

# FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS

DALLAS, TEXAS 75222

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November 15, 1979

## NEW DESIGN OF DOMESTIC AND MILITARY MONEY ORDERS

### TO ALL BANKS IN THE ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT:

The United States Postal Service has asked this Bank to inform all banks in the Eleventh District of a change that is being made in the design of both domestic and military money orders. The changes, which are described below, are being made for security and processing reasons.

Although some of the new style military Postal Money Orders are already in circulation, the new style domestic money orders will not be issued initially until November or December of this year. The current style of Postal Money Orders will continue to be issued until existing supplies are exhausted; consequently, through at least a part of 1980, your bank can expect to receive both the current version and the new style of Postal Money Orders.

The United States Postal Service has indicated that the new style Postal Money Orders differ from the current version in the following ways:

#### Front

1. The eagle is in outline to improve the legibility of address information when photocopies are made. There is a registered trademark symbol on the right of the claw.
2. By encouraging the customer to provide complete information in the address area, identification of the person cashing the money order will be more positive and greater difficulties will be presented to persons contemplating an improper payment.
3. In the limitation plate area the word "dollars" has been modified so that after imprinting it will be partially covered with the limitation plate value. This has been done to hinder changing the amounts of money orders. The words "maximum value" have been printed beneath "dollars."

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Banks and others are encouraged to use the following incoming WATS numbers in contacting this Bank: 1-800-442-7140 (intrastate) and 1-800-527-9200 (interstate). For calls placed locally, please use 651 plus the extension referred to above.

4. The color brown, used for printing "money order" on the left and "USA" on the right, has been substituted with black to reduce costs. Also, a yellow tint, printed over the background design, has been eliminated so that a person changing the amounts of money orders has to restore the background design rather than the yellow tint.
5. The Postal Service banking code number on the bottom left corner has been changed to 000 000 204.

Back

1. The instructions have been simplified and placed at the serial number end in order to conform with Treasury and banking requirements.
2. The thick yellow line has been eliminated. Testing has shown that an overlap of the endorsement signature into the read band area is not a problem.
3. The paragraph "To the Cashier" has been changed so that future increases in the maximum value of any order will not present cashing problems.

A sample of the new style domestic money order is enclosed for your review. If you have any questions regarding this matter, it is suggested that you contact postal officials in your local community.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Boykin

First Vice President

Enclosure

# CUSTOMER'S RECEIPT

DO NOT SEND THIS RECEIPT FOR PAYMENT  
KEEP IT FOR YOUR RECORDS

0003993688

SERIAL NUMBER

YEAR MONTH DAY

POST OFFICE

DOLLARS AND CENTS

PAY TO

AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL  
MONEY ORDER

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

FROM

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

COD NO.  
OR USED  
FOR

**CUSTOMER  
RECEIPT**

**Not  
Negotiable**



**NOT NEGOTIABLE FOR USE AS SAMPLE CUSTOMER RECEIPT**  
**OR FOR TRAINING PURPOSES ONLY**

This receipt is your guarantee of 100% refund if your money order is lost or stolen, provided you fill in the *Pay To* and *From* information on the money order in the space provided. No claim for improper payment permitted 2 years after issue.

If your money order is lost or stolen, present this receipt and file a claim for a refund at your Post Office. Please allow 60 days for the issue of a replacement money order. Money orders are invalid after 20 years.

USPS M.O. VOUCHER

00039936881

*Do not mark or write in the area between the lines*

IS THE DATE ON THE IMPRINTER CORRECTLY SET? —

**NOT NEGOTIABLE FOR USE AS SAMPLE**

TREAT SPOILED ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

ON DATE OF ISSUE

DESTROY CUSTOMER'S RECEIPT AND VOUCHER.

**MONEY ORDER** - Put "Spoiled" in *Pay To* or *From* sections. When the office number or date are not clear, write them beneath the read band. Do not mix with vouchers on hand. Do not attach anything

**OR FOR TRAINING PURPOSES ONLY**

include with other postal funds deposited.

RECOVER AND DESTROY CUSTOMER'S RECEIPT.

NOT NEGOTIABLE

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL MONEY ORDER

15-20  
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00039936881

SERIAL NUMBER

YEAR MONTH DAY

POST OFFICE

DOLLARS AND CENTS

NOT VALID IF OVER

MONEY ORDER

**NOT NEGOTIABLE FOR USE AS SAMPLE**

PAY TO

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

FROM

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

**OR FOR TRAINING PURPOSES ONLY**

*Dollars*  
MAXIMUM VALUE

USA

VOID WITHOUT USPS SEAL

COD NO.  
OR USED  
FOR

⑆000000 204⑆

00039936881⑈



OWNERSHIP OF THIS MONEY ORDER MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO ONE OTHER PARTY ONLY. TO DO THIS, DESIGNATE THE PARTY IN THE *PAY TO* SPACE AND ENDORSE. BANK STAMPS ARE NOT REGARDED AS ENDORSEMENTS.

*PAY TO*

*ENDORSEMENT SIGNATURE*

*TO THE CASHIER:* REQUIRE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. DO NOT CASH IF THIS MONEY ORDER APPEARS TO BE ALTERED.

THIS MONEY ORDER IS INVALID AFTER 20 YEARS.