

RPSL Limited Expert Committee's Certificate Numbers

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During research into the provenance of rare items, old RPSL Expert Committee certificates are frequently encountered. However, the date of these certificates is not always recorded. To overcome this, detailed below are statistics about the annual creation of certificates; this allows a stamp with a particular certificate number to be reasonably accurately dated. The columns show the year, the number of certificates issued and then the highest number issued in that year.

Year	Count	Highest	Year	Count	Highest	Year	Count	Highest	Year	Count	Highest
1894	145	145	1925	700	9773	1956	1683	44192	1987	3791	143153
1895	123	268	1926	1048	10821	1957	1597	45789	1988	3897	147050
1896	353	621	1927	826	11647	1958	2106	47895	1989	3746	150796
1897	281	902	1928	892	12539	1959	1923	49818	1990	3272	154068
1898	472	1374	1929	1136	13675	1960	2189	52007	1991	2927	156995
1899	163	1537 E	1930	1153	14828	1961	2013	54020	1992	2855	159850
1900	163	1700 E	1931	694	15522	1962	1543	55563	1993	2191	162041
1901	467	2167	1932	769	16291	1963	1394	56957	1994	2377	164418
1902	146	2313	1933	1078	17369	1964	1146	58103	1995	1880	166298
1903	100	2413	1934	813	18182	1965	1375	59478	1996	2280	168578
1904	323	2736	1935	774	18956	1966	1419	60897	1997	2120	170698
1905	148	2884	1936	808	19764	1967	3795	64692	1998	2194	172892
1906	254	3138	1937	911	20675	1968	3371	68063	1999	2490	175382
1907	227	3365	1938	975	21650	1969	3417	71480	2000	2659	178041
1908	234	3599	1939	789	22439	1970	3374	74854	2001	3127	181168
1909	230	3829	1940	480	22919	1971	3316	78170	2002	2673	183841
1910	231	4060	1941	732	23651	1972	2832	81002	2003	2912	186753
1911	313	4373	1942	934	24585	1973	3993	84995	2004	3048	189801
1912	232	4605	1943	1065	25650	1974	3733	88728	2005	2647	192448
1913	140	4745	1944	1421	27071	1975	5111	93839	2006	2991	195439
1914	167	4912	1945	1416	28487	1976	4592	98431	2007	3071	198510
1915	167	5079	1946	1289	29776	1977	4691	103122	2008	2997	201507
1916	124	5203	1947	1297	31073	1978	4557	107679	2009	2707	204214
1917	196	5399	1948	1548	32621	1979	4623	112302	2010	3426	207640
1918	207	5606	1949	1555	34176	1980	4212	116514	2011	3394	211034
1919	361	5967	1950	1271	35447	1981	4063	120577	2012	3001	214035
1920	469	6436	1951	1262	36709	1982	2946	123523	2013	2951	216986
1921	429	6865	1952	1306	38015	1983	3345	126868	2014	2467	219453
1922	571	7436	1953	1528	39543	1984	3638	130506	2015	2851	222304
1923	846	8282	1954	1442	40985	1985	4187	134693	2016	2408	224712
1924	791	9073	1955	1524	42509	1986	4669	139362	2017	2212	226924

Note: The figures for 1899 and 1900 are estimated.

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