

Paper sizes Explained



PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR ARTWORK IS SET UP TO ALLOW FOR 'BLEED'

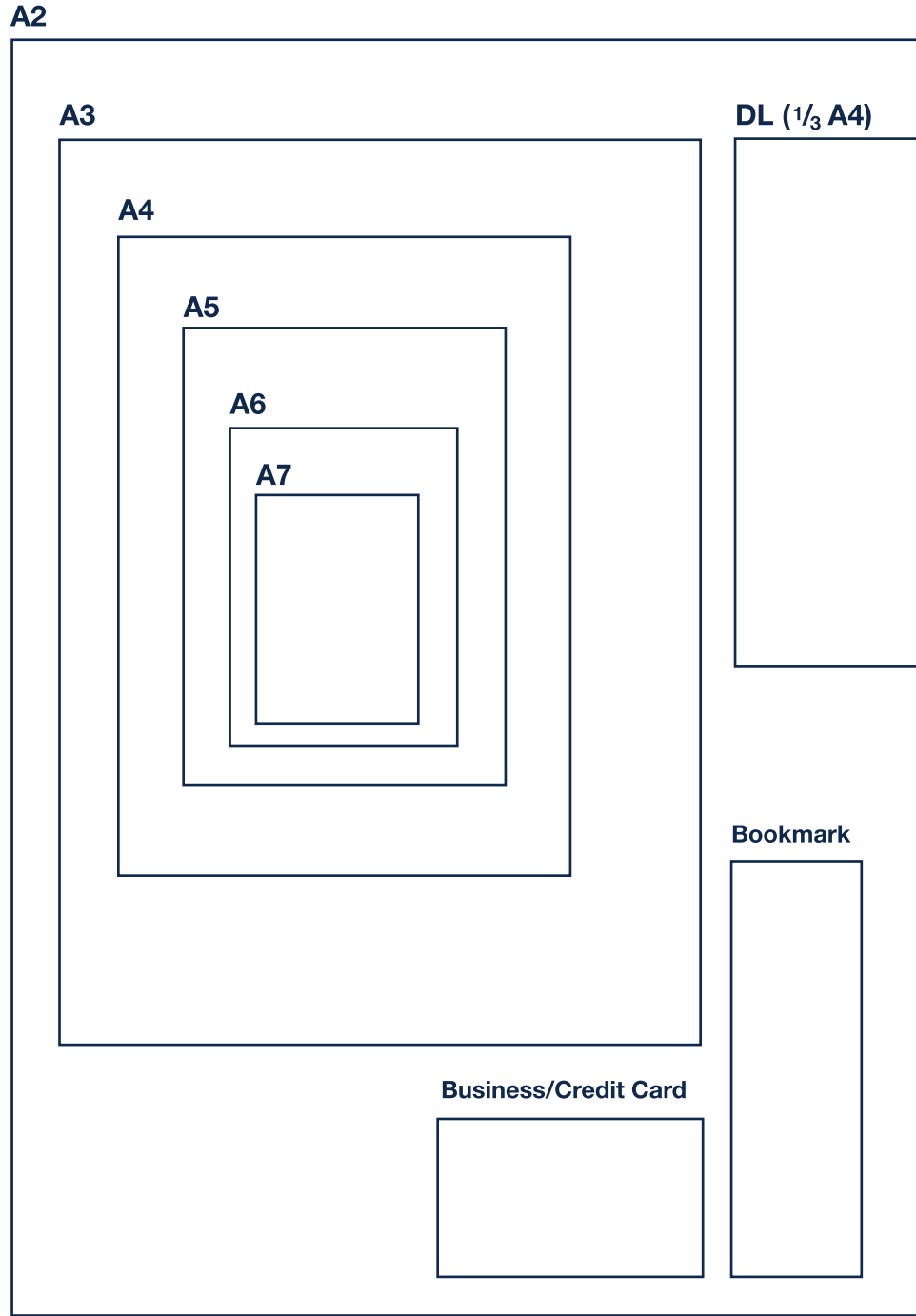
'Bleed' refers to print that goes beyond the page edge after it's cut to size.

Your artwork will be printed on sheets of paper that are larger than actual size, so that multiple copies can be printed on the same sheet and then trimmed. During the trimming process the paper can shift slightly, therefore failing to provide 'bleed' could result in your finished artwork showing a white edge.

To avoid this happening we require a minimum 3mm bleed around your artwork. *For example:* If your artwork is A4, it is 210mm x 297mm, but with bleed becomes 216mm x 303mm (which equates to 3mm being added to both the top and bottom, and left and right hand sides of your A4 document).

FINISHED SIZE AND BLEED SIZE GUIDELINES:

- A1 Finished size: 594mm x 841mm
A1 Bleed size: 600mm x 847mm
- A2 Finished size: 420mm x 594mm
A2 Bleed size: 426mm x 600mm
- A3 Finished size: 297mm x 420mm
A3 Bleed size: 303mm x 426mm
- A4 Finished size: 210mm x 297mm
A4 Bleed size: 216mm x 303mm
- A5 Finished size: 148mm x 210mm
A5 Bleed size: 154mm x 216mm
- A6 Finished size: 105mm x 148mm
A6 Bleed size: 111mm x 154mm
- A7 Finished size: 74mm x 105mm
A7 Bleed size: 80mm x 111mm
- DL Finished size: 99mm x 210mm
DL Bleed size: 105mm x 216mm
- Business Card/Credit Card Size
Finished size: 88mm x 55mm
Bleed size: 94mm x 61mm
- Bookmark Size
Finished size: 55mm x 173mm
Bleed size: 61mm x 179mm



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'A' SIZES

'A' sizes are common paper sizes used for stationery, leaflets, brochures and other publications such as magazines:

- A0 – 841mm x 1189mm
- A1 – 594mm x 841mm
- A2 – 420mm x 594mm
- A3 – 297mm x 420mm
- A4 – 210mm x 297mm
- A5 – 148mm x 210mm
- A6 – 105mm x 148mm
- A7 – 74mm x 105mm

'SRA' AND 'B' SIZES

In order to print items that are finished in the 'A' size format, a printer uses a larger size paper in order to allow for bleed and gutters and make allowance for the area that a printing press requires to grip the paper for feeding. These oversize papers are either 'SRA' or 'B' size as outlined below:

SRA sizes

- SRA0 – 900mm x 1280mm
- SRA1 – 640mm x 900mm
- SRA2 – 450mm x 640mm
- SRA3 – 320mm x 450mm
- SRA4 – 225mm x 320mm

B sizes

- B0 – 1000mm x 1414mm
- B1 – 707mm x 1000mm
- B2 – 500mm x 707mm
- B3 – 353mm x 500mm
- B4 – 250mm x 353mm

'C' SIZES

'C' sizes are envelope sizes that 'A' size papers fit into:

- C3 – 324mm x 458mm (holds A3 flat)
- C4 – 229mm x 324mm (holds A4 flat)
- C5 – 162mm x 229mm (holds A5 flat or A4 folded in half)
- C6 – 114mm x 162mm (holds A6 flat – ideal for invitations)
- DL – 110mm x 220mm (holds A4 folded twice into one third A4)

We hope that these guidelines have clarified any queries that you might have. However, should you be unsure of anything, please call us on **01582 699851**, and one of our team will be delighted to assist you, in order that you achieve the very best results for your print project.

We look forward to hearing from you!

