

Flag of Zimbabwe - A Brief History



Where In The World



Trivia

The bird in the flag represents Zimbabwe as a whole.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	18 th April 1980
Proportion:	1:2
Design:	Two Green, two gold, two red and one black horizontal stripes. A black-bordered white triangle with five-pointed red star behind a gold Zimbabwe bird.

Colours:	PMS	Green:	355	Yellow:	102	Red:	032
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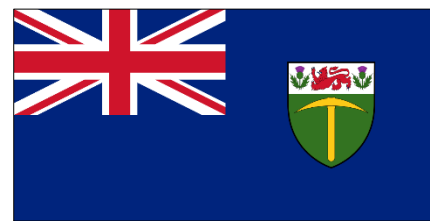
Brief History

Prior to independence the land of Zimbabwe was known as Southern Rhodesia. In 1890 the first flag flown was that of the British South Africa Company. It was the Union Flag defaced with a circular disk inside of which is a lion clutching a tusk and the initials B.S.A.C.

In 1923 Southern Rhodesia was under British rule and a British blue ensign was adopted. The flag was a blue field with the Union Flag in the top left hand corner and a shield that featured a yellow pickaxe and red lion in the centre left.



The Flag of the British South Africa Company
(1890-1923)




The Flag of Southern Rhodesia
(1923 – 1953)

In 1953 North and South Rhodesia joined with Nyasaland and a new flag was adopted. The flag was a British blue Ensign with a Union flag in the top left and a shield featuring a rising sun, red lion and black and white wavy lines.

When North Rhodesia claimed independence, South Rhodesia split and the original flag was adopted with a lighter blue background.

	
<p>The Flag of Rhodesia and Nyasaland (1953 – 1963)</p>	<p>The Flag of Southern Rhodesia (1964 – 1968)</p>
<p>In 1968 the flag of Rhodesia was changed to a green-white-green vertical bands with the full coat of arms of Rhodesia at the centre.</p> <p>In 1979 the country became Zimbabwe-Rhodesia a new flag featuring a red-white-green horizontal tricolour with vertical white-bordered black stripe with golden Zimbabwe bird was adopted.</p>	
	
<p>The Flag of Rhodesia (1968 – 1979)</p>	<p>The Flag of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia (1979)</p>

<p>The flag was changed again in 1980 to feature two Green, two gold, two red and one black horizontal stripes with a black-bordered white triangle with five-pointed red star behind a gold Zimbabwe bird.</p>	
	<p>1980 to Present Day</p>

The Coat of Arms of Zimbabwe

The Coat of Arms of Zimbabwe was adopted in 1981 and features a green shield with a rock and various blue and white wavy lines at its centre.

Above is a Zimbabwe bird with a hoe and an AK-47 in front of a red five-pointed star. At both side are Kudus and below is a banner reading "UNITY, FREEDOM, WORK."



The Flag of the President of Zimbabwe

The flag of the president of Zimbabwe features a plain red field with coat of arms at the centre, two sets of small green-yellow-red-black bands on the top and bottom right hand side and a black-bordered white triangle with five-pointed red star behind a gold Zimbabwe bird at the right.



The Flags of the Military of Zimbabwe

The Flag of the Air Force of Zimbabwe was adopted in 1980. It features a sky blue field with Zimbabwe bird, eagle and national flag in the top left hand corner.



The Flag of the Zimbabwe Defence Force was adopted in 1980. The flag features a red and blue bicolour with eagle, Zimbabwe bird, crossed spears and banner depicting "ZIMBABWE DEFENCE FORCE" underneath.

The Flag of the Zimbabwe National Army was adopted in 1980. It features a plain red field with a green gold-bordered shield with a Zimbabwe bird at the centre. Underneath the shield is a banner stating "ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARM".

		
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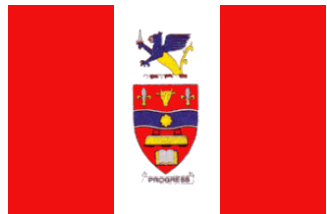



The Flag of Political Movements of Zimbabwe

Here some examples of the flags of the political movements of Zimbabwe.

	
The Flag of the Movement for Democratic Change	The Flag of the ZANU PF

The Flags of the Towns of Zimbabwe

Each town in Zimbabwe has their own flag. Here are some examples below.

		
The Flag of Bulawayo	The Flag of Gweru	The Flag of Harare
		
The Flag of Marondera	The Flag of Mutare	