U.S. Government Introduces New 100 Dollar Note

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The newly designed 100 dollar note went into circulation on October 8 of this year. The new note has kept the traditional style of U.S. currency, but has included enhanced security features to make counterfeiting harder, while making verification of the note’s authenticity easier.

All 100 dollar notes issued before October 8, 2013, remain legal tender, regardless of when they were issued. It is not, therefore, necessary to trade in old one hundred dollar bills for new ones. The new note has two major security features:

3-D Security Ribbon: The front page of the bill has a band with images of bells that change to the numeral 100 when the bill is tilted.

Bell in the Inkwel: The front page of the bill has the image of a bell in the inkwell that changes from copper to green color when the bill is tilted.

The new note, however, has retained some features of the previous note, such as the portrait watermark in the blank space to the right of Benjamin Franklin’s portrait and the security thread running vertically to the left of the portrait. The thread is imprinted with the letters USA and the numeral 100 visible from both sides of the note and glows pink under ultraviolet light.

Other features are the numeral 100 in the lower-right corner of the note that shifts from copper to green, the raised printing on the left side of the note, the large numeral 100 on the back of the note for the visually impaired, and the small printed words that appear on Benjamin Franklin’s jacket collar, around the watermark, along the golden quill, and in the note borders.

For more information about the new one-hundred dollar bill and its features, visit this Federal Reserve note (www.multivu.com/mnr/63601-federal-reserve-board-issues-redesigned-100-note/en) and the website NewMoney.gov (www.newmoney.gov).

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