

Press Release

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New, upgraded banknotes to be introduced on 1 October

On 1 October 2001 two new, upgraded Swedish banknotes will be introduced, a new 100-krona note and a new 500-krona note. The banknotes have additional and improved security details, which make them more difficult to counterfeit. It will also be easier to check the authenticity of the banknotes.

The older versions of the 100-krona and 500-krona banknotes will remain legal tender.

The Riksbank will today begin an information campaign regarding the new banknotes. The information material will be available on the Riksbank's website and in banks and post offices. An information film will also be broadcast on Swedish Television's public information programme "Anslagstavlan".

Press conference

The Riksbank invites you to a press conference in connection with the coming introduction of the new banknotes today, 17 September, at 11.00 am. At the press conference, the new banknotes will be presented by employees from the Riksbank's Cashier's Division and a banknote designer from Tumba Bruk. Samples of the new banknotes will be available for viewing and for photography. The press conference will take place at the Riksbank, Brunkebergstorg 11. Press cards must be shown.

Further information on the new banknotes is available on the Riksbank's website, www.riksbank.se. There you can also find pictures of the new banknotes for downloading. The pictures are available in both low resolution (72 dpi) and high resolution (300 dpi) formats. Pictures of the *whole* banknotes can be ordered from the Riksbank, Tomas Lundberg, tel. +46-8-787 02 15. The pictures will be delivered in digital form (high resolution) via e-mail, or on paper by post, or can be fetched from the Riksbank, Brunkebergstorg 11.

A film without commentary is available for TV, containing scenes and sequences from the manufacture of the new banknotes at Tumba Bruk. The film is available in both Beta SP format and VHS format and can be ordered free of charge from the Riksbank.

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