

Company History – From the foundation of a modern postal system to a worldwide logistics company

History of Deutsche Post

1490	Foundation of the modern postal system by Franz von Thurn und Taxis
1646	Prussian state postal service is founded by Elector Friedrich Wilhelm von Preussen
1874	Heinrich von Stephan initiates the founding of the Universal Postal Union
1924	Deutsche Reichspost is founded as an independent enterprise
1950	Foundation of Deutsche Bundespost
1989	Separation of Deutsche Bundespost into the companies Postdienst, Postbank and Telekom
1990	Integration of the former German Democratic Republic's own Deutsche Post into Deutsche Bundespost
1995	Foundation of Deutsche Post AG Conversion of all three public sector companies into stock companies
1996	Postbank becomes a joint stock company
1997	Acquisition of the Danzas Group The LOGISTICS activities of Deutsche Post World Net (today: DHL LOGISTICS) can be traced back to the Swiss freight forwarder Danzas (founded in 1815)
1999	Deutsche Post becomes owner of Postbank
1999	Deutsche Postbank acquires DSL Bank
2000	Deutsche Post AG goes public (IPO) on Nov. 20
2002	Acquisition (100%) of the air express specialist DHL (founded in 1969)
2004	IPO of Deutsche Postbank AG
2005	Acquisition of the British logistics provider Exel plc.
2006	Deutsche Postbank acquires BHW

History of Postbank

1995	Postbank becomes a joint stock company
1999	Deutsche Post becomes owner of Postbank
1999	Acquisition of DSL Bank
2000	Entry into direct brokerage
2001	Acquisition of BHF (USA) Holdings Inc.
2002	First S&P rating
2004	IPO of Deutsche Postbank AG
2006	Acquisition of BHW Holding

History of DHL

1969	Foundation of DHL
1973	Delivery to Asia, Pacific coast, Middle East, Africa and Europe
1973	DHL has 3,000 customers and more than 300 employees
1977	Shipping of packages in addition to documents
1982	Serving more than 30 new countries and territories
1983	First air express delivery service in Eastern Europe
2002	Serving more than one million customers in more than 220 countries