

\$100 Note

Issued 1914 - 1990

All U.S. currency remains legal tender, regardless of when it was issued.



1914

The first \$100 Federal Reserve note is issued. The note measures 7.375 x 3.125 inches and features a portrait of Benjamin Franklin on the front and a vignette of figures representing Labor, Plenty, America, Peace, and Commerce on the back.



1929

The size of the note is reduced to 6.14 x 2.61 inches, and the vignette on the back is changed to feature Independence Hall.



Key Features



Federal Reserve Bank Seal

A black seal to the left of the portrait bears the name of the distributing Federal Reserve Bank.



Paper

Federal Reserve note paper is one-fourth linen and three-fourths cotton, and contains red and blue security fibers.



Raised Printing

Move your finger along the note's surface to feel the raised printing, which gives genuine Federal Reserve notes their distinctive texture.



Portrait and Vignette

The \$100 note features a portrait of Benjamin Franklin on the front of the note. The vignette on the back of the note changed in 1929 to feature Independence Hall.



Treasury Seal

A seal to the right of the portrait represents the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The design of the seal was changed to incorporate an English inscription and appears on all Federal Reserve notes of the 1969 series year or later.



Serial Numbers

A combination of numbers and letters appears twice on the front of the note.

Were there any changes to the \$100 note between 1929 and 1990?

There were minor changes to some of the text and to the size and style of the seals featured on the note.