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CELEBRATING THE UAE'S 50TH NATIONAL DAY WITH A NEW BANKNOTE.

Variations from the previous AED50 banknote

The new banknote is made of polymer, which other central banks have found to be longer-lasting and more environmentally-friendly than paper banknotes.

The new banknote has a range of security features in Arabic and English, its value in Braille print (to assist the visually-impaired) and images of UAE national symbols. Polymer banknotes can contain many more security features than paper banknotes.

Polymer vs. Paper Banknotes

At the end of the paper banknotes' lifecycle, they are shredded and placed in a landfill. Polymer banknotes taken out of circulation are shredded, granulated, and re-used in manufacturing everyday plastic materials. This re-use of polymer reflects the UAE's wider sustainability mission to ensure less waste, and better use and recycling of resources.

Checking procedures for AED50 banknote

This new AED50 banknote made of polymer is introduced, alongside the banknote of the same value currently in circulation. The new AED50 polymer banknote is an official currency and distributed to banks and exchange houses as per standard procedures at the Central Bank regarding deposit and withdrawal of currency banknotes.

Accordingly, all banks reprogrammed their ATMs to enable disbursement of the AED50 polymer banknote along with the paper banknote of the same value currently in circulation.



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| 1 A portrait of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan | 5 UAE's Nation Brand | 10 A circular see-through printed design fits perfectly to its corresponding design on the front of the banknote when it is exposed to direct light |
| 2 The Hijri year of printing (1443) | 6 Map of the UAE | 11 Touch markings in Braille, enabling the blind and the visually impaired to recognise the banknote's denomination |
| 3 Serial numbers in English, printed horizontally in black magnetic ink | 7 A portrait of the UAE's Founding Fathers | 12 Gregorian year of printing (2021) |
| 4 Serial numbers in Arabic, printed vertically in red ink | 8 Signature of His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of the CBUAE Board of Directors | 13 A picture of the Etihad Museum |
| | 9 An image of The Oasis of Dignity memorial (Wahat Al Karama) | |

Why issue a new AED50 banknote?

As part of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) 50th anniversary celebrations, commemorating its Founders then, and those who have built and sustained the nation since, the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) issued a new AED50 banknote. Polymer is the best material for banknotes compared to paper, lasting at least two times longer than cotton-paper. It can also be recycled fully, which contributes to preserving the environment and improving sustainability.

Security features of the new AED50 banknote

Polymer banknotes can incorporate more advanced print technology, intaglio techniques and physical security markers. The key security features of the new AED50 polymer banknote include:

- the use of special print and material;
- the ability to see additional text (in Arabic and English) or images when the new banknote is held at a certain angle, or under ultraviolet light; and
- raised text in Braille to assist visually-challenged currency users.