

\$100

Size: 150 x 70mm



VAVA'U HARBOUR

Front Design: Features His Majesty King Tupou VI.

Back Design: The Vava'u Islands are one of the northern groups of Islands of Tonga. They are popular with tourists for sailing, watersports, whale watching, big game fishing and diving.

\$50

Size: 150 x 70mm



ROYAL PALACE

Front Design: Features His Majesty King Tupou VI.

Back Design: The Royal Palace of the Kingdom of Tonga is located in the heart of Nuku'alofa. It is the official residence of the King of Tonga.

\$20

Size: 150 x 70mm



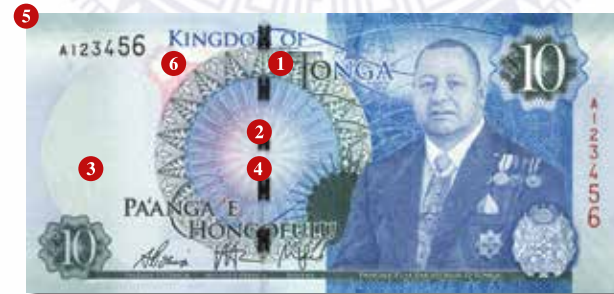
NRBT BUILDING

Front Design: Features His Majesty King Tupou VI.

Back Design: The National Reserve Bank of Tonga building appears on the back of the 20 Pa'anga. This building is located on Salote Road in Nuku'alofa. The foundation stone of the building was laid by King Taufa'āhau Tupou IV on 8th May 1993. The construction lasted around 15 months and His Majesty opened the new building on 21st April 1994.

\$10

Size: 150 x 70mm



ROYAL TOMB

Front Design: Features His Majesty King Tupou VI.

Back Design: On the back of the 10 Pa'anga there is a view of the Royal Tomb at Mala'ekula, in the centre of Nuku'alofa. Monarchs of the current dynasty are buried at Mala'ekula. It is an elaborate and modern burial monument in white stone.

\$5

Size: 150 x 70mm



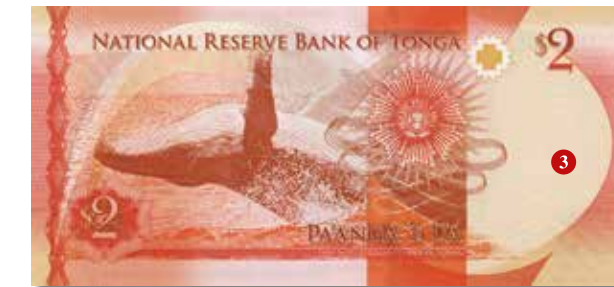
ANCIENT 'OTU LANGI

Front Design: Features His Majesty King Tupou VI.

Back Design: The Ancient 'Otu Langi are depicted on the back of the 5 Pa'anga. These are ancient royal burial tombs, normally in three or more tiered layers, are artificial hills surrounded by enormous slabs of coral rock.

\$2

Size: 150 x 70mm



WHALE WATCHING

Front Design: Features His Majesty King Tupou VI.

Back Design: The image on the back of the 2 Pa'anga illustrates a Humpback whale. Whale watching is a popular tourist activity around the Island of Tonga. The Humpback whales migrate each year from their feeding grounds in the Antarctic to the warm, sheltered waters of Vava'u to mate and calf.



KINGDOM OF TONGA'S NEW CURRENCY TO COMMEMORATE THE CORONATION

**LONG LIVE HIS MAJESTY
KING TUPOU VI**



GET TO KNOW YOUR BANKNOTES

A NEW FAMILY OF CURRENCY IS ISSUED WITH A NEW PORTRAIT OF H M KING TUPOU VI. OUR BANKNOTES ALSO FEATURE STATE OF THE ART SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES THAT MAKE OUR BANKNOTES SECURE TO HAVE AND USE - HERE ARE SOME OF THE KEY SECURITY FEATURES TO LOOK OUT FOR:

FEEL:



1 The new banknotes have the characteristic raised print on areas such as the title 'Kingdom of Tonga' and the note value.

TILT:



2 The shiny threads on the 2, 5, 10 and 20 pa'anga appear at intervals on the surface of the notes and change colour green to red when you tilt the note. The thread on the 50 and 100 pa'anga shows as a window on the front of the note but as a more solid silver on the back of the note, showing the national medal.

LOOK:



3 When you hold the note up to the light, you will see the watermark portrait of His Majesty the King together with a lighter area reading 'NRBT'.



4 Looking at the shiny threads on the 2, 5, 10 and 20 pa'anga when held up to the light, you will see that the text 'NRBT' appear in the thread. On the 50 and 100 pa'anga there is a much wider silver thread that shows as a solid line together with images of the national medal when held up to the light. There is also a clear window visible in the centre of these 2 notes.

OTHER FEATURES:

5 When held under an ultra violet (UV) light, areas of the note will glow yellow
6 There is an area of print on the front of each note that lines up perfectly with a cross on the back of the note

**IF IN DOUBT, ALWAYS COMPARE THE BANKNOTE
WITH ONE THAT YOU KNOW IS GENUINE.**

THE NEW COINS:

- Discontinue the 1 & 2 seniti and coin the 1 pa'anga.
- Smaller and lighter than the old coins.
- Made of modern coin materials.
- The 1 pa'anga coin is made of aluminium bronze and is gold in colour.
- The 5, 10, 20 and 50 seniti coins are made of nickel plated steel and are silver in colour.
- The coin designs are culturally significant and much loved by the people of Tonga.
- The image of King Tupou VI is on the obverse side of the 5, 10, 20 and 50 seniti coins.
- As a special mark of respect to the late King George Tupou V, his image is on the obverse side of the new 1 pa'anga coin.

