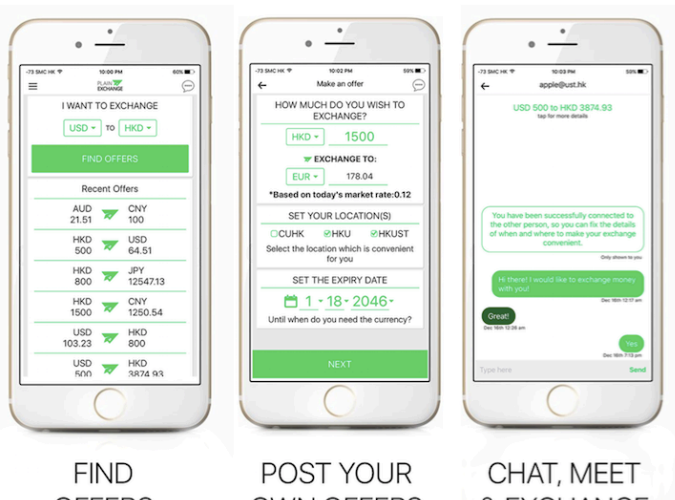
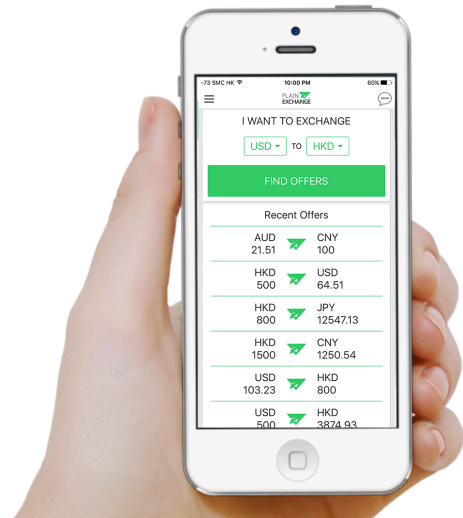


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Hong Kong Dollar (HKD)

Everything that you need to check if the currency you are getting is real.

HONG KONG DOLLAR (HKD)

Notes in circulation: \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000

Coins in circulation: \$10, \$5, \$2, \$1, 50 cents, 20 cents, 10 cents

Note: You can check the issue of the note by looking at the date under the signature of the financial authority

1. Use these links to compare the currency you have with the images of the authentic HKD notes and the placement of all the security features.

2010 ISSUE

\$1000

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/classroom/page/notescoins/security_1000_2010.htm

\$500

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/classroom/page/notescoins/security_500_2010.htm

\$100

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/classroom/page/notescoins/security_100_2010.htm

\$50

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/classroom/page/notescoins/security_50_2010.htm

\$20

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/classroom/page/notescoins/security_20_2010.htm

2003 ISSUE

\$1000

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/currency/2003_series/1000_boc.htm

\$500

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/currency/2003_series/500_hsbc.htm

\$100

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/currency/2003_series/100_hsbc.htm

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\$50

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/currency/2003_series/50_hsbcb.htm

\$20

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/currency/2003_series/20_hsbcb.htm

2007 ISSUE

\$10

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/new_note/2007/note_new.htm#

2002 ISSUE

\$10

http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/new_note/2002/note_new.htm

2. What are the security features of the authentic Hong Kong Dollar notes?

2010 issue notes

Dynamic Colour-changing Pattern

When the note is tilted, two visual effects appear: the colour of the pattern shifts between green and gold, while at the same time a shimmering horizontal bar is seen to be rolling up and down.

2003 issue notes

Fluorescent Machine Readable Barcode

When the banknote is placed under the UV light, a machine readable barcode becomes visible.

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2007 issue \$10 note:

Clear window

There is a see-through window with a numeral 10 in it.

Shadow image of the bauhinia flower in the clear window

A watermark-like image of the bauhinia flower is integrated into the clear window.

Numeral 10 shadow image

A watermark-like image of the numeral 10 is visible when viewed with the background light.

Colour shift

The colour of the ribbon on the clear window changes between pink and purple when the note is tilted or examined against the light and dark background.

See-through picture

When the note is viewed with background light, the patterns on the front and the back of the note align perfectly to show a complete picture of a horse.

Concealed denomination

The numeral 10 appears when the note is tilted.

Reflective band

A shimmering band showing the images of the bauhinia flower and "HK10" appear, when the note is tilted.

Enlarged numeral

The numeral 10 has been enlarged and made easier to feel.

2002 issue \$10 note

Intaglio printing

The number 10 is printed with a thick, embossed effect. The embossed effects are more distinct in the middle of the note.

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See-through picture

When the note is held up to the light, the patterns on the front and back fit perfectly to show a complete image of a horse.

Watermark

When the note is held up to the light, the number 10 and a bauhinia flower are visible.

Concealed denomination

The number 10 appears when the note is tilted.

Windowed thread

A 2mm-wide metallic thread is embedded in the paper.

Fluorescent fibres

Red, blue and green fibres - visible under ultraviolet light - are randomly embedded in the paper.

Reflective band

When the note is tilted under a bright light, a shimmering band showing bauhinia flowers and "HK 10" is visible.

Fluorescent denomination

The number 10 is visible under ultraviolet light.

3. Here are some general references where you can find information about all currencies, their security features and images of their design, in case you would like to find information which is not covered by this guide:

Banknote News: breaking news about international paper & polymer money - <http://www.banknotenews.com/>

Currency Guide: counterfeit money detection know-how - <http://currencyguide.eu>

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*4. What to do if you come across counterfeit currency?**

1. **Do not accept the currency.** Make sure you explore our guide before the exchange and remember the telltale signs of authentic currency.
2. If you suspect that the money is counterfeit, after the exchange, **do not use it to make purchases or pass it onto another person.** You would be perpetrating a serious crime.
3. **Note down the details** and all the information that you can recall about the person who gave you the money, the date and time of the event and the amount of currency.
4. **Report** to the local police, monetary authority or a bank (see contact details below).
5. **Forward these details with the username of the person, date, place of exchange and the amount exchanged to our community manager at sandra@plainexchange.xyz** so that we can identify the perpetrator.

Any local bank

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

- Address: 55th Floor, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central
- Telephone: (852) 2878 1111
- E-mail: info_centre@hkma.gov.hk

Any local police station

http://www.police.gov.hk/ppp_en/contact_us.html#rr

* Please be aware that it is your responsibility to make sure that the money you are offering and accepting is authentic. It is recommended that you read this guide and look at the pictures of authentic notes before the exchange happens. Plain Exchange is unable to exclude the possibility of counterfeit, however we will take every measure to support you and assist you in identification of the user, who offered fake currency, and in the reporting process.