An upgraded Rs2000 denomination banknote printed on polymer is being introduced into circulation and it is important that we know what to look for to check that our banknote is genuine.

The paper banknotes will be remaining in circulation until further notice after which they can only be exchanged at the Bank of Mauritius.

If in doubt, always compare a suspect banknote with one that we know is genuine.

**Tips to care for our polymer banknotes**

Polymer banknotes require special care. Some tips are:

- Do not use staples as these will damage the banknotes. Use paper clips instead.
- Do not expose polymer banknotes to excessive heat such as irons, heaters or driers. Exposing them to such excessive heat will cause them to crumple and render them of no value and unfit for purchasing goods and services.

**General Tips to care for our polymer and paper banknotes**

All banknotes must be looked after carefully to ensure they remain clean and can be used for a longer period. Some basic banknote handling tips are:

- Keeping banknotes flat helps them last longer. Folding and crumpling damages the banknotes and shortens their lives.
- If possible keep banknotes in wallets and purses to prevent damage and keep them clean.
- Do not write on the banknotes: it is an offence to deface a banknote.

We can help save money by looking after our banknotes, keeping them cleaner and making them last longer.

For more information see https://www.bom.mu/bank-notes-coins/polymer-notes/communique
The upgraded banknote is printed on a polymer material that feels smoother than paper. There is a pattern of raised dots to help the blind and visually impaired to authenticate the notes.

When we hold the banknote up to the light we will see that it has a clear window with the Dodo and the Bank of Mauritius building. This can be seen from the front and back of the banknote.

Beside the clear window is an area that appears as a plain printed red pattern. When held up to the light, it will be seen that the letters ‘Rs’ appear within this feature.

The Bank of Mauritius building in the clear window is printed in a gold ink that shimmers as we move the banknote around.

If we look at the banknote under UV light we will see a number of features on the front and the back.

If we look at the banknote under magnification, we will see a number of areas that appear as plain print are in fact small letters and numbers.