

# creativity through technology

## ISO paper sizes

The system is based on three series:

**A sizes:** for general printing and stationery. A4 is usual for business stationery, brochures and booklets; A5 for smaller printed items; A6 is the international postcard size; A7 for labels and A8 for business cards.

**B sizes:** for posters and some large envelopes.

**C sizes:** for general envelopes or folders to contain A sizes.

The full sheet in each series is designated by the numeral 0.

The longer length is then halved to give 1, and halved again to give 2 and halved again to give 3 etc.

The A series is based on A0. The size, 841 x 1189, is one square metre in area. The weight of the paper is also based on the weight of one square metre in grammes, ie gsm.

**RA sizes:** are slightly larger than A sizes, allowing the printer extra space on a sheet for grip and trim.

**SRA sizes:** are slightly larger than RA sizes, and allow for printed work which includes a bleed.

Comparative sizes of ISO papers (all dimensions in mm)

	A	RA	SRA	B	C
0	841 x 1189	860 x 1220	900 x 1280	1000 x 1414	917 x 1296
1	594 x 841	610 x 860	640 x 900	707 x 1000	648 x 917
2	420 x 594	430 x 610	450 x 640	500 x 707	458 x 648
3	297 x 420	305 x 430	320 x 450	353 x 500	324 x 458
4	210 x 297	215 x 305	225 x 320	250 x 353	229 x 324
5	148 x 210	152 x 215	160 x 225	176 x 250	162 x 229
6	105 x 148	107 x 152	112 x 160	125 x 176	114 x 162
7	74 x 105	76 x 107	80 x 112	88 x 125	81 x 114
8	52 x 74	53 x 76	56 x 80	62 x 88	57 x 81

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