

FACT SHEET
UPGRADED BANKNOTES

The size and dominant colours of the banknotes will remain the same. The main animal motif on the front and the economic sector themes on the back will also remain the same.

Denomination	Motif on front	Theme on back	Dominant colour
R10	Rhinoceros	Agriculture	Green
R20	Elephant	Mining	Brown
R50	Lion	Manufacturing	Pink
R100	Buffalo	Tourism	Blue
R200	Leopard	Transportation and Communication	Orange / Brown

The public will be able to check the security features on the upgraded banknotes by following three simple steps – look, feel and tilt. The key changes are reflected below:

LOOK: FEATURES THAT CAN BE SEEN WITH THE NAKED EYE

Watermark: The watermark, which is a shadow picture of the animal embedded in the paper, is made visible by holding the banknote up to the light on the front left of the banknote. In the upgraded banknote, a watermark of the denomination value of the note has been added.

Perfect registration/see-through security feature: This feature is printed in two parts on the front and the back of the banknote. It is visible on the bottom left-hand corner on the front and the back of the note. When holding the banknote up to the light, a perfect R is formed as a combination of the front and back of the note. In the upgraded banknotes, the value of the banknote appears when it is held up to the light, for instance 20 if it is a R20 note. If the value of the banknote is not in perfect registration or is distorted the note could be a counterfeit and it is recommended to check other features.

Security thread: On the front of the banknote this feature appears as a windowed silver line. When held up to light, it is a continuous, solid dark line. On the current notes, the threads on all the denominations are 2mm wide and have ‘drop out’ or clear text – the letters SARB can be seen. On the new banknotes, for the lower

denominations (R10 and R20) the thread remains 2mm wide, and has the letters SARB as well as the denomination numeral in clear text. On the higher denominations (R50, R100 and R200), the security thread is now 4mm wide with the text SARB, the text RAND, the denomination numeral, and a holographic image of the Coat of Arms. The holographic image of the Coat of Arms appears and disappears when the note is tilted.

Unique numbering: Every single banknote has a serial number that is made up of letters and numbers. No two banknotes can have the same number. While the numbering of the current banknotes is on the front, the numbering on the upgraded banknotes is on the back of the note. A vertical number is on the left hand side, and a horizontal number on the top right hand side of the banknote. The horizontal number is conical, i.e. increasing in height from left to right. These numbers are in different colours on different notes.

FEEL: FEATURES THAT CAN BE FELT

When a genuine banknote is flicked between the fingers, it has a distinctive sound and feel. The distinctive feel comes from a combination of the special banknote paper and the intaglio (raised) printing on the note. The raised or rough feel is the result of the sophisticated printing technique used on banknotes. Normal commercial printing has a smooth feel. This rough (intaglio) effect can be felt on the front of the note in the Coat of Arms, main motif, secondary motif, in the numbering and lettering, the geometric shapes and on the back of the R100 and R200 banknotes.

TILT: FEATURES THAT CAN BE SEEN BY TILTING THE NOTE

Colour-changing ink: This feature appears on the upgraded R50, R100 and R200 banknotes. The denomination value of the banknote on the front bottom right is printed in colour-changing ink. When the R50 or R100 banknote is tilted, it changes colour from green to gold. On the R200 the colour changes from magenta to green.

Holographic Coat of Arms in the security thread: The upgraded R50, R100 and R200 banknotes have a holographic Coat of Arms in the security thread, which becomes visible as you tilt the banknote.

Shimmering gold band: This new feature appears on the back of all the banknotes. When the note is tilted a golden band with the Coat of Arms and the denomination value of the note appears (for example 50 if it is a R50 note).

Latent (hidden) image: The large geometric shapes on the front of the upgraded banknotes, which also serve as a security feature, contain a latent or hidden image visible when the note is held almost horizontally to the eye and which shows the denomination numeral of the banknote.

FEATURE FOR THE BLIND:

More pronounced raised printed diamond shapes have replaced the raised dots identifying the denomination of the current banknotes. These diamonds are at the bottom on the front of the note, in the middle. The number of diamonds indicates the denomination as the dots did before, i.e.

R10 One diamond

R20 Two diamonds

R50 Three diamonds

R100 Four diamonds

R200 Five diamonds

FEATURE FOR THE PARTIALLY SIGHTED:

On the front of the upgraded banknotes are large geometric shapes that have replaced the denomination numeral and are unique to each denomination.