

## The National Archives Digitisation Programme 2005 – 2011

### ***Digitisation at The National Archives***

By 2011 The National Archives aims to provide digital copies of all of its most popular records online, through commercial partners and its own Documents Online system.

The digitisation programme sets out how this will be achieved. It identifies which record series have been prioritised for digitisation, the timescales for digitisation projects, and when digitised content is scheduled to become available online.

- For information on commercial opportunities for digitising TNA material see: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/business/internet.htm>
- For censuses digitised by commercial partners see: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/census/>
- *Documents Online*: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/>

### ***Programme Scope***

The delivery of 'born digital' records and the on demand document scanning service are not covered by the programme.

- For information on these services see:
  - Electronic Records Online* (delivery of born digital records): <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ero/>
  - Digital Express* (on demand scanning of records): <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/digitalexpress/>

### ***Digitisation Project Milestones***

- **Project Agreed**: signing of a commercial licence or confirmation of a successful internal or external funding bid
- **Launch first content**: first digitised content becomes available online, as part of an incremental release
- **Launch all content**: all digitised content becomes available online
- **Project Complete**

**ADM 188**  
*Seamen's Service Registers 1853-1924*  
 500,000 images  
 Family History | Naval History

**WO 398**  
*Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Service Records, 1917-1920*  
 250,000 images  
 Family History | Military History

**SC8**  
*Ancient Petitions, Henry III - George III*  
 50,000 images  
 Social History | Academic Interest

**HO 107**  
*1841-1851 Census returns*  
 750,000 images  
 Family History

**RG 9**  
*1861 Census returns*  
 750,000 images  
 Family History

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
ADM 188	Project complete (agreed 2004)						
WO 398	Project agreed 2004	Project complete Launch all content					
SC8	Project agreed 2004	Launch first content	Project complete				
HO 107	Launch first content (agreed 2004)	Project complete Launch all content					
RG 9	Project complete (agreed 2004)						

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**RG 10***1871 Census Returns**750,000 images***Family History**

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<b>RG 10</b> <i>1871 Census Returns</i> <i>750,000 images</i> <b>Family History</b>	Project complete (agreed 2004)						
<b>E31</b> <i>Domesday Book, 1086 - 1952</i> <i>1,000 images</i> <b>Social History   Economic History   Local History</b>	Project agreed	Project Complete Launch all content					
<b>ADM 339</b> <i>Royal Naval Division Service Records 1914-1919</i> <i>135,000 images</i> <b>Family History   Naval History</b>	Project agreed	Project Complete Launch all content					
<b>FO 954</b> <i>Secretary of State Anthony Eden, Private Office Papers - 1935-1946,</i> <i>25,000 images</i> <b>Academic Interest   Social History</b>	Project agreed	Project Complete Launch all content					
<b>MEPO 35</b> <i>Alien Registration Cards for London, 1896-1991</i> <i>10,000 images</i> <b>Family History   Social History</b>	Project agreed	Project Complete Launch all content					

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<b>BT 27</b> <i>Outwards Passengers Lists, 1890 - 1960</i> 1,700,00 images <b>Family History</b>	Project agreed		Project Complete				
<b>WO 373 PART</b> <i>Recommendations for Honours &amp; Awards for Gallant and Distinguished Service (Army) 1937-45</i> 100,000 images <b>Family History   Military History</b>	Project agreed		Project Complete				
<b>WO363-4</b> <i>Burnt Soldiers Records 1914-1920</i> 14,000,000 images <b>Family History   Military History</b>		Project agreed	Launch first content	Project complete			
<b>RG4 - RG8   RG 32 - RG 36   BT 158 - BT 160</b> <i>Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1567 - 1969</i> 645,000 images <b>Family History</b>		Project agreed	Launch first content	Project complete			
<b>HO 2 - HO 5   BT 26</b> <i>Immigration, 1836-1960</i> 1345,000 images <b>Family History   Social History</b>			Project agreed	Project complete			

