revenue stamp on the front is proof of payment. The annual fee was 5s. In this case the permit was renewed annually from 1937 to 1940. Revenue stamps of Series 2 were affixed to the document for the years 1937 to 1939 and a 5s stamp of Series 3 for the year 1940.

**PASSPORTS, VISA'S AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION**


The Certificate of Naturalization was a document issued by Union of South Africa government as proof of a person having obtained Union citizenship through naturalization. This was a legal process of obtaining a new nationality in terms of the Naturalization of Aliens Act, 1910 applicable in the union of South Africa.

**Certificate of Naturalization issued in 1926**

3815—19/5/25—1,000. D.I. 94.



UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.




## Certificate of Naturalization.

No. 10244

WHEREAS: APOSTOLOS PETER APOSTOLIDES  
a native of Greece and a Greek  
subject by birth and at present residing at  
Zastron  
in the Province of the Orange Free State  
Union of South Africa, has applied for a Certificate of Naturalization in the  
terms of the Naturalization of Aliens Act, 1910 ;

GIVEN under my hand at Pretoria  
this twenty-fifth day of May 1926.




*[Signature]*  
Under Secretary for the Interior,  
for Minister of the Interior.

Signature of Holder [Signature]

Signed in my presence,  
[Signature]  
Magistrate,  
Assistant Magistrate,  
District of Zastron

**Passport issued in terms of a Certificate of Naturalization in 1947**



This Passport contains 32 pages.  
Hierdie Paspoort bevat 32 bladsye.  
Ce Passeport contient 32 pages.

**PASSPORT.  
PASPOORT.  
PASSEPORT.** } No. ATH 55

Union of South Africa.—Unie van Suid-Afrika.  
Union l'Afrique du Sud.

NAME OF BEARER } MRS. MARY PERICLES  
NAAM VAN HOUER } ANETOS  
NOM DE TITULAIRE }

ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE }  
(Maiden Name): }  
VERGESEL VAN SY VROU }  
(Nooiensvan): }  
ACCOMPAGNE DE SA FEMME }  
(Née): }  
{ and by children }  
{ en van kinders }  
{ et de enfants }

NATIONAL STATUS. NASIONALITEIT. NATIONALITE.

**A National of the Union of South Africa and a British Subject by Marriage, wife of a Union National and a British Subject by Birth/Naturalisation.**

*Naturalisation Certificate (Imperial) No 15808  
dtd. 21.6.1935 issued in the Union of South Africa.*

Front page of a Passport issued in Athens at the Legation of the Union of South Africa on 5 October 1947 to Mary Pericles Anetos who became a naturalized Union British subject in 1935. in terms of Naturalization Certificate No. 15808 that was issued (see arrow). The £1 fee was paid by a "Consular stamp" of Series 2 cancelled in Athens on 5 October 1947.

♦ Certificate of Naturalization (left) issued in Pretoria on 25 May 1926 at the Department of the Interior to Apostolos Peter Apostolides " a native of Greece" residing at Zastron in the Orange Free State ..The fee of £2/10/0 was paid by two revenue stamps of Series 1. **Very rare usage of this type of certificate.**

**DIGGERS CERTIFICATE/DELVERSCERTIFIKAAT**

A Diggers Committee was elected for every alluvial diamond digging in the Transvaal. Under Ordinance No. 66 of 1903, Transvaal, the rules and regulations for the guidance of such committee and the duties, powers, functions, and authorities of such committees was published in the general regulations. A monthly rate was payable by all claimholders and a revenue stamp was affixed to the Diggers Certificate as a receipt for payment.

**Department of Mines and Industries**

8773-10/12/19-200-200. S.

M.D. 123.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.  
UNIE VAN ZUID-AFRIKA.

15722

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES.  
DEPARTEMENT VAN MIJNWEZEN EN NIJVERHEID.

PRECIOUS STONES.—EDELGESTEENTEN.

**DIGGER'S CERTIFICATE.** *age 46*  
**DELVERSCERTIFIKAAT.**

BEACON INSPECTOR  
BLOEMHOF

This is to certify that *Saleem Rahass*  
Dit is te certifieren dat

has this day been granted a Digger's Certificate by the *Bloemhof*  
op deze dag een Delverscertifikaat toegestaan is door h

Diggers' Committee.  
Delverskomitee.

*W. Williams*  
Secretary.—Sekretaris.

