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# Flag of Honduras - A Brief History



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### Trivia

The five stars represent the five original Provinces of Central America.

### Technical Specification

<b>Adopted:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> March 1866
<b>Proportion:</b>	1:2
<b>Design:</b>	A blue-white-blue triband flag with five blue stars in the shape of the letter H in the centre.
<b>Colours:</b>	<b>PMS</b> Blue: 285

### Brief History

In 1535 Honduras become part of the Spanish Empire and the burgundy cross was flown as the flag of the Viceroy of New Spain.

In 1821 the Spanish lost control and Honduras became part of the First Mexican Empire. The green-white-red vertical tricolour with coat of arms of Mexico at the centre was adopted.



The Flag of the Viceroy of New Spain  
(1535–1821)





The Flag of the First Mexican Empire  
(1821 – 1823)

The First Mexican Empire was replaced with The Federal Republic of Central America in 1823. The flag was changed to a blue-white-blue horizontal triband with the Republic coat of arms at the centre.

In 1823 Honduras left The Federal Republic of Central America but kept the flag. A new flag adopted in 1868 influenced by the flag of the Federal Republic of Central America.

The design is a blue-white-blue horizontal triband with five five-pointed stars in the shape of an H in the centre band. The blue-white-blue bands represent the Pacific Ocean, Honduras and the Caribbean sea.

	
<p><b>The Flag of The Federal Republic of Central America (1823 – 1868)</b></p>	<p><b>The Flag of Honduras (1868 to Present Day)</b></p>

**The Coat of Arms of Honduras**

The Coat of Arms of Honduras was adopted in 1825. It features an oval centre in which is a masonic pyramid and eye behind turrets. Above are two cornucopias and a quiver of arrows. Below are trees, limestone cliffs and mining implements.



**The Naval Ensign of Honduras**

The Naval Ensign of Honduras is a version of the national flag with the coat of arms above five five-pointed stars.

