

BANK OF BOTSWANA

PRESS RELEASE

Circulation of New P10 and P20 Banknotes

The Bank of Botswana wishes to notify the public that with effect from October 28, 2002, new series of P10 and P20 banknotes have been introduced into circulation. The main features of the two banknotes, such as colours, portraits and other historical symbols, are generally the same as the ones on the existing banknotes. However, there have been changes to the security features of the notes, to make the currency more secure against possible counterfeiting.

In this regard, the Bank wishes to advise the public to pay special attention to the security features which have been incorporated into the new banknotes, as follows:

The P10 Banknote

- i. Additional “windowed” security thread with text “BoB 10” seen at regular intervals.
- ii. Extra small print underneath the word “Ten Pula”.
- iii. New anti-scan beige tint on the watermark area.
- iv. Watermark highlight showing value “10”.
- v. Blind recognition feature (one purple dot).
- vi. Micro engraved lettering tint within each numeral
- vii. Additional purple colour appears on numerals at the back of the note.

The P20 Banknote

- i. Additional windowed security thread with text “BoB 20” seen at intervals.
- ii. Extra small print underneath the word “Twenty Pula”.
- iii. New anti-scan beige tint over the watermark area.
- iv. Watermark highlight showing the value of “20”.
- v. Blind recognition feature (two dots).
- vi. Micro engraved lettering tint within each value numeral.
- vii. Additional purple colour on numeral figures at the back of the note.

The Bank wishes the public to note that the existing old banknotes will remain legal tender and will continue to circulate alongside the new banknotes.

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