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# Introducing Canada's New Polymer Notes

Canada's new polymer bank notes are now at centre stage for all to see. The curtain is drawn and, as is often the case, seeing is believing. This is a big change for Canadians, and it's a positive change.

- With their leading-edge security features, the polymer notes are more secure. They are both easy to check and hard to counterfeit.
- They are far more durable and economical than cotton-paper notes and are expected to last at least 2.5 times longer before needing to be replaced.
- They're a first! The large transparent area combined with detailed metallic imagery has never been done before—on any country's currency. The innovation of the notes themselves pairs well with the note themes which reflect Canada's spirit of innovation.
- Polymer notes are also better for the environment. They will be recycled at the end of their life and have a reduced impact on the environment because they last longer than cotton-paper notes, and will be printed less frequently.

## What's on Canada's New Polymer Notes

While the \$100 note focuses on medical innovation and Canada's long-standing commitment to medical research, the \$50 note features the Canadian Coast Guard Ship *Amundsen*, a research icebreaker. It supports environmental research and provides the world's oceanographers, geologists and ecologists with unparalleled access to the North.

## Take a Good Look

With all of this in mind, take a good long look and get to know your new money at [www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes](http://www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes).

You have a bit of lead time. The \$100 note will hit the street in November and the \$50 note in March 2012. The idea behind unveiling the look of the notes now is to give Canadians time to familiarize themselves with their appearance and security features. The \$20, followed by the \$10 and \$5 notes, will be issued by the end of 2013.

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## The New \$100 Note Video

Visit [www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes](http://www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes) and watch the video that takes you through the innovative security features and design of Canada's new polymer note.

So if you know someone who manages a group of cash handlers, or your spouse works in a bank, spread the word and let them know where they can get more information.

### [From the Lab to Your Wallet](#)

Next month, the Bank will begin distributing a series of articles that tell the story of the life of a polymer note. From the research and development of the notes through to the communications that the Bank of Canada will use to get the word out to Canadians, these articles will explore the various stages in the life of Canada's bank notes.

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