

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK**

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CHANGES IN U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

*To All Depository Institutions in the Second
Federal Reserve District, and Others Concerned:*

We have been informed by the United States Postal Service that it is phasing in a new check-size money order. The check-size money order is being adopted to reduce the cost of producing and processing money order forms. The old and new forms are the same length and conform to American National Standard Institute check standards. The new form, however, has a routing number of 0000-0800-2, is only 2¾ inches wide, and has major graphic changes. Printed on the following pages is an excerpt from the Postal Bulletin Notice describing the changes and illustrating the old and new money order.

The old form of money orders continues to be valid and will be used until present supplies are depleted.

Questions on this matter may be directed to the following persons:

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MONEY ORDERS

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III. Graphic Changes (i.e., reference, illustrations)

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B. Money Order. The important revisions on the check-size form are:

1. Front. (see illustrations)

- a. Two USPS seals in yellow form the background in the area where the dollars and cents value of the money order will be imprinted. This will make any efforts to raise money order amounts more obvious.
- b. The Pay To and From sections are arranged side-by-side and separated by the USPS seal because of space limitations.
- c. The Not Valid If Over Five Hundred Dollars Maximum Value is deleted from the front and stated with emphasis on the back.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL MONEY ORDER

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| SERIAL NUMBER | | YEAR MONTH DAY | | POST OFFICE | | DOLLARS AND CENTS | |
| PAY TO | | NOT NEGOTIABLE FOR USE AS SAMPLE | | STREET | | STREET | |
| STREET | | CITY STATE ZIP | | CITY STATE ZIP | | CITY STATE ZIP | |
| OR FOR TRAINING PURPOSES ONLY | | | | MONEY ORDER | | | |

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MONEY ORDER—CHECK SIZE (FRONT)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL MONEY ORDER

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| MONEY ORDER | SERIAL NUMBER | | YEAR MONTH DAY | | POST OFFICE | | DOLLARS AND CENTS | |
| | PAY TO | | NOT NEGOTIABLE FOR USE AS SAMPLE | | CITY STATE ZIP | | NOT VALID IF OVER | |
| | FROM | | Dollars | | CITY STATE ZIP | | MAXIMUM VALUE | |
| | STREET | | OR FOR TRAINING PURPOSES ONLY | | CITY STATE ZIP | | USA | |
| | VOID WITHOUT USPS SEAL | | COD NO OR USED FOR | | CITY STATE ZIP | | USA | |

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MONEY ORDER—PRESENT SIZE (FRONT)

2. Back.

- a. The yellow background design has been eliminated to facilitate fingerprint identification.
- b. The new ink color used for printing the statements on the back fades when the back of the money order is microfilmed, making bank endorsement stamps more legible.
- c. *Maximum Value Five Hundred Dollars* is printed on the back of the check-size form.
- d. The paragraph *Ownership . . . etc.* is relocated beneath the *Warning—Cashier* paragraph. This leaves the endorsement signature in the same area.
- e. Part of the *Warning—Cashier* paragraph is underlined for emphasis. Holding the money order to the light to examine the dollar amount area is very effective in detecting erasures on a money order.

**MAXIMUM VALUE
FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS**

PAY TO

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.

ENDORSEMENT SIGNATURE

PAY TO

"WARNING - CASHIER: Require positive identification. Hold money order to light and examine dollar amount area to assure it is not lighter than rest of form. Do not cash money order if there are signs of erasure or other alterations."

ENDORSEMENT SIGNATURE

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.

"WARNING - CASHIER: Require positive identification. Hold money order to light and examine dollar amount area to assure it is not lighter than rest of form. Do not cash money order if there are signs of erasure or other alterations."

Foreign banks and post offices may not be reimbursed by the United States unless their country has an agreement to transact domestic-international money order business with the United States. An international money order service is available.

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**MONEY ORDER—
CHECK SIZE
(BACK)**

**MONEY ORDER—
PRESENT SIZE
(BACK)**