

Quick ways to spot a counterfeit banknote

New Zealand's banknotes are in two types: the new Brighter Money Series 7 (top), and the older Series 6 (bottom). They have many security features. Here are three you can use to quickly check if a note's genuine.

1. The real feel

Both types of note are made of polymer, a plastic. It doesn't tear under moderate pressure. Both types also have areas of raised printing that you can feel with your finger.

2. Looks sharp

Both types of note are printed to high quality. The inks should look sharp and not washed out. In the Series 7 notes (top) the bar on the small bird will roll up and down when you tilt the note.

3. It's in the window

Look at the 'window'. The Series 7 notes (top) contain a hologram effect which you can see change if you tilt the note in the light. The series 6 notes (bottom) have two see-through windows, one with the denomination of the note embossed in it, the other with a fernleaf.

These are just three ways to check notes.

For more, go to: <https://rbnz.govt.nz/counterfeit>

