

# Press Release

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## PRESS RELEASE ON UPGRADED MALOTI CURRENCY

The Governor of the Central Bank of Lesotho, Emmanuel Maluke Letete (Ph.D), launched the new family of the national currency on Tuesday, 09<sup>th</sup> December 2025. This sixth series builds on previous issues of 1979, 1989, 1994, 2010, and 2021.

During this launch, CBL informed the public that the upgrade was intended to modernise the design, strengthen security features, improve durability, align the currency with current best practices in cash management, promote inclusivity, and preserve the national heritage.

Among others, the features of the upgraded 6<sup>th</sup> series Maloti currency banknotes include:

- Printing of **M50, M100, and M200** denominations on a hybrid composite substrate that combines the resilience of polyester with the familiar texture of cotton, resulting in a longer circulation lifespan.
- Although the **M10 and M20** have kept the traditional cotton substrate, they are reinforced with a sisal thread, improving their strength and durability in circulation.
- Improved security with the addition of advanced security threads. The higher denominations (**M50, M100, and M200**) feature a rolling star security thread that displays dynamic light and colour effects, shifting between the letters “CBL” and the banknote’s denomination when tilted.
- The lower denominations (**M10 and M20**) show the Anima thread, looking like a broken line but appearing continuous when viewed against the light. This provides a refined and easily identifiable security layer against counterfeiting.
- Showcasing important national symbols such as the portrait of the Kings, representing national unity, and the Mokorotlo hat, which embodies Lesotho’s rich heritage.
- Advanced security features that enhance counterfeit deterrence and maintain public trust and confidence in the national currency.
- Switching from cotton paper to a composite (Hybrid) substrate for higher denominations improves durability, lowers replacement costs, and boosts performance across different climate conditions.
- Promoting inclusivity by incorporating distinct tactile lines and raised printing, enabling visually impaired individuals to easily identify different denominations and ensuring that the Maloti remains accessible and usable by all citizens.
- The signature of the current Governor Letete following best practices.

The public is informed that the previous families of Maloti banknotes will remain legal tender and circulate alongside the new series until the Bank officially withdraws them through a legal notice. For further information, please contact: 58859630/58056384/58528783.

OUR MALOTI!!! OUR HERITAGE!!! OUR IDENTITY!!!

## HO BOPHATLALATSI: NTLAFATSO EA CHELETE EA PAMPIRI EA MALOTI

Mookameli oa Banka e Kholo ea Lesotho, Emmanuel Maluke Letete (Ph.D), o ntsitse phatlalatso ea thakholo ea lelapa la botsèlela la chelete ea Lesotho ea pampiri ka la robong Tsitoe, monongoaha. Chelete ena ke ntsêso-pele ea khatiso ea chelete ea Lesotho (Maloti) ho tloha ka selemo sa 1979, 1981, 1989, 1994, 2010, 2021, ha ena e thakholoang kajeno, e hatisitsoe ka 2024.

Banka e Kholo ea Lesotho e nkile mohato ona oa ho ntlafatsa chelete ea naha, ka sepheo sa ho hlahisa chelete e bolokehileng, e tsoarellang ebile e kenyelletsa mekhahlelo eohle ea sechaba. Chelete ena e boetse e bontsa ka ho totobala matsoao a ikhethang a naha, le ho fa sechaba sa Basotho ts’epo e sa thekeseleng katamelong le tsebelisong ea eona.

Taba ena ea ho hlahloba chelete khafetsa e boetse e matlafatsa polokeho ea eona, le ho thibela botlokotsebe ba khatiso ea eona e seng molaong (Counterfeiting). Lelapa lena la botsèlela le fapana le chelete ea pele ka matsoao a latelang:

- Ho Maloti a mashome a mahlano (**M50**), **Maloti a lekholo (M100)** le Maloti a makholo a mabeli (**M200**) ho na le phethoho pampiring e li hlahisitseng. Phethoho ke hore ho se ho kopantsoe pampiri e tsirelletsoeng ka polasitiki e sesefetseng, e le ho matlafatsa le ho lelefatsa bophelo ba eona. Taba ena hape e theola sekhahla sa tlhahiso ea chelete le ho boloka bohloeki ba tikoloho.
- Maloti a leshome (**M10**) le Maloti a mashome a mabeli (**M20**), a ntse a hlahisitsoe ka pampiri e tloaelehileng. Empa hona le matlafatso ka ho bitsoang “sisal thread” e le ho lelefatsa bophelo ba tsona le bohloeki.
- Khoele ea tsireletso e fetohile cheleteng eohle, ‘me e bonahala ka ho fapana hoa boleng ba chelete. Ho Maloti a mashome a mahlano, Maloti a lekholo le Maloti a makholo a mabeli, ho bonahala linaleli (rolling stars) tse fetolang ‘mala ha chelete e sekamisoa.
- Ho Maloti a leshome le Maloti a mashome a mabeli, ho bonahala katiba ea mokorotlo le mongolo “CBL” tseo ekang li ea hola ha chelete e sekamisoa.
- Marena a Basotho a mararo (Morena Moshoeshe I, Motlotlehi Moshoeshe II le Motlotlehi Letsie III) le katiba ea mokorotlo, li ntse li hlaha cheleteng eohle, e le mats’ao a bont’sang bochaba le bonngoe ba rona re le sechaba sa Basotho.
- Chelete e na le metsero mahlakoreng ele mats’ao a thusang batho ba nang le bokooa ba pono ho tseba boleng ba chelete le ho e hlalohanya. Taba ena e totobatsa boikemisetso ba Banka e Kholo ea Lesotho ho kenyeletsa boohle ts’ebelisong ea chelete.
- Motekeno oa ‘Musisi oa Banka e Kholo ea Lesotho le ona o fetohile. E se ele oa ‘Musisi E. M. Letete, e le ho ikamahanya le litloaelo tse ntle tsa machaba.

Sechaba se hlokomelisoa hore chelete ea Lesotho e ntseng e sebetsa ha joale, e ntse ele chelete e molaong. Kahona, chelete ena e ncha e tla potoloha le ho sebetsa ‘moho le e tsebetsona ha joale ho fihlela Banka e Kholo ea Lesotho eka ntsa phatlalatso e ncha ho ntsa chelete e joalo tsebetsona.

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MALOTI A RONA!!! BOCHABA BA RONA!!! BOITSEBO BA RONA!!!