

The new 50-krone and 500-krone banknotes



Norway's new banknote series

To be issued in the period 2017-2019



The motifs on the new banknote series show the importance of the sea for the prosperity and welfare of the people of Norway. For more detailed information about the design and the choice of motifs, visit our website newnotes.no

New and more secure banknotes



The new 50-krone and 500-krone banknotes, will be launched on 18 October 2018. The 100-krone and 200-krone banknotes were issued on 30 May 2017.

“The Sea” is the theme of the new banknote series. The sea gives us prosperity and defines our country in many ways. We live by the sea and use it for both transport and recreation. But the sea can also be treacherous. The primary motif on the 50-krone note is based on Utvær Lighthouse in Sogn og Fjordane. The front of the 500-krone note features the rescue vessel Stavanger. Both Utvær Lighthouse and the Stavanger are symbols of the efforts made to prevent maritime accidents and to bring people and vessels to safety should a mishap nonetheless occur.

The banknotes in the new series are both secure and functional and will serve the public for years to come. They contain security features intended for the public, retail employees and cash handling machines. In order for these security features to have the desired effect, we should all learn to use them to be able to tell the difference between genuine banknotes and counterfeits. The most important security features are described on pages six and seven of this brochure.

You can continue to use the old 50-krone and 500-krone banknotes for a period of one year after the new banknotes are issued, i.e. up until 18 October 2019. You can help to make the transition as smooth and efficient as possible by using the old banknotes at the supermarket or by depositing them in your bank account before this date.

Øystein Olsen
Governor

The new 50-krone banknote



The illustration of Utvær Lighthouse symbolises the sea that binds us together.

As a traffic and transportation artery, the sea has been crucial for the development of the Norwegian economy and society. Shipping lanes remain an important part of the transportation network binding the country together and a fine-meshed net of lighthouses and sea-marks covers the entire Norwegian coast. Behind the primary motif, beams of light and nautical chart light sectors can be seen. An Atlantic puffin is positioned in the upper-right corner of the note.



A signal beacon from a lighthouse, the constellation Ursa Major and a nautical chart showing the classification of lighthouses can be seen on the back of the note. The pattern is based on the Beaufort wind force scale. The rectangles are nearly square, representing calm waves and wind.

The new 500-krone banknote



The rescue vessel Stavanger symbolises the importance of maritime safety for the prosperity the sea gives us.

The sea holds vast natural resources, but can also be tempestuous. The availability of help saves many lives, and gives us greater confidence when we can see details from Colin Archer's original design of RS 14 Stavanger. An Atlantic puffin is positioned in the upper-right corner of the note.



On the back an oil platform vaguely appears on the horizon, one of the newer mainstays of the Norwegian economy. You can also see the North Sea gas pipeline network and a cephalopod fossil. The pattern is based on the Beaufort wind force scale. The rectangles are long, representing a moderate gale.

How to determine that a banknote is genuine



The illustration shows the front of the 500-krone note. The security features intended for the public are the same on both notes, except for the anchor chain, which is present on the 500-krone note only.

Look

1. Watermark

When the banknote is held up to the light, the watermark, the head of an Atlantic puffin with the denomination, is visible. The Atlantic puffin motif is featured on all the denominations.



2. Security thread

When the banknote is held up to the light, the security thread is visible as a dark line running through the paper. The security thread bears the text "NB" and the value of the banknote in small print.



Tilt

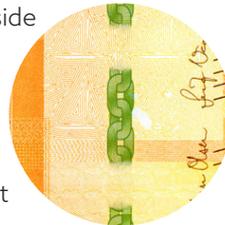
3. Floating ring

In the lower-left corner of the note, there is a rectangle containing a ring. When you tilt the banknote in different directions, the ring appears to float and you can see a play of colours.



4. Anchor chain

On the right-hand side of the 500-krone banknote, you see three segments of an anchor chain integrated into the paper. When you tilt the note, the chain appears to move.



Feel

Paper quality

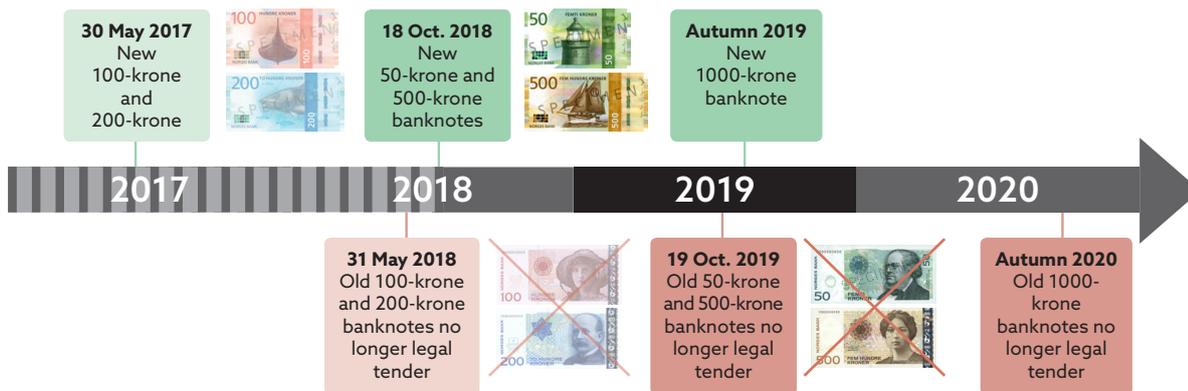
The banknotes are printed on cotton paper, which feels different from ordinary paper. The cotton paper has been treated with a dirt-resistant coating, which gives it a smooth surface.

Raised print

The primary motif and a number of details on the front are printed in intaglio, which can be felt. There are raised lines printed along the short edges of the notes to enable the blind and the visually impaired to distinguish between the denominations.

Launch timetable

The new 100-krone and 200-krone notes have been in circulation since 30 May 2017. The new 50-krone and 500-krone notes will be in circulation from 18 October 2017. The 1000-krone note will be issued last. The plan is to issue the 1000-krone note in the course of autumn 2019.



What to do with old banknotes?



Once the new 50-krone and 500-krone notes are put into circulation, you will still be able to use the old notes as a means of payment for a one-year period, i.e. up until 18 October 2019.

Make sure that you use the old banknotes when you visit the supermarket or deposit them in your bank account before 18 October 2019. After this date, they will no longer be legal tender, but are redeemable at Norges Bank for a minimum of 10 years.

Information on the rules for exchanging withdrawn notes and coins can be found at norges-bank.no.

Mobile app



The mobile app “Nye sedler” displays the key security features on the new banknotes to help you tell the difference between a genuine banknote and a counterfeit.

By tipping and tilting your mobile device, you will be able to see the running anchor chain move. You will also be able to see the watermark, the security thread and the floating ring.

The app is free and available to download on the App Store or Google Play.



More information on Norway's new banknotes, security features and the transition to the new banknotes can be found at newnotes.no

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