

Banknotes that will become worthless

after 31 May 2026

All banknotes issued in 1944, 1952, 1072 and 1997 will become worthless after 31 May 2026. The same is true of the 1000-krone banknotes from the 2009 series.



1944

The substitution series



1952

Portraits and landscapes



1972

Portraits and animals



1997

Portraits and church art



2009

Bridges and archaeological finds

1944 The substitution

5 kroner

This banknote cannot be deposited into bank accounts. It has not been legal tender since 1954.



10 kroner

Original version from 1944. This banknote cannot be deposited into bank accounts. It has not been legal tender since 1954.



Upgraded version from 1947. This banknote cannot be deposited into bank accounts. It has not been legal tender since 1954.



50 kroner

Issued in two versions. Light purple and dark purple.



100 kroner

Issued in two versions. Light green and dark green.



500 kroner



The series was secretly developed in 1943 and 1944. It was used for the money changeover in 1945 immediately after the end of World War II. The faces of most of the banknotes were designed by the painter and illustrator Gerhard Heilmann.

Denominations

5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 kroner

Details

5 kroner

*Issued: 1945
Format: 130 x 72 mm*

Motifs:
Interwoven figures of five | Rosettes with the small coat of arms in the middle.

10 kroner

*Issued: 1945-1947
Format: 131 x 80 mm | 130 x 80 mm*

Motifs (upgraded version):
Seaweed decoration | Rosettes with the small coat of arms in the middle.

50 kroner

*Issued: 1945
Format: 156 x 103 mm*

Motifs:
Boat with fishermen | Rosettes with the small coat of arms in the middle.

100 kroner

*Issued: 1945
Format: 156 x 103 mm*

Motifs:
Seaweed decoration surrounded by dolphins | Rosettes with the small coat of arms in the middle.

500 kroner

*Issued: 1945
Format: 174 x 108 mm*

Motifs:
Farmer behind horse-drawn plough | Rosettes with the small coat of arms in the middle.

1952 Portraits and Landscapes

Worthless after 31 May 2026

5 kroner



10 kroner

Original version from 1952.
This banknote cannot be deposited into bank accounts.
It has not been legal tender since 1954.



Upgraded version from 1954.



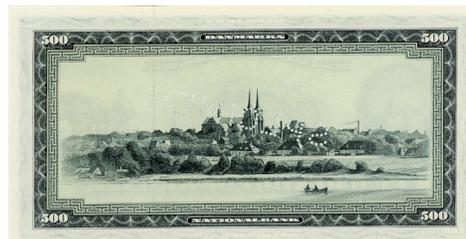
50 kroner



100 kroner



500 kroner



The designs on the banknotes resulted from a collaboration between the architect and graphic artist Gunnar Biilmann Petersen, Danmarks Nationalbank's illustrator Gunnar Andersen and the illustrator and architect Ib Andersen. The banknotes depict portraits of famous Danes on the obverse and landscapes on the reverse.

Denominations

5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 kroner

Details

5 kroner

Issued: 1952
Format: 125 x 65 mm

Motifs:
The sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen and his marble sculpture The Three Graces | Church of Our Lady, Kalundborg.

10 kroner

Issued: 1952/1954
Format: 125 x 65 mm | 125 x 71 mm

Motifs:
Hans Christian Andersen and a stork's nest from Asminderød | Egeskov Windmill.

50 kroner

Issued: 1957
Format: 153 x 78 mm

Motifs:
Ole Rømer and the Round Tower in Copenhagen | Stenvad long barrow on Djursland.

100 kroner

Issued: 1962
Format: 155 x 84 mm

Motifs:
The scientist H.C. Ørsted and a compass with an electrical wire | Kronborg.

500 kroner

Issued: 1964
Format: 175 x 90 mm

Motifs:
The agricultural reformer Christian Ditlev Frederik Reventlow and a farmer with a horse and plough | Roskilde Cathedral.

1972 Portraits and animals

10 kroner



20 kroner



50 kroner



100 kroner

Issued in two versions.



Upgraded version 1995



500 kroner



1000 kroner



The obverse of the banknotes features portraits that were engraved on the basis of paintings by the Danish artist Jens Juel. The animals on the reverse were based on watercolours and drawings by the illustrator and architect Ib Andersen and Danmarks Nationalbank's illustrator Gunnar Andersen.

Denominations

10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000 kroner

Details

10 kroner

Issued: 1975

Format: 125 x 67 mm

Motifs:

Cathrine Sophie Kirchhoff | Queen eider.

20 kroner

Issued: 1980

Format: 125 x 72 mm

Motifs:

Pauline Tutein | Sparrows.

50 kroner

Issued: 1975

Format: 139 x 72 mm

Motifs:

Engelke Charlotte Ryberg | Crucian carp.

100 kroner

Issued: 1974/1995

Format: 150 x 78 mm

Motifs:

Self-portrait of Jens Juel | 'Red underwing' moth.

500 kroner

Issued: 1974

Format: 164 x 85 mm

Motifs:

Unknown woman, probably Franziska Genoveva von Qualen | Lizard.

1000 kroner

Issued: 1975

Format: 176 x 94 mm

Motifs:

Thomasine Heiberg | Squirrel.

1997 Portraits and church art

50 kroner

Issued in two versions.



100 kroner

Issued in two versions.



200 kroner

Issued in two versions.



500 kroner

Issued in two versions.



1000 kroner

Issued in two versions.



The banknotes were designed by Danmarks Nationalbank's illustrator Johan Alkjær. The obverse features portraits of Danish artists and scientists, while the reverse is adorned with cultural motifs and church art.

Denominations

50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 kroner

Details

50 kroner

Issued: 1999/2005
Format: 125 x 72 mm

Motifs:

The writer Karen Blixen | Centaur from Landet Church on the island of Tåsinge.

100 kroner

Issued: 1999/2002
Format: 135 x 72 mm

Motifs:

The composer Carl Nielsen | Basilisk from Tømmerby Church in Vester.

200 kroner

Issued: 1997/2003
Format: 145 x 72 mm

Motifs:

The actress Johanne Luise Heiberg | Lion from the apse at Viborg Cathedral.

500 kroner

Issued: 1997/2003
Format: 155 x 72 mm

Motifs:

The nuclear scientist Niels Bohr | Knight in armour and dragon from the font in Lihme Church.

1000 kroner

Issued: 1997/2003
Format: 165 x 72 mm

Motifs:

The artists Anna and Michael Ancher | Tournament scene from Bislev Church.

2009 Bridges and archaeological

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1000 kroner

Obverse



Reverse



The motifs on all banknotes in the series were designed by Karin Birgitte Lund. The theme is Danish bridges and archaeological finds.

The 1000-krone banknote features the Great Belt Bridge and the Sun Chariot from Trundholm Bog.

The 1000-krone banknote is the only banknote in the series that will be withdrawn from circulation after 31 May 2025.

Denomination

1000 kroner

Details

1000 kroner

Issued: 2011

Format: 165 x 72 mm

Motifs:

The Great Belt Bridge | The Sun Chariot from Trundholm Bog.