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**ADM 48 \***

*Seamen's wills, 1786-1882*  
70,000 images

**Family History | Military History**

**AIR 50 \***

*Air Ministry Combat reports, 1939-1945*  
35,000 images

**Family History | Military History**

**AIR 80 \***

*Airwomen's Records, 1914-1918*  
60,000 images

**Family History | Military History**

**ADM 318 \***

*Officers - Women's Royal Naval Service Records, 1916-1931*  
60,000 images

**Family History | Military History**

**ADM 336**

*Other ranks - Women's Royal Naval Service Records, 1916-1931*  
3,500 images

**Family History | Military History**

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ADM 48 *			Project Agreed Project Complete				
AIR 50 *			Project Agreed Project Complete				
AIR 80 *			Project Agreed Project Complete				
ADM 318 *			Project Agreed Project Complete				
ADM 336			Project Agreed Project Complete				

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**ADM 139 (PART)**  
*Royal Navy Continuous Service  
 Engagement Books, 1853-1872*  
 80,000 images  
 Family History | Military History

**ADM 196 (PART)**  
*Royal Navy Officers Service records, 1756-  
 1966*  
 50,000 images  
 Family History | Military History

**CO 1**  
*America and West Indies, Colonial Papers,  
 1574-1757*  
 31,200 images  
 Academic Interest | American History

**FO 371 PART**  
*China, Political Departments: General  
 Correspondence, 1949-56*  
 Academic

**ADM 337**  
*Admiralty: Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve:  
 Records of Service, First World War, 1894-  
 1922*  
 31,000 images  
 Military History | Family History

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ADM 139 (PART)			Project Agreed	Project Complete			
ADM 196 (PART)			Project Agreed	Project Complete			
CO 1			Project Agreed Project Complete				
FO 371 PART			Project Agreed Project Complete				
ADM 337			Project Agreed	Project Complete			

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**ADM 159**

*Royal Marines: Registers of Service, 1842-1936*

*140,000 images*

**Military History | Family History**

**ADM 29**

*Royal Navy Coastguard and Royal Marines, continuous Service engagement books, 1802 - 1919*

**Military History | Family History**

**BT 389**

*World War 2 Merchant Shipping Movement Cards, 1939-1946*

*Approx 114,000 images*

**Family History**

**FCO 21 PART \***

*Foreign Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Far Eastern Department Registered Files: China, 1957-76*

**Academic**

**SP 1-8, 10-18, 20-23, 24-34, 38, 39, 40-42, 44-47, 49-54, 57, 59-71, 75-99, 101-106, 108-110, 112, PC 1, 2, 4, 6 \***

*State Papers Domestic - Henry VIII to Queen Anne.*

**British History | Political History**

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**CAB 22-4, 65-8, 128-9**  
*British Governance in the 20th Century - Cabinet Papers*  
 Over 500,000 images  
**British History | Political History | Contemporary History**

**RG 14, RG 78**  
*Census Schedules and Enumerators' Summary Books, 1911*  
 18,000,000 images  
**Family History**

**WO 96 | WO 97 \***  
*Chelsea Pensioners, 1760 - 1915*  
 9,050,000 images  
**Military History | Family History**

**BT 348-50, BT 364, BT 112 - 116, BT 120 \***  
*Merchant Seamen's registers of service - 1918 -1940's*  
 Approx 1,600,000 images  
**Family History**

**H0 184 | H0 340 | PMG 48 \***  
*Irish Records, 1816-1970*  
 10,000 images  
**Family History | Irish History**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CAB 22-4, 65-8, 128-9			Project Agreed	Project Complete			
RG 14, RG 78			Project Agreed		Phased launch of all non-sensitive content (redacted)		Ongoing to Full release 2012 (unredacted)
WO 96   WO 97 *			Project agreed				Project complete
BT 348-50, BT 364, BT 112 - 116, BT 120 *			Project Agreed		Project complete Launch all content		
H0 184   H0 340   PMG 48 *				Project Agreed		Project complete Launch all content	

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**IR 26 \***  
*Death Duty Registers, 1706-1903*  
 254,000 images  
 Family History | Legal History

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