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What is Legal Paper Size or Legal Size Paper Dimension



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You cannot sign a legal document on a napkin or on a handkerchief. There are rules and regulations you need to follow. And when it comes to legal documents, there is a **legal paper size**, and there are legal-size paper dimensions. Here are the dimensions and sizes you need to follow. What is a file management system, on the other hand, entails the use of electronically developed applications to manage the workflow or the use of files in an enterprise.

What is Legal Paper Size

Europe and other places in the World use the international system of paper sizes. In that system, the legal paper size is A4 document, which has dimensions of 216 x 279mm (8.5 inches x 11 inches). However, in America and Canada, there is a different legal paper size, which is 216 x 356mm or 8.5 inches x 14 inches.

In the international paper size system, sizes are based on mathematical formulas. However, in America, that is not the case. So, when creating a legal document, you need to pay attention to the size and dimensions of your document. Especially if your document should be printed and signed. No matter if the document is signed electronically or in hard-copy, the size should match the legal parameters. Otherwise, the document will not be legally binding and obligating.

Common Standard Commercial Paper Sheet Sizes

Size Description	Size in Inches	Sizes in Centimetres
1. U.S. Government (old)	8 x 10.5	20.3 x 26.7
2. U.S. Letter	8.5 x 11	21.6 x 27.9
3. U.S. Legal	8.5 x 13	21.6 x 33.0
4. U.S. Legal	8.5 x 14	21.6 x 35.6
5. U.S. Engineering	9 x 12	22.9 x 30.5
6. ISO* B5	6.93 x 9.84	17.6 x 25.0
7. ISO* A4	8.27 x 11.69	21.0 x 29.7
8. ISO* B4	9.84 x 13.9	25.0 x 35.3
9. Japanese B5	7.17 x 10.12	18.2 x 25.7
10. Japanese B4	10.12 x 14.33	25.7 x 36.4

* International Standards Organization

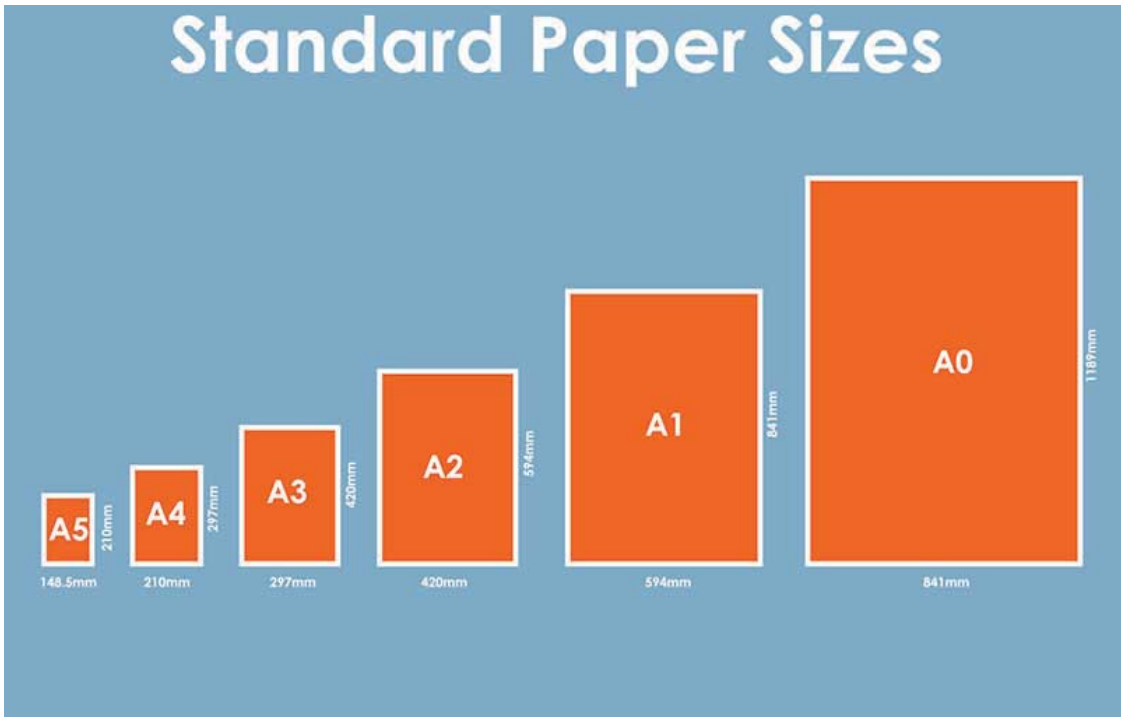
What are Legal Paper Dimensions

Everywhere in the world, except in Canada and America, the paper size is standardized according to the ISO sizes. Those dimensions are the following:

