

#### 4. What will happen to the NGC banknotes currently in circulation?

The enhanced NGC banknotes shall co-exist with the NGC banknotes currently in circulation. These NGC banknotes shall be gradually replaced with the enhanced banknotes and be removed from circulation through natural attrition.

#### 5. How does the public determine the genuineness of enhanced NGC banknotes?

In order to ascertain the genuineness of Philippine banknotes, the BSP advises the public to carefully feel, look and tilt their banknotes to check for security features, as illustrated below:



##### FEEL

1. Security Paper
2. Embossed Prints
3. Tactile Marks

##### LOOK

4. Watermark
5. Security Fiber
6. Asymmetric Serial Number
7. See-through Mark

##### TILT

8. Security Thread
9. Concealed Numerical Value
10. Optically Variable Ink for 1000-Piso and 500-Piso
11. Optically Variable Device Patch (1000-Piso)
12. Enhanced Value Panel (1000-Piso and 500-Piso)



1000-Piso



500-Piso



200-Piso



100-Piso



50-Piso

*“Salaping kayamanan,  
hinabi ng kultura at kasaysayan.”*



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## Enhanced New Generation Currency Banknotes

### Frequently Asked Questions





## 1. What are “New Generation Currency” banknotes?

The New Generation Currency (NGC) banknotes comprise the current series of Philippine banknotes issued by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) starting in December 2010, as approved by the President of the Republic of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Monetary Board.

The NGC Banknotes Series feature the BSP logo, iconic figures, Philippine natural wonders, and native fauna, consistent with the design of the NGC Coin Series that highlights Philippine flora.

In December 2010, the BSP released the 1000-piso, 500-Piso, 200-Piso, 100-Piso, 50-Piso, and 20-Piso NGC banknotes. In December 2019, the BSP started releasing the 20-Piso NGC coins to replace the 20-Piso NGC banknotes in circulation.

## 2. Why is the BSP enhancing the design of our banknotes?

The NGC banknote series has already been in existence for nine (9) years, and enhancements in its security features are necessary. As a matter of practice, central banks regularly change the designs and security features of their money to protect currency integrity, on average every 10 years.

The Committee on Currency Design and Enhancement (CCDE) deems it imperative to improve on the design and security features of the NGC banknotes to improve visual and tactile differentiation of each denomination, and incorporate latest anti-counterfeiting technology.

## 3. What are the enhancements on the design and security features of the NGC banknotes?

### 3.1. Security Thread

For 100-, 200-, 500- and 1000-Piso, the windowed security thread (WST) which runs vertically across the note shows movements of designs and color when viewed at different angles. These threads adopt an indigenous weave design and bears the alphanumeric denominational value and "BSP" text in repeated series. For 1000-Piso the width of the thread has been increased from 4mm to 5mm while the width for other denominations has been retained to 4mm.

#### a. 1000-Piso

- Adopted T'nalak weave design with movements of design patterns, color and micro-optic features



#### b. 500-Piso

- Adopted weave design from southern Philippines with 3-D and holographic features and color shifting from gold to jade, and vice versa



#### c. 200-Piso

- Adopted an indigenous textile design handcrafted in the Visayas with 3-D and holographic features and color shifting from green to blue, and vice versa



#### d. 100-Piso

- Adopted an indigenous textile design handcrafted in the Bicol region with 3-D and holographic features and color shifting from violet to bronze, and vice versa



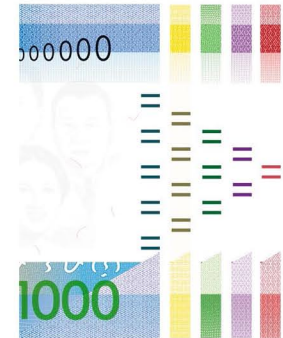
### 3.2. Optically Variable Ink (OVI)

For 1000-Piso, the embossed “1000” denominational value at the lower right corner of the face of the note changes color from green to magenta when viewed at different angles; and for 500-Piso, a mark with stylized Philippine flag design changes color from gold to green when viewed at different angles, and vice-versa.



### 3.3. Tactile Marks

To assist the elderly and visually impaired in the identification of banknote value or denomination, pairs of short horizontal bands are printed in intaglio at the extreme right and left sides of the note (5 pairs for 1000-Piso, 4 pairs for 500-Piso, 3 pairs for 200-Piso, 2 pairs for 100-Piso, and 1 pair for 50-Piso).



### 3.4. Enhanced Value Panel for 1000-Piso and 500-Piso

The value panel at the upper left corner of the 1000-Piso and 500-Piso banknotes has been enhanced by adding a rolling-bar effect when tilted from left to right, and vice versa.

