



Dear Reader,

We would like to inform you that the 2020.4 release – the last of the year – of the **Universal *POST*CODE®* DataBase** has been issued and is now available for download via FTP.




You will find more news below regarding the current release and, as usual, you will need to log in below the news section to access the updated data.

If you have any questions or require technical assistance, please feel free to contact us at the usual address: postcode@upu.int.

We wish you a successful end to the year!

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In the current 2020.4 release:

- 51 countries and territories have updated their data.
- 3 data sets have been completely modified.
- 41 data sets in total are in the "Territories" folder.
- 266 data sets in total are in Universal *POST*CODE®* DataBase.

New synoymes field (SYN_TYPE)

The 2020.4 release introduces a new synonyms type for locality names provided within the **Universal *POST*CODE®* DataBase**. Next to the official alternative names, archive names or transliterated version of names, the most commonly misspelt versions of German origin names can now be found under a Synonym type indicator (SYN_TYPE) = 10. These synonyms provide more than 80,000 frequently misspelt versions of locality names, most of which relate to names of Germanic origin containing umlauts. In particular, German names of localities Köln and Zürich are transliterated following the official rules as Koeln and Zuerich respectively where character "ö" is transcribed to "oe" and character "ü" to "ue". However, names of these cities are often wrongly typed as Koln and Zurich using simplified transliteration of "ö" to "o" and "ü" to "u". Synonyms with Synonym type indicator (SYN_TYPE) = 10 are intended to enable matching of such spellings.

Kiribati (KIR)

Kiribati has introduced a new postcode system with effect from 30 September 2020, so these postcodes are provided in this release of the **Universal *POST*CODE*® DataBase**. The new system consists of 37 unique postcodes identifying island groups, individual islands and villages within the islands. The new postcode should always be written to the right of the name of the island. Further details of the newly introduced system can be found at: www.upu.int/UPU/media/upu/PostalEntitiesFiles/addressingUnit/kirEn.pdf

Timor-Leste (Dem.Rep) (TLS)

The designated operator of Timor-Leste, Correios de Timor-Leste, has also introduced a new postcode system. The new release provides more than 2000 new postcodes under the new system, defined to sub-locality/village level. Details of the new addressing rules for Timor-Leste are available at: www.upu.int/UPU/media/upu/PostalEntitiesFiles/addressingUnit/tlsEn.pdf

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