1 PA'ANGA

Design: Coat of Arms | **Shape:** Round | **Metal:** Aluminium Bronze
Diameter: 24.00mm | **Weight:** 7.33g | **Edge:** Interrupted Mill



COAT OF ARMS

Front Design: Features the late King George Tupou V.

Back Design: Features the Coat of Arms. The three stars in the first quarter represent the three main groups of Islands in the Kingdom. The Kingdom itself is symbolized by the crown in the second quarter. The dove in the third quarter symbolizes Christianity and the swords in the last quarter symbolize the three Royal dynasties. The white star and red cross in the centre of the shield are the national symbols. The motto: KO E ÓTUA MO TONGA KO HOKU TOFIÁ can be translated as God and Tonga Are My Inheritance.

50 SENITI

Design: Milolua Ceremony | **Shape:** Round | **Metal:** Nickel Plated Steel
Diameter: 24.20mm | **Weight:** 5.47g | **Edge:** Milled



MILOLUA

Front Design: Features His Majesty King Tupou VI.

Back Design: Features the Milolua, a ceremonial kava-making dance performed for the King. The milolua is only performed by the daughter of nobility. The design for the 50 seniti coin features the milolua performed by Her Royal Highness Princess Angelika Latufuipeka Tuku'aho, daughter of His Majesty King Tupou VI.

20 SENITI

Design: Kalia | **Shape:** Round | **Metal:** Nickel Plated Steel
Diameter: 21.00mm | **Weight:** 3.64g | **Edge:** Milled



KALIA

Front Design: Features His Majesty King Tupou VI.

Back Design: Features the Kalia, a voyaging canoe unique to Tonga. The shape of its double hulls and large sail enables the Kalia to reach great speed on the open seas. Historically, the kalia was used for navigating the open seas but islanders now adapt it to transport people, food, livestock and crop materials.

10 SENITI

Design: Malau Bird | **Shape:** Round | **Metal:** Nickel Plated Steel
Diameter: 19.00mm | **Weight:** 2.79g | **Edge:** Plain



MALAU

Front Design: Features His Majesty King Tupou VI.

Back Design: Features the Malau (Megapodius Pritchardii) which is the world's smallest megapode and one of the rarest birds in the world. It is the only surviving megapode in Polynesia and is only to be found under the forest canopy on the Island of Niuafo'ou. The malau is on the international conservation lists as a critically-endangered species.

5 SENITI

Design: Heilala Flower | **Shape:** Round | **Metal:** Nickel Plated Steel
Diameter: 17.00mm | **Weight:** 2.29g | **Edge:** Plain



HEILALA

Front Design: Features His Majesty King Tupou VI.

Back Design: Features the Heilala (Garcinia sessilis) which is Tonga's national flower. It is associated with royalty and has a special status in Tongan culture. It is used to make the kahoa garland that is presented to the King, and an auspicious garland presented to a girl on her 21st birthday. Each year in July, Tongans hold the week-long Heilala Festival to celebrate the flowering of the heilala flower.

DID YOU KNOW?

Taking care of your money benefits us all. Banknotes and coins are very important for our trading. Banknotes and coins reflect the image of our country and they are part of our cultural heritage. To conserve them in good condition helps safeguard the image of Tonga. Let us work together to maintain our banknotes and coins in good quality.

THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS WILL HELP TO PROLONG THE LIVES OF BANKNOTES AND COINS AND MAINTAIN IDEAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR KEEPING THEM IN CIRCULATION:

- Keep banknotes straight to help them last longer. Folding and crumpling damages the banknotes and reduces their life
- If possible, keep banknotes in wallets and purses. Wallets and purses prevent banknotes from being damaged and also help in keeping them clean
- Do not apply cello tape or glue on banknotes. Applying cello tape or glue on banknotes damages them and also destroys the look and feel
- Do not cut, stamp, staple or pin banknotes
- Coins must be kept in circulation
- Do not hide coins at home. If you hide them away, the country will be short of coins to use
- Store banknotes and coins in cool and dry places. Water, moisture, chemical product, excessive heat and dirt will damage the banknotes and coins

DEFAACEMENT OF CURRENCY BANKNOTES -PART V, SECTION 23 OF THE NATIONAL RESERVE BANK ACT:

- No person shall, without the authority of the Bank, deface any currency by means of any writing, printing, erasing, stamp or mark.
- Any person contravening the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$200.

SANCTIONS ON COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY UNDER THE CRIMINAL OFFENSES ACT:

- Making counterfeit currency (Section 59) – No person shall make counterfeit currency [liable up to 10 years imprisonment].
- Impairing current currency (Section 60) – No person shall impair or diminish any current currency of Tonga or any foreign currency [liable up to 5 years imprisonment].
- Uttering counterfeit currency (Section 61) – No person shall utter any currency resembling or apparently intended to resemble any of the current currency or any foreign currency [liable up to 5 years imprisonment].
- Importing counterfeit currency (Section 62) – No person shall import, receive, obtain any counterfeit currency [liable up to 5 years imprisonment].

COUNTERFEITS ARE EVIDENCE THAT A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND SHOULD BE RETAINED IF POSSIBLE. PLEASE CONTACT THE NEAREST POLICE STATION AND THE CURRENCY DEPARTMENT OF THE RESERVE BANK AND REPORT AS SOON AS PRACTICAL.

PLEASE REFER TO THE RESERVE BANK WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO IDENTIFY GENUINE PA'ANGA BANKNOTES.

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