

The New \$100 Note

Know Its Features. Know It's Real.



In order to keep counterfeiting low, the U.S. government continues to enhance the security of U.S. currency.

The redesigned \$100 note introduces two advanced security features: the **3-D Security Ribbon** and the **Bell in the Inkwell**. It also includes several highly effective features used in other U.S. denominations, such as the portrait watermark and security thread.

To ensure a seamless introduction of the new \$100 note, the U.S. government is conducting a global public education program to inform those who use it about the changes. Even with the most technologically advanced security features, it's you — the educated individual — who continues to be the best line of defense against counterfeiting. Protect yourself — it only takes a few seconds to check the new \$100 note and know it's real.

It is not necessary to trade in your old-design notes for new ones. All U.S. currency remains legal tender, regardless of when it was issued.

3-D Security Ribbon

Tilt the note back and forth while focusing on the blue ribbon. You will see the bells change to 100s as they move. When you tilt the note back and forth, the bells and 100s move side to side. If you tilt it side to side, they move up and down. The ribbon is woven into the paper, not printed on it.



1. Portrait Watermark

Hold the note to light and look for a faint image of Benjamin Franklin in the blank space to the right of the portrait. The image is visible from either side of the note.

2. Security Thread

Hold the note to light to see an embedded thread running vertically to the left of the portrait. The thread is imprinted with the letters USA and the numeral 100 in an alternating pattern and is visible from both sides of the note. The thread glows pink when illuminated by ultraviolet light.

3. Color-Shifting 100

Tilt the note to see the numeral 100 in the lower right corner of the front of the note shift from copper to green.

Bell in the Inkwell

Tilt the note to see the color-shifting bell in the copper inkwell change from copper to green, an effect which makes the bell seem to appear and disappear within the inkwell.

The Latest In U.S. Currency Design

(The \$1 and \$2 notes will continue to circulate but will not be redesigned.)



If You Suspect a Counterfeit Note

If you suspect you've been passed a counterfeit note, the U.S. government wants you to be aware of a few tips. First, try to note the characteristics of the person who tried to pass the fake note and, if possible, write down a description of any vehicle he or she drove as well as the license plate number.

Next, immediately contact your local police department or U.S. Secret Service field office. These contact numbers can be found in U.S. telephone books or on the law enforcement interactive map on www.newmoney.gov.

Finally, make sure that you write your initials and the date in the border of the suspect note. Remember to limit the handling of the note and protect it by putting it in an envelope. Only turn the note over to a police officer or a U.S. Secret Service agent. If the note is genuine, it will be returned to you. If the note is counterfeit, you will not be reimbursed. You cannot trade in a counterfeit note for a real one, and it is against the law to knowingly try to pass a counterfeit along to someone else.

For more information, visit www.newmoney.gov.