BLOEMHOF DIGGER'S COMMITTEE  
14 JAN. 1921  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Office of the Diggers' Committee.....19  
Kantoor van het Delverskomitee.....19

Registered at the office of the Mining Commissioner or Inspector of Claims of.....  
Geregistreerd ten kantore van de Mynkommissaris of Inspekteur van Claims van

.....for  
voor

one year from the *3rd* day of *February* 19*21*  
een jaar vanaf dag van 19

This Diggers Certificate is renewed for one  
Hierdie Delvers Sertifikaat is vernut vir een  
year ending *3rd March 1928.*  
jaar eindigende

*P. R. Koek*  
Mining Commissioner—Mijn Kommissaris.

This Diggers Certificate is renewed for one  
Hierdie Delvers Sertifikaat is vernut vir een  
year ending *3rd March 1929.*  
jaar eindigende

*P. R. Koek*  
Mining Commissioner—Mijn Kommissaris.

This Diggers Certificate is renewed for one  
Hierdie Delvers Sertifikaat is vernut vir een  
year ending *3rd March 1930.*  
jaar eindigende

*V. Peeters*  
Mining Commissioner—Mijn Kommissaris.

⊕ Digger's Certificate granted by the Bloemhof Digger's Committee with the date stamp from the Secretary's Office of the Bloemhof Digger's Committee applied on 14 January 1921. Three 1s revenue stamps affixed to the document to receipt payment. Note the mark of the Beacon Inspector for Bloemhof applied on one of the revenue stamps. **Rare example of a Digger's Certificate.**

The back of a Digger's Certificate granted to a digger by the Reismierbult Digger's Committee near Klerksdorp on the 4 March 1926. The 1/- fee for the year 1926 was applied on the front. Stamps applied on the back to pay the fee for the renewal of the permit for one year ending on the 3 March the next year. From 1928 the annual fee was increased to 5/-.

## ENTERTAINMENT DUTY TAX

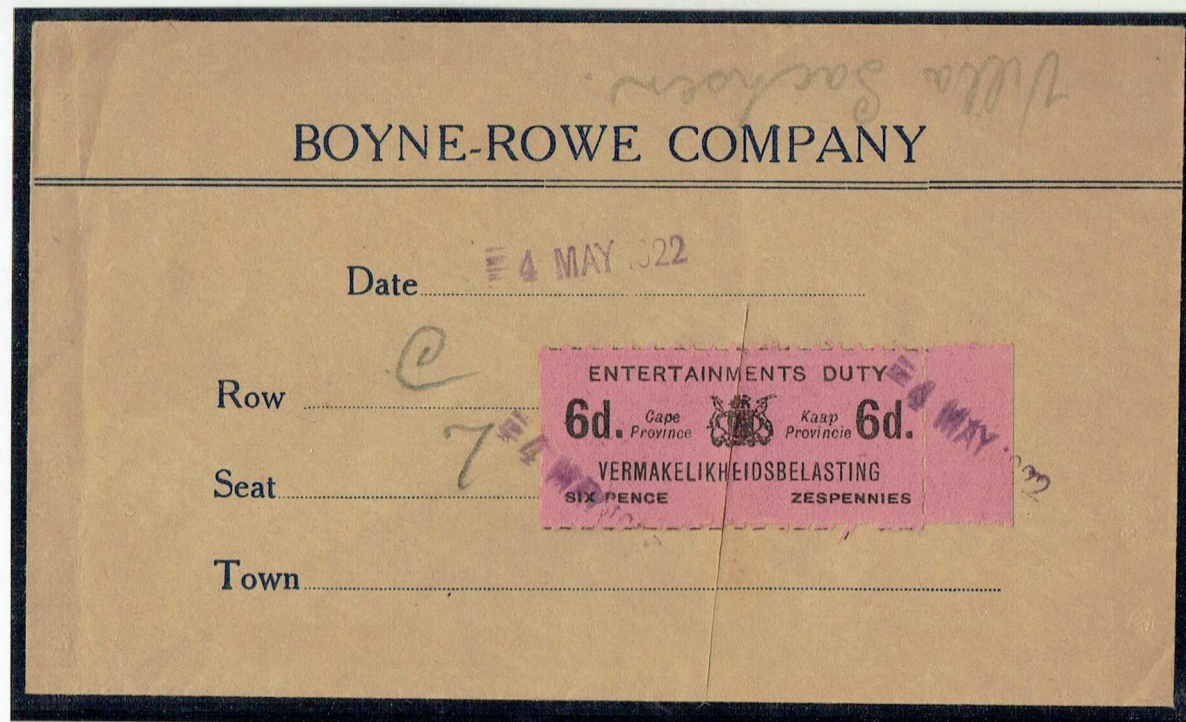
Entertainment Duty Tax was a provincial tax. Each of the four provinces of the Union of South Africa namely the Cape, Natal, Transvaal and the Orange Free State collected their own tax. Amusement and Entertainment tax was charged for attendance at plays, concerts, drama-music performances, bioscopes and tea rooms. Entertainment duty stamps of the specific province were attached to the entrance ticket as a receipt or indication that the duty has been paid. (Source: Matheson & McClellan, Entertainment Tax in South Africa, Published by the Revenue Society, 2017)

### CAPE PROVINCE/KAAP PROVINSIE



Examples of the earliest stamps that were printed on plain paper and used circa 1921. The stamp on the right is endorsed "1/3". The tax on an admission charge of over 6d and not more than 1/6 was 2d. One can conclude that the entry fee was 1/1 and the total payable per person was 1/3.

