

1. What is the core mandate of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in currency management?

The CBN Act of 2007 (as amended) vests in the Bank the responsibility to issue and manage the country's legal tender currency – Naira, Kobo, eNaira.

2. What is the rationale for the Bank's recent decision to redesign Naira notes?

Data have shown a large volume of banknote hoarding by the public, which has led to a shortage of clean and fit banknotes. Increase in the rate of counterfeiting in the country and the long span of re-designation of naira notes, which according to best practice, should be undertaken every 5 to 8 years.

3. How many denominations are to be redesigned?

Only three of the current eight denominations will be redesigned, namely the ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1,000 banknotes. All other banknotes – ₦5, ₦10, ₦20, ₦50, and ₦100 – are not being redesigned now.

4. When will the redesigned Naira banknotes be launched?

President Muhammadu Buhari launched the new Naira banknotes on November 23, 2022.

5. After the launch of the new naira banknotes, will I be able to use the old notes?

The current ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1,000 banknotes will circulate side by side with the redesigned ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1,000 banknotes till January 31, 2023, when the current notes shall be withdrawn from circulation and cease to be legal tender. The current banknotes remain legal tender till January 31, 2023, and should not be rejected as a means of exchange for purchasing goods and services.

6. How do I dispose of the ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1,000 banknotes currently in my possession?

Visit your commercial bank to deposit the old notes. Citizens without bank accounts are encouraged to visit banks of their choice to open accounts. You can also approach the nearest CBN-authorized agent to make your deposit if you reside in a rural area.

7. Is there a limit to how much money an individual can deposit during this period?

There is no limit to deposits of ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1,000 banknotes an individual or corporate body can make during the transition period that expires on January 31, 2023.

8. Do the current bank charges apply for depositing the currency banknotes?

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has suspended charges on bank deposits from now till January 31, 2023, to enable customers to make their deposits.

9. Are there plans by the CBN to introduce new ₦2,000 and ₦5,000 banknotes?

There are currently no plans by the CBN to introduce ₦2,000 and ₦5,000 banknotes.

10. How can I make deposits when I work all through the week?

All Branches of the Central Bank of Nigeria and select branches of All the commercial banks will work from Monday to Saturday during the transition period to enable citizens to deposit the ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1,000 banknotes in their possession.

11. Does the CBN plan to remove any inscription on the current ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1,000 banknotes?

No. There are no plans by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to remove or introduce new inscriptions on the Naira.

12. Am I expected to get a cash exchange for all my deposits?

There is no outright exchange of new banknotes for old ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1,000 banknotes. However, customers are encouraged to explore other payment channels such as eNaira, POS, electronic transfer, USSD, internet banking, and mobile money operators and agents, for their economic activities.

13. What alternative channels would be made available to make payments?

Citizens can make payments through eNaira, Point-Of-Sale, mobile Payment Service Banks (Hope PSB, 9PSB, MTN's Momo PSB, and Airtel's SmartCash), mobile apps, Internet banking, USSD, or other cashless channels.

14. What are the benefits of the currency redesign?

Introducing the new series will help check counterfeiting. The redesign is also expected to strengthen the economy, reduce the expenditure on cash management, promote financial inclusion, and enhance the CBN's visibility of the money supply.

15. Is the Naira redesign targeted at any group of Nigerians?

The decision of the Central Bank of Nigeria to redesign three denominations of the Naira is not targeted at any group or persons.

16. Why has the CBN chosen this time to redesign the currency?

The global standard period for redesigning a country's currency is five to eight years, which means that the Naira is long overdue for redesigning. Also, having a considerable amount of money currently outside the banks back into the financial system may help ease inflationary pressures, deepen financial inclusion and enhance cashless policy.

17. Will the exercise be extended after January 31, 2023, deadline?

There will be no extension, so citizens are advised to ensure they deposit all the N200, N500, and N1,000 banknotes in their possession before the deadline of January 31, 2023.



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