



RESERVE BANK OF MALAWI

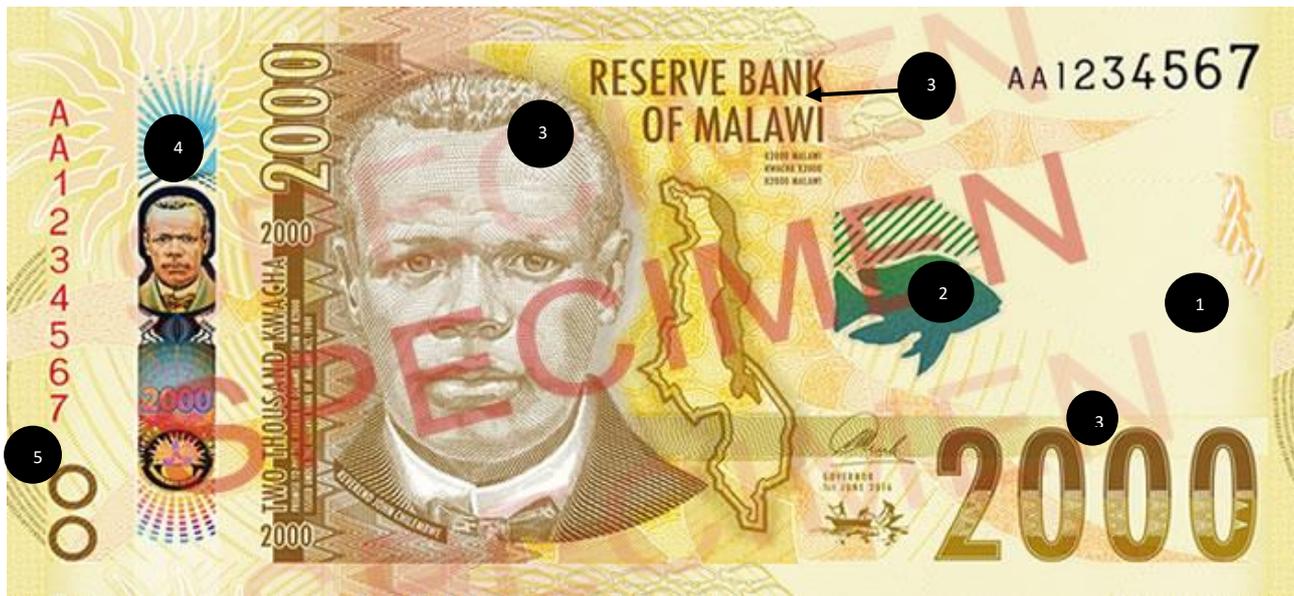
INTRODUCTION OF THE K2000 BANKNOTE (Newspaper)

The Reserve Bank of Malawi hereby informs the general public that on 19th December 2016, the Bank will introduce a K2000 banknote into circulation in accordance with Section 17 of the Reserve Bank of Malawi (Amendment) Act 2010. The denomination will become part of the existing family of banknotes comprising the K20, K50, K100, K200, K500 and K1000 and will be introduced in line with recent economic developments as well as part of the Bank's strategy towards minimising currency issuance costs, saving foreign exchange, and increasing operational efficiency. The theme depicted on the K2000 banknote is "Social Development (*Tertiary Education*)" in line with the running themes on the current Malawi Kwacha series and as such, the motif on the back of the banknote will depict the Malawi University of Science & Technology (MUST) located in Thyolo District. The front face of the banknote will bear the portrait of Reverend John Chilembwe.

The Reserve Bank of Malawi therefore urges the general public to handle all banknotes with pride and integrity as the currency represents the country's heritage, culture and beliefs. The general public is further reminded that according to Section 23 of the Reserve Bank of Malawi (Amendment) Act 2010, it is an offence to willfully deface, soil, damage or write on banknotes.

The Reserve Bank has adopted the latest security features on the K2000 banknote in order to make it easy for the public to identify genuine banknotes while making it difficult for counterfeiters. The general public is therefore cautioned that according to Section 374 (a) of the Penal Code (Chapter 701) and Section 23 of the Reserve Bank of Malawi (Amendment) 2010 Act, any person who makes, uses or knowingly has in his custody counterfeit banknotes is guilty of a felony and liable to imprisonment. The general public is further advised to always check the following security features to confirm the genuineness of the banknote to avoid being cheated:

Front



1 WATERMARK: This is an image embedded inside the banknote. When the note is viewed against direct light, the watermark appears as a portrait of Reverend John Chilembwe with the number 2000 below it. The watermark appears on both sides of the banknote

2 SPARK LIVE (FISH SHAPED): This is an image of a fish that delivers colour-changing properties and dynamic light effects. The image is located at the front of the banknote on the right hand side.

3 ROUGHNESS (INTAGLIO PRINTING): Intaglio is a special kind of printing on banknotes that gives a raised and rough feeling when touched unlike the other sections of the note which are smooth. The portrait of Reverend John Chilembwe, the denomination value of 2000, and the capital letters reading "RESERVE BANK OF MALAWI" are printed in intaglio.

Back



4 HOLOGRAPHIC FOIL STRIPE: This is a shiny vertical stripe near the left-front edge of the banknote. When the banknote is tilted, the stripe shows the portrait of Reverend John Chilembwe, denomination value of 2000, the Reserve Bank of Malawi logo, and the text "RESERVE BANK OF MALAWI"

5 RECOGNITION FEATURE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED: These are features that enable the visually impaired people to identify the banknote. The banknote has two circles located at the front bottom left corner. These give a raised and rough feeling when touched.

6 SECURITY THREAD ROLLING STAR CUBE: This is a security thread created by counter-running cubes placed vertically near the center at the back of the note. The line changes color from gold to green when the note is tilted.

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