

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 reproduce Bank of England banknotes should, **before** taking steps to reproduce such notes, apply for consent by completing the form below and faxing it to +44 (0)20 7601 3263, which contains explanation and guidance notes. The Note Reproductions Officer will endeavour to respond within five working days of receipt. 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 post a response within 5 working days of receipt.

The conditions below must be met for any reproductions of Series E notes (the current series) and Series D (notes issued in the 1970s [and 80s] depicting Isaac Newton (£1), Duke of Wellington (£5), Florence Nightingale (£10), William Shakespeare (£20) and Sir Christopher Wren (£50)). For notes from earlier Series, the conditions may under certain circumstances be relaxed. If you wish to reproduce older Bank of England notes that were issued before 1971 but cannot meet all the conditions stated in the current guidelines, please contact the Notes Reproduction Officer to discuss the matter further. The Notes Reproduction Officer of the Bank of England can be contacted at banknote.reproductions@bankofengland.co.uk or on +44 (0)20 7601 4028.

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

For physical reproductions and reproductions on film or television, Conditions 1, 2, 3, 4 and at least one of the options in Condition 5 must be satisfied. In the case of all other reproductions, including those on the Internet or on CD-Rom, Conditions 3, 4 and 6 must be satisfied. Please indicate by ticking the relevant boxes which Conditions will be satisfied:

Condition 1. Reproductions must be one-sided only (i.e. nothing should appear on the reverse of a reproduction which might give the impression that the reproduction is a genuine banknote).

Condition 2. Reproductions must not be the same size as actual banknotes. If they are to be smaller, they must be at most two-thirds as long **and** at most two-thirds as wide. If they are to be larger, they must be at least one and a half times as long **and** at least one and a half times as wide. Reproductions of parts of banknotes must meet the same conditions.

Condition 3. Reproductions may not appear in an offensive context, for example in conjunction with imagery or text of a violent or pornographic nature.

Condition 4. There should be no distortion to the Queen's image (apart from an enlargement, reduction or slant).

At least one of the following conditions must also be met:

Condition 5.

a) the reproduction of the banknote is shown on the slant and not flat to camera. In such a case the distortion must be such that right angles are reduced to acute angles of 70° or less, or increased to obtuse angles of 110° or more.

or

b) the reproduction is printed on a material clearly different and distinguishable from paper or paper-like material.

or

c) the colours on the reproduction differ distinctly from the main colours used on any of the current series of Bank of England banknotes.

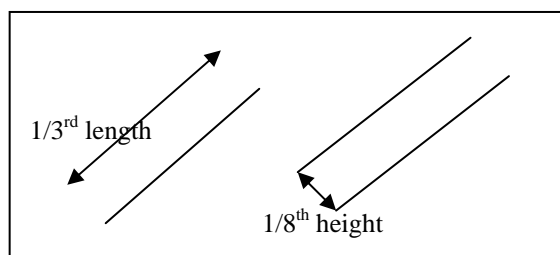
or

d) in the case of a reproduction of part of a banknote, at most 50% of the total surface area of one side of the original banknote may be reproduced.

or

e) if the reproduction is flat to camera it must be overprinted with the word "SPECIMEN" twice in accordance with Condition 6.

Condition 6. The banknotes must also include the word SPECIMEN twice in solid black capital letters. Once from the bottom left corner to the top centre and again from the bottom centre to the top right corner of the banknote (as demonstrated below). The word SPECIMEN must be not less than one third of the length of the reproduction in length and not less than one-eighth of the height of the reproduction in height. This applies whether the entire banknote is reproduced or just part.



Please complete all applicable fields.

Title:

Your Name:

Name of Organisation:

Address:

Postcode: Email: Tel: Ext: Client: Date: (dd/mm/yy) Related Ref No. (if known): Media:

Brief description of image:

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:

Bank of England,
Notes Division,
Note Reproductions Officer, Notes Accounting & Policy,
Threadneedle Street,
London, EC2R 8AH.