

# Flag of Niger - A Brief History



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### Trivia

The Government of Niger uses different ratios of the flag in print. The known ratios used are 6:7, 2:3, 3:5 and 1:2.

### Technical Specification

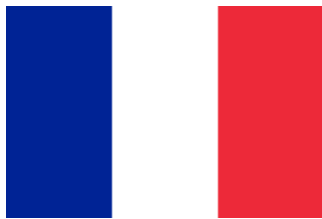
<b>Adopted:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 1959
<b>Proportion:</b>	6:7
<b>Design:</b>	An orange, white and green horizontal tricolour with orange circle in the white stripe.

<b>Colours:</b>	<b>PMS</b>	Yellow:	150	Green:	355
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### Brief History

In 1922 the French blue-white-red vertical tricolour was flown in the area, as Niger was a French Colony. It remained that way until 1959 when Niger gained independence.

The new independent Niger adopted an orange-white-green tricolour flag with orange circle in the centre. It is common for ex-French colonies to adopt a tricolour flag when gaining independence. Each colour has a specific meaning, the orange band represents the desert, the white represents the Niger river and purity with the orange circle representing the sun, and the green represents hope.



The Flag of the French Colony of Niger  
(1922 – 1959)



The Flag of the Republic of Niger  
(1959 to Present Day)

### The Coat of Arms of Niger

The Coat of Arms of Niger is a white shield with a golden sun, Zebu head, three pearl millet heads and spear with crossed Tuareg swords. Four spears at the side of the shield with the flag draped over it. Below the shield is a banner stating "REPUBLIQUE DU NIGER."



**The Roundel of the Niger Air Force**

The Roundel of the Niger Air force is a circle emblem made up of the national flag.