### The Small Format Sterling Issues: Circa 1949



Theatre ticket bearing 6d Entertainment Duty Stamp applied on 4 May 1922. Six Pence was the tax payable on an admission fee over 3/- but not more than 5/-. John Boyne-Rowe was actor-manager of the Boyne-Rowe Co. and toured with a play named "Blackmail" in 1922. (Source: Ian Matheson & Andrew McClellan, Entertainment Tax in South Africa, p. 6)



Admission ticket (left) where the duty payable was 4d and an admission ticket (right) to the Dance floor of the Dorisdale Tea Gardens in Kimberley where the admission fee was 2/6 and the duty payable 6d.

### The Small Format Sterling Issues: Circa 1949



This set was issued in multiple duties from 1d to at least 10/- inscribed alternately in English and Afrikaans.

### Decimal currency introduced on 14 February 1961



Examples of the 2c and 3c values with the Union Coat of Arms watermark illustrated and available when the decimal currency was introduced on 14 February 1961. Ordinance 7 of 1960 was gazette to be effective from the date of decimalization. The first set was printed on ordinary paper with the Coat of Arms watermark. Note the Cyclometer number 1 000 on the 2s value.

## ENTERTAINMENT DUTY TAX

The Orange Free State introduced Ordinance 6 of 1917 "to impose a tax upon payments of admission to entertainments". Natal introduced Ordinance 11 of 1917 "to impose duty in respect of admission to entertainments". Transvaal only introduced entertainment tax on 28 October 1931. (Source: Matheson & McClellan, *Entertainment Tax in South Africa*, Published by the Revenue Society, 2017)

### NATAL



Set of four Harrison colour trails. This design was completed by Harrison on 22 November 1923. Five different values of the Harrison issue shown (second row).

Boswell Circus ticket (left) with 1/6 admission fee and 3d tax fee. Tax on admission fee was 3d in 1921.

### TRANSVAAL



Issued circa 1940



Issued circa 1940



Ticket (left) used in Pretoria on 19 November 1947 with hand stamp 3/10 indicating the admission fee with a "no tax". The Transvaal Province did not order entertainment tax stamps in the 1950s. Ticket (right) dated 13 Sep 1952 with the handstamp: "15/- Inc" indicating that the Entertainment Tax was included.



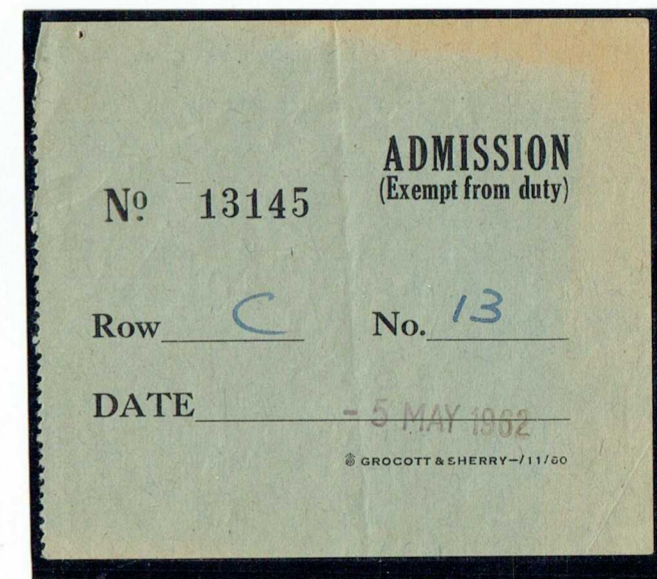
### ORANGE FREE STATE



Government Tickets issued over the period 1929-1939. Ticket (top) with admission fee of 6d and Tax of 1d. Part of tickets: 3d (left) and 4d (right).



### Exemptions from Tax



Admission ticket that was exempted from duty. This was applicable where the proceeds were devoted to charitable, patriotic, philanthropic or religious purposes. This ticket was printed in 1960 (see bottom) and used on 5 May 1962.