



Bank of Botswana

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PRESS RELEASE

COUNTERFEIT (FAKE) P200 AND P100 BANKNOTES

The Bank of Botswana wishes to alert the public of existence of counterfeit (fake) P200 and P100 banknotes in circulation found at various parts of the country. The counterfeited P200 denomination bears the serial numbers AP7431177 and AR3498285, while the P100 serial numbers are AL2730939 and AJ9782635.

The public is advised to be extremely vigilant in accepting payment for goods and services in any currency; and should closely examine tendered banknotes for authenticity. Genuine banknotes can be verified by the visible design and security features. A genuine P200 banknote has a watermark showing a rampant zebra and the number 200 on a purple shaded area when the note is tilted and held up to light; a holographic stripe showing a coat of arms and switching images of the number 200 and the head of a zebra and five purple dots on the right-hand edge of the banknote. At the back of the banknote, there is a windowed security thread on the surface of the note that changes from red to green, with the letters "BOB" and the

number 200 appearing when the note is tilted. The thread appears as a continuous line when held up to the light.

Similarly, a genuine P100 banknote has a watermark showing a rampant zebra and the number 100 on the shaded area when the note is tilted and held up to light; a holographic stripe showing coat of arms and switching images of the number 100 and a diamond; and four blue dots on the right-hand edge of the banknote. At the back of the banknote, there is a windowed security thread on the surface of the note that changes from red to green, with the letters 'BOB' and the number 100 appearing when the note is tilted. The thread appears as a continuous line when held up to the light. Further information on design and security features of Bank of Botswana banknotes can be accessed on the Bank website at <https://www.bankofbotswana.bw/notes-and-coins>.

Members of the public are advised to report any suspicious banknotes to the nearest Police Station or the Bank of Botswana offices in Gaborone and Francistown.

The Bank further assures the public that it remains committed to ensuring clean and genuine banknotes and coin remain in circulation.

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