

Counterfeit Currency

Despite plastic banknotes being difficult to counterfeit there have been counterfeit notes circulated in the ACT. The majority have been \$50 notes identified through incorrect feel, appearance and colour.



There are a number of security features on Australian banknotes which can help you to identify counterfeit currency, including:

- Printed on special polymer (plastic) – non genuine notes are often printed on paper and can be easily torn
- Raised print for the portrait and other major design elements
- Clear window with printed images or patterns which have clarity and are part of the bank note, not an addition
- Australian Coat of Arms which is visible only when you hold the note up to light

For more details about the polymer banknote security features, please read identifying counterfeit currency on the AFP website (www.afp.gov.au).

Ensure staff pay particular attention when banknotes are tendered for payment.

If you are given a banknote you suspect is counterfeit try to handle it as little as possible to preserve fingerprints, note the description of the person who tendered it and contact police on 131444.