

New Rand Banknotes and Coins (Version 6)

The **Central Bank of Lesotho** advises the public that the **South African Reserve Bank (SARB)** has developed a new family of banknotes and coins (**Version 6**). This is a common tradition among central banks to upgrade or change their currencies after a period of **five to ten (5-10) years of circulation/use**. This is a best practice that is meant to preserve the integrity of currency and to contain the inherent risks in the use of currency such as counterfeiting.

The public is also informed that SARB officially launched its new banknotes and coins on **3rd May 2023**. The money will begin to circulate both in the **Republic of South Africa (RSA) and Lesotho from 4th May 2023**. In this regard, both the old and new sets of Rand banknotes and coins shall remain legal tender in Lesotho, and shall be exchanged at face value only. The upgraded Rand banknotes themed Version 6 will cover all denominations: **R10, R20, R50, R100 and R200** together with the coins in **10c, 20c, 50c, R1, R2, and R5** denominations.

The Central Bank of Lesotho will continue to conduct awareness campaigns across the country to sensitise the public on the **security features** of these new Rand banknotes and coins.

For more information, the public should visit the nearest commercial bank branch or the Central Bank of Lesotho at **22233261 /22232429/ www.centrabank.org.ls**.

Chelete e Ncha ea Afrika Boroa

Banka a Kholo ea Lesotho (Central Bank of Lesotho) e tsebisa sechaba hore **Banka ea Risefe ea Afrika Boroa (South African Reserve Bank)** e kentse ts'ebetsong chelete e ncha, ho tloha ka la **tharo 'Mesa** selemong se holimo. Chelete ena ke ea papiri ea boleng ba **R10, R20, R50, R100, le R200**, le ea leoana ea boleng ba **10c, 20c, 50c, R2, le R5**. Ena ke ts'ebetso e tloaelehileng ea libanka tse kholo ho hlalisa chelete e ncha, e bolokehileng kamor'a lilemo tse hlano hoisa ho tse leshome. Sena se etsoa ho ts'ireletsa polokeho ea chelete le ho thibela boqhekanyetsi.

Sechaba se tsebisoa hape hore chelete ena e ncha e kene ts'ebetsong Lesotho mona ka la 'ne 'Mesa selemong se holimo. Ka hona, chelete ena e ncha e tla sebetsa 'moho le ea khale ka har'a naha. Banka e Kholo ea Lesotho e thakhotse lets'olo la ho tsebisa sechaba ka chelete ena e ncha le mats'oa a eona a polokeho letsatsing la la 'ne 'Mesa selemong se holimo. Lets'olo lena le tla anela naha eohle ea Lesotho.

Bakeng sa litlhakisetso, letsetsa Banka e Kholo ea Lesotho linomong tse latelang: **22233261/22232429** kapa u ngolle: **www.centralbank.org.ls**, kapa u etele libankeng tse ling ka har'a naha.

