

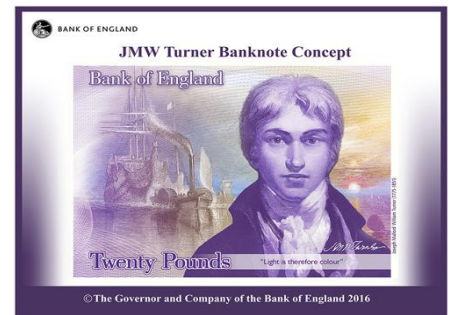
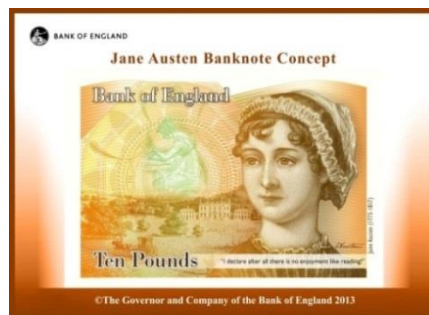


# Polymer banknotes

## Getting your business ready

The next £5, £10 and £20 banknotes will be printed on polymer, a thin and flexible plastic material.

Polymer notes are cleaner, more secure and more durable than paper notes. The new notes will be smaller than the current paper notes.



### The new £5 note

The new polymer £5 note will be issued in September 2016, and the full design and security features will be unveiled on 2 June 2016. The note will feature Sir Winston Churchill and will be 125mm x 65mm. *The current paper £5 note features Elizabeth Fry and is 135mm x 70mm.*

### The new £10 note

The new polymer £10 note will be issued in 2017. It will feature Jane Austen and will be 132mm x 69mm. *The current paper £10 note features Charles Darwin and is 142mm x 75mm.*

### The new £20 note

The new polymer £20 note will be issued by 2020. It will feature J.M.W. Turner and will be 139mm x 73mm. *The current paper £20 note features Adam Smith and is 149mm x 80mm.*

## Timeline

2016	Businesses adapt machines for the polymer £5 note Full design and security features unveiled on 2 June Businesses train staff to recognise and authenticate the new £5 notes <b>New polymer £5 note issued in September</b> <i>New polymer £5 notes issued by the three Scottish issuing banks: Bank of Scotland, Clydesdale, RBS</i>
2017	<i>New £1 coin issued by the Royal Mint in March</i> Businesses adapt machines for the polymer £10 note Withdrawal of paper £5 note from circulation before new polymer £10 note is issued <b>New polymer £10 note issued</b>
By 2020	Withdrawal of paper £10 note from circulation before <b>new polymer £20 note is issued</b>



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As with any change in banknote design, all businesses that handle cash need to plan and prepare for the introduction of the new notes. Over 30 countries currently use polymer banknotes, including Australia, Canada and Mexico.

### Checklist

- ✓ Ensure you know which cash handling machines are being operated by your business. These machines include self-service check-outs, desktop counters, ATMs, ticket machines, and any other machine that weighs, counts, sorts, accepts, dispenses or recycles banknotes.
- ✓ Contact the supplier of your machines to discuss what adaptations will be required, and when they will be available. For most machines, a software update will be needed.
- ✓ Implement adaptations to your machines before September 2016, when the new £5 will be issued.
- ✓ Plan for delivery of staff training. The full design and security features of the new £5 will be unveiled on 2 June 2016, and a range of materials to support staff training will be available.
- ✓ Keep up to date with the latest information about polymer banknotes, and other banknote news, by registering at: [www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/Pages/subscribe](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/Pages/subscribe) .

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