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Scottish 20 Pound banknote

Following the introduction of the new polymer 20 pound note of the Bank of England, the Scottish note-issuing banks have each issued their version of the 20 pound banknote. Unlike English banknotes, Scottish notes are produced by three different banks: the Royal Bank of Scotland, the Bank of Scotland and Clydesdale Bank. The notes are generally accepted in the rest of the United Kingdom as well.



GBP 20 from The Royal Bank of Scotland

This note, which features the image of Ms. Cranston, is the bank's first new £20 in 23 years and the first Scottish note of its denomination to feature a woman other than the Queen on its face. Kate Cranston, from Glasgow, is a historic Scottish entrepreneur, famed for her tearooms.

Complex Window

A transparent window in a synthetic or hybrid substrate. The window can contain different types of (security) features.

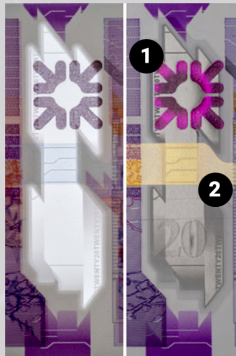
The transparent strip depicts the denomination ('20') and the RBS logo (printed using the SPARK® process), visible on both sides of the note.

1 Spark

An optically variable ink that changes colour and brightness, giving the impression of dynamic movement.

2 Iridescent ink

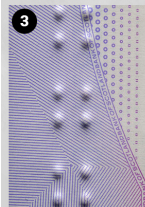
Ink containing semi-opaque pigments that become visible/invisible, depending on the angle of view and/or light.



GBP 20 from Bank of Scotland

The front of Bank of Scotland's note continues to feature the portrait of the Scottish novelist and poet, Sir Walter Scott, alongside the image of The Mound in Edinburgh. This building of the Bank of Scotland features see-through windows that are transparent, a nice and subtle security feature, which is easy to recognise when held against the light.

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3 Blind recognition

Perceptible relief (in the form of shapes or symbols) added for the benefit of the visually impaired.

4 Kinegram

An optically variable feature composed of grids that diffract light. This allows various images and effects to be generated, including colour changes (shifts) and 2D as well as 3D images. A Kinegram consists of a high-quality 2D image.



GBP 20 from Clydesdale Bank

The front of Clydesdale Bank's note continues to feature a portrait of the legendary Robert the Bruce (who became King of Scotland in 1306). The transparent window featuring a 3D holographic image is a true eye catcher (on both sides of the note). It shows a coloured portrait of Robert the Bruce and a spider in his web (moving, depending on the angle of view). The spider (building its web) is said to have inspired Robert the Bruce to carry on fighting the English.



Ultra Violet (UV) light

Ink that is invisible to the naked eye and that becomes visible when irradiated with Ultra Violet (UV) light. This can consist of text, a pattern or an image.

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