- A4 - 216 x 279mm (8.5 x 11 inches)
- A3 - 279mm x 432mm (11 x 17 inches)
- A2 - 432 x 559mm (17 x 22 inches)
- A1 - 559 x 864mm (22 x 33 inches)
- A0 - 864 x 1118mm (34 x 44 inches)

The legal paper dimensions are A4 or 216x279mm. In the United States of America and Canada, the dimensions are the same, but the paper is called differently. The legal paper dimensions in America are 216x356mm or 8.5 x 11 inches. Those dimensions are called legal. The European legal-size dimensions in America are called letter dimensions.

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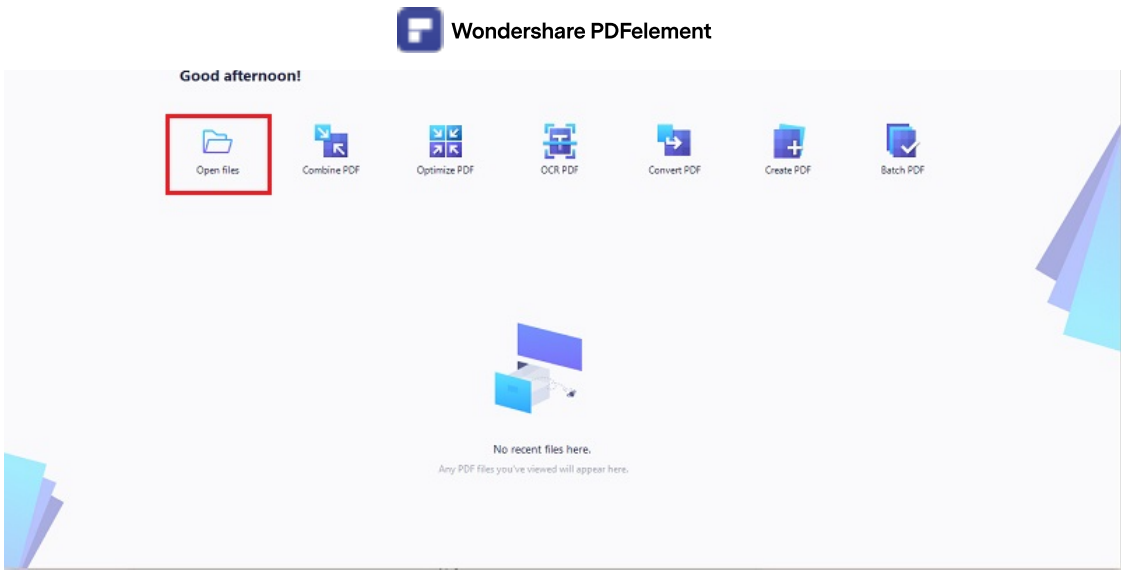
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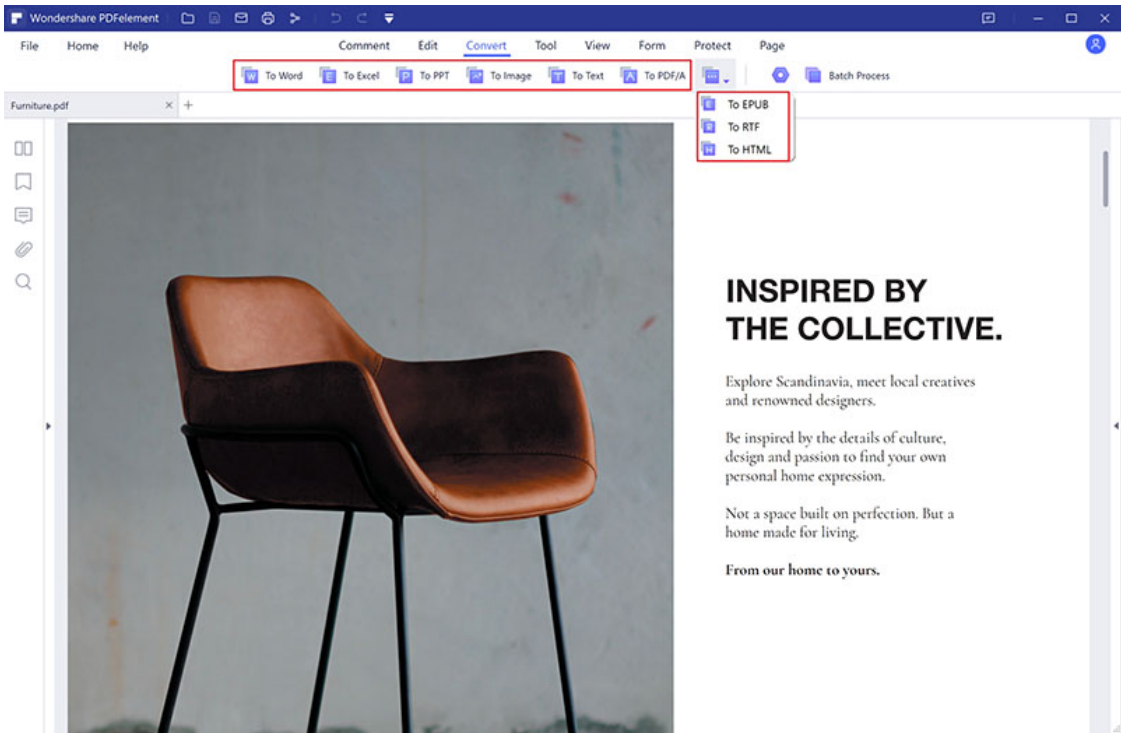
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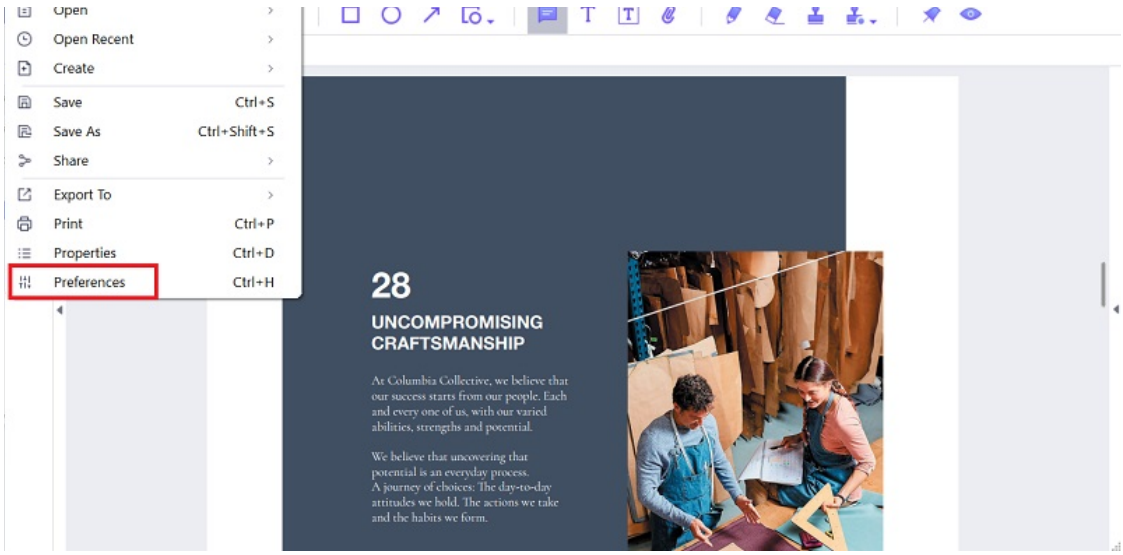
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