U.S. State Abbreviations

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. An envelope is going to Sacramento, California. Which USPS abbreviation belongs before the ZIP Code?
   - A. CA
   - B. CO
   - C. CT
   - D. AZ

   Correct answer: A. CA
   CA is California. CO is Colorado, and CT is Connecticut.

2. A return address ends with Austin, TX. What state does TX represent?
   - A. New Mexico
   - B. Tennessee
   - C. Texas
   - D. Louisiana

   Correct answer: C. Texas
   TX is Texas. Tennessee uses TN.

3. Which two letters belong in a postal address for Orlando, Florida?
   - A. FA
   - B. FL
   - C. AL
   - D. LA

   Correct answer: B. FL
   USPS uses FL for Florida. LA is Louisiana, and AL is Alabama.

4. A shipping label gives Honolulu, HI. Which state does HI represent?
   - A. Ohio
   - B. Idaho
   - C. Indiana
   - D. Hawaii

   Correct answer: D. Hawaii
   HI is Hawaii. USPS uses ID for Idaho.

5. Which abbreviation completes the state line in a letter addressed to Atlanta, Georgia?

A. GU
B. GA
C. SC
D. AL

Correct answer: B. GA
GA is Georgia. GU is Guam’s postal abbreviation.

6. Arizona and Arkansas both start with Ar. Which abbreviation belongs on a postcard from Arizona?

A. AZ
B. AR
C. AK
D. AL

Correct answer: A. AZ
AZ belongs to Arizona. AR is Arkansas, AK is Alaska, and AL is Alabama.

7. A class is sorting labels marked Oregon and Oklahoma. Which abbreviation goes on the Oklahoma label?

A. AK
B. OR
C. OH
D. OK

Correct answer: D. OK
OK is Oklahoma. OR is Oregon, and OH is Ohio.

8. The postal abbreviation for Indiana is IN. Which abbreviation should go on the next card for Illinois?

A. ID
B. IA
C. IL
D. IN

Correct answer: C. IL
IL represents Illinois. IA is Iowa, ID is Idaho, and IN is Indiana.

9. Which state is represented by the abbreviation MS on a postal address?

A. Mississippi
B. Missouri
C. Massachusetts
D. Minnesota

Correct answer: A. Mississippi
MS is Mississippi. MO, MA, and MN are Missouri, Massachusetts, and Minnesota.

10. Which pair of letters should appear after Augusta on a mailing label for Maine?

A. MI
B. MA
C. MD
D. ME

Correct answer: D. ME
ME is Maine. Augusta appears with GA on an address in the Georgia city of the same name.

11. An index card reads ‘Alaska — AL.’ The state name is correct. Which abbreviation repairs the card?

A. AZ
B. AR
C. AK
D. AL

Correct answer: C. AK
Alaska uses AK. AL is Alabama, so the original card paired two different states.

12. A road-trip log abbreviates New Hampshire as NJ. Which code corrects the log?

A. NJ
B. NH
C. NY
D. NM

Correct answer: B. NH
NH is New Hampshire. NJ is actually New Jersey.

13. Which postal code is correct for a town in West Virginia, if a town in neighboring Virginia uses VA?

A. WY
B. WI
C. WA
D. WV

Correct answer: D. WV
West Virginia uses WV and Virginia uses VA. WI, WA, and WY are Wisconsin, Washington, and Wyoming.

14. A return label needs the two-letter code for Minnesota. The nearby state of Michigan uses MI. Which code distinguishes Minnesota?

A. MN
B. MI
C. MO
D. MT

Correct answer: A. MN
MN belongs to Minnesota. MI is Michigan, MO is Missouri, and MT is Montana.

15. A Nebraska address is copied from an older index as ‘Lincoln NB.’ What is the current USPS abbreviation for Nebraska?

A. ND
B. NV
C. NE
D. NH

Correct answer: C. NE
USPS lists NE for Nebraska. The Postal Service changed its older NB code to NE in 1969.