

GUIDELINES FOR THE REPRODUCTION OF BANK OF ENGLAND BANKNOTES

INTRODUCTION

Under section 18(1) of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 it is a criminal offence for any person, without the prior consent in writing of the Bank of England, to reproduce on any substance whatsoever, and whether or not on the correct scale, any Bank of England banknote or any part of a Bank of England banknote.

The Bank of England also owns the copyright in its banknotes.

PROCEDURE

Those wishing to use images of Bank of England banknotes have two options:

1. **Banknote Image Library:** Approved images are located in our banknote image library; users must adhere to our reproduction terms and conditions when handling images, failure to comply with conditions may result in legal action.
[Bank of England Banknote Image Library](#)
2. **Banknote Reproductions Application:** If using any other images of Bank of England banknotes, individuals must apply for permission before creating or reproducing images. Individuals must apply for consent by completing the form below and are not entitled to reproduce any Bank of England banknote image until written consent is received.

Postal applications can also be made by printing and completing this application form and mailing it to the correspondence address given below.

The Note Reproductions Officer will endeavour to process requests within 5 working days of receipt for all applications. The Note Reproductions Officer of the Bank of England can be contacted at: banknote.reproductions@bankofengland.co.uk or on +44 (0)20 7601 4028.

Written permission will be provided via email unless requested otherwise.

APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Consent to reproduce a Bank of England banknote is required:

- i) whether the front or the back of a banknote is reproduced;
- ii) for reproductions of all banknotes issued by the Bank of England whether current legal tender or not; and
- iii) for all possible reproductions, including modified or distorted reproductions.

The Bank of England will normally grant consent subject to fulfilment of the conditions set out below.

Until you receive written consent, you are not entitled to reproduce any Bank of England banknote or any part of a Bank of England banknote. Where consent is granted, it will normally be granted for a period of 12 months. Renewals of consents are available by contacting the Note Reproductions Officer directly.

Use of the Bank of England’s name in association with the reproductions is not permitted. The Bank of England is not liable for any consequences of granting permission to reproduce its banknotes.

The Bank of England reserves the right at any time after receiving an application to request further information in such form as the Bank of England may specify and to request artwork.

The Bank of England will use the information provided by you on the form below for the purpose of administering its policy regarding reproduction of banknotes.

The Bank of England reserves the right to amend or revoke these Guidelines at any time.

CONDITIONS

All conditions relate to the reproduction of all or part of a banknote.

Please indicate by ticking the relevant boxes which of conditions 5 (a)-(c) will be satisfied.

Reproduction Conditions		Physical Reproductions	Digital / Other Reproductions
1.	Reproductions must be one sided only.	Required	Not Required
2.	Reproductions must not be the same size as actual banknotes; they must be at least 25% smaller or at least 25% larger.	Required	Not Required
3.	Reproductions may not appear in an offensive or inappropriate context or in such a manner that the Bank, in its sole opinion, believes would undermine the integrity of the currency.	Required	Required
4.	There should be no distortion to the Queen’s image (apart from an enlargement, reduction or slant).	Required	Required
5.(a)	Reproductions must be printed on a material clearly different and distinguishable from materials used to print current series Bank of England banknotes.		Not Required
5.(b)	Reproductions showing more than 50% of the total surface area of one side must be overprinted with the word “SPECIMEN” unless on a slant of over 20°. SPECIMEN markings must be in bold grey font, at a 45° slant through the centre of the banknote, not less than 1/3 the length and 1/10 the height of the note.	At least one of conditions 5 (a)-(c) must also be met	At least one of conditions 5 (b)-(c) must also be met
5.(c)	Reproductions showing less than 50% of the total surface area of one side do not need to be slanted or overprinted with the word “SPECIMEN”.		

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I am aware of and understand my obligations to reproduce banknotes according to the conditions and the general information above. The information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

If further information or advice is required please contact the Note Reproductions Officer of the Bank of England at banknote.reproductions@bankofengland.co.uk or on +44(0)20 7601 4028.

Correspondence about the reproduction of banknotes should be addressed to:

Note Reproductions Officer
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