



BANK OF ENGLAND

# Polymer banknotes

The next £5, £10 and £20 banknotes will be printed on polymer, a thin and flexible plastic material. Polymer notes are cleaner, safer and stronger than paper notes. The new notes will be smaller than the current notes.



## The new £10 note

The new polymer £10 note will be issued on 14 September 2017. The note features Jane Austen and is 132mm x 69mm. *The current paper £10 note features Charles Darwin and is 142mm x 75mm. The paper £10 will be withdrawn from circulation in Spring 2018. Notice will be given 3 months prior to the withdrawal date.*

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## The new £20 note

The new polymer £20 note will be issued in 2020. It will feature J.M.W. Turner and will be 139mm x 73mm. *The current paper £20 note features Adam Smith and is 149mm x 80mm.*

More information about polymer banknotes can be found on our website: [www.thenewten.co.uk](http://www.thenewten.co.uk)

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# Getting your business ready

As with any change in banknote design, all businesses that handle cash need to plan and prepare for the introduction of the new notes. Over 30 countries currently use polymer banknotes including Australia, Canada and Mexico.

## Checklist

- ✓ Ensure you know which cash handling machines are being operated by your business. These machines include self-service check-outs, desktop counters, ATMs, ticket machines, and any other machine that weighs, counts, sorts, accepts, dispenses or recycles banknotes.
- ✓ Contact the manufacturer or supplier of your machines to discuss what adaptations will be required for issuance of the new £10 note, and when they will be available. For most machines, a software update will be needed.
- ✓ Aim to implement adaptations to your machines before any new note is issued.
- ✓ Train your staff. A range of materials to support staff training on issue and withdrawal are available at <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/Pages/educational.aspx>.
- ✓ Keep up to date with the latest information about polymer banknotes, and other banknote news, by registering at: [www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/Pages/subscribe](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/Pages/subscribe).

## Timeline

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2017	<i>New £1 coin issued by the Royal Mint in March</i> Educational material for £5 withdrawal available from end Feb <b>Withdrawal of paper £5 note from circulation on 5 May</b> Businesses adapt machines for the polymer £10 note Educational material for polymer £10 available 18 July <b>New polymer £10 note issued 14 September 2017</b> <i>Demonetisation of round £1 coin in October</i> <i>New polymer £10 notes issued by the three Scottish issuing banks: Bank of Scotland, Clydesdale, RBS</i>
In 2020	Withdrawal of paper £10 note from circulation before <b>new polymer £20 note is issued</b>

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