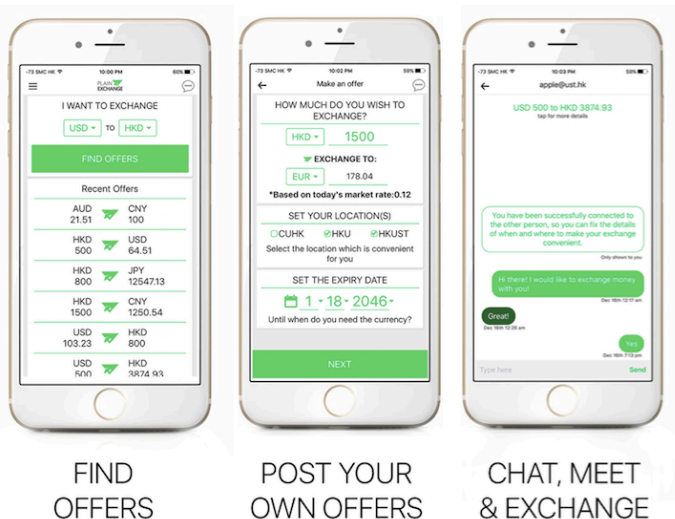
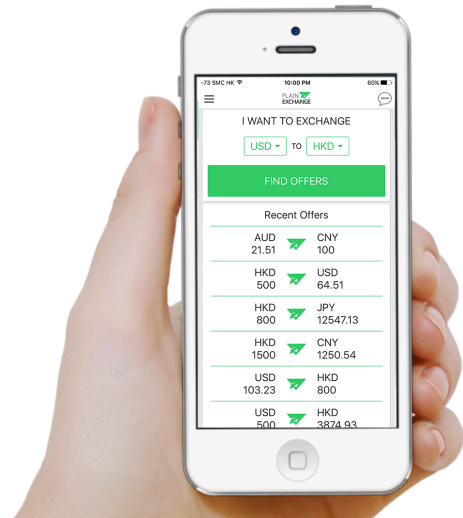


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Australian Dollar (AUD)

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

AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR (AUD)

Notes in circulation: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100

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

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

List of security features with detailed images

<http://banknotes.rba.gov.au/counterfeit-detection/list-of-security-features/>

Warning about inaccurate information

<http://banknotes.rba.gov.au/counterfeit-detection/warning-about-inaccurateinformation/>

"Identifying counterfeit currency" guide

<http://www.police.act.gov.au/~media/act/pdf/counterfeit-currency.pdf>

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

Is it plastic?

Australian banknotes are printed on plastic and have a distinct feel. A suspect banknote may feel excessively thick or thin compared to a genuine banknote. It is difficult to start a tear along the edge of a genuine banknote. You can also try scrunching the banknote in your hand – a genuine banknote should spring back.

Look for the coat of arms

If you hold the banknote to the light, you should see the Australian Coat of Arms.

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Look for the star

Diamond-shaped patterns are printed inside a circle on both sides of the banknote. If you hold the banknote up to the light, the patterns should line up perfectly to form a seven-pointed star.

Check the clear window

The clear window should be an integral part of the banknote and not an addition. Check that the white image printed on the window cannot be easily rubbed off. Also look for the embossing – there is a wave pattern in the window of the \$10 banknote, and the value of the banknote in the windows of \$20, \$50 and \$100 banknotes.

Feel the dark printing

It is produced with a special raised ink that can be felt with your finger.

Check the print quality

The background printing should be sharp. Check for irregularities such as less clearly defined patterns, thicker or thinner lines, or colour differences.

Look for the micro-printing

Under a magnifying glass you will see tiny, clearly defined words on the top left corner of the \$5 banknote and near the portraits on the other banknotes.

Look at the banknote under UV light

Most of the banknote should not fluoresce. The exceptions are the serial numbers, a patch on the \$5 banknote and a patch on the \$20, \$50 and \$100 banknotes that also shows the value (e.g. 50).

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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.

State Police

<http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/public-safety-and-law/police-and-crime-prevention/police-services-states>

Federal Police

<http://www.afp.gov.au/contact/report-a-crime>

* 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.