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# Flag of Mongolia - A Brief History





#### **Trivia**

The modern flag is similar to the Socialist flag of the 1940s without the star.

### **Technical Specification**

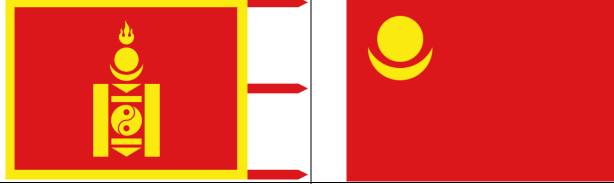
Adopted:	12 <sup>th</sup> January 1992
<b>Proportion:</b>	1:2
Design:	A red-blue-red vertical triband with the national emblem on the left side.

<b>Colours:</b>	CMYK	Blue:	<b>C</b> yan	100%	<b>M</b> agenta	60%	<b>Y</b> ellow	0%	<b>B</b> lack	0%	
	CMYK	Red:	<b>C</b> yan	10%	<b>M</b> agenta	100%	<b>Y</b> ellow	90%	<b>B</b> lack	0%	
	СМҮК	Yellow:	<b>C</b> yan	0%	<b>M</b> agenta	15%	<b>Y</b> ellow	100%	<b>B</b> lack	0%	Ī

### **Brief History**

The first official flag of Mongolia was adopted in 1911 to celebrate the Bogd Khaanate of Mongolia. The Flag was a golden-bordered red field with various symbols at the centre including fire, the golden sun and moon of Xiongnu, two triangles, two horizontal rectangles, ying-yang and two vertical triangles making up the Soyombo of Mongolia.

In 1921 the country became the Mongolian People's Republic and adopted a plain red flag with yellow golden sun and moon in the top left corner.



The Flag of the Bogd Khaanate of Mongolia (1911 – 1921)

The Flag of the Mongolian People's Republic (1921 – 1924)

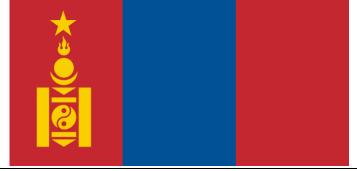
Between 1924 and 1940 the flag of the Mongolian People's Republic was a red field with a blue Soyombo with abstract flower in the centre.



In 1940 a new flag was adopted with a red field in the centre with a vertical blue stripe in the centre and a golden Soyombo in the left corner.



The Flag of the Mongolian People's Republic (1924 – 1940)



The Flag of the Mongolian People's Republic (1940 – 1992)

When Mongolia became a democracy in 1992 the flag was altered slightly.

The red-blue-red vertical triband remained but the star was removed from the Soyombo.

The blue represents the sky, the red bands are the strength of Mongolia and the various symbols represent water, fire, sun, moon, earth and yinyang.



#### The Emblem of Mongolia

The emblem of Mongolia was adopted 25<sup>th</sup> March 1992. The design features a blue field with a wind horse and Soyombo symbol flying above a mountain range with the wheel of Dharma surrounded by a turmen nasan border with three buhdest jewels at the top.



#### The Soyombo Symbol

The Soyombo symbol is used on the national flag, on the emblem and as a symbol of the Mongolian People's Army. It features including fire, the golden sun and moon of Xiongnu, two triangles, two horizontal rectangles, ying-yang and two vertical triangles normally on a red background.



## The Historical Emblems of Mongolia



The Soyombo of the People's
Republic of Mongolia

The Emblem of the State Great
Republic of Mongolia

The Emblem of Mongolia

The Emblem of Mongolia

The Emblem of Mongolia