

# Press Release

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## MALOTI COUNTERFEIT

There has come to the attention of the Central Bank of Lesotho the M100.00 counterfeit banknote currently in circulation, through official communication from the Lesotho Mounted Police Service (LMPS) and social media snippets and clips shared in various platforms by the members of the public.

The Bank appreciates the gesture by members of the public of protecting the image and the integrity of our currency by disseminating information on the matter. The Bank reserves the exclusive right and is the only institution that carries the legal mandate of educating the public about matters relating to the national currency and its features. Upon encountering suspected counterfeit bank notes, members of the public should report the matter to the nearest police station or contact the Bank which will, in turn, address the matter in accordance with the provisions of the law as mandated by the CBL Act of 2000.

**The Bank advises members of the public on the following features of the genuine banknotes:**

### Step 1 Look

1. The watermark when held to light has the portrait of Morena Moshoeshe I, the value, and the Basotho hat
2. The see-through feature next to the Governor's signature has the value of the banknote imprinted on the Basotho hat;
3. The security thread can be seen as a continuous strip running from the top to the bottom of the banknote and appears boldly when held against the light. On the M200 denomination, the images of the Basotho hat and shield appear inside the reflective wide silver stripe .

### Step 2 Feel

4. The banknote has the characteristic of raised printing which can be felt in the writing "Central Bank of Lesotho" and the banknote value;

### Step 3 Tilt

5. The shiny hologram feature on the right of the banknote, when tilted, the crocodile and the denomination appears.
6. When the banknote is tilted and held close to the eyes, its value can be seen underneath Morena Moshoeshe I portrait.

**For further information and enquiries, please contact the Communications Office of the Bank at: 58880647.**