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100-franc note enters circulation today SNB banknote app with information on all new denominations

Issuance of the new 100-franc note presented a week ago begins today, 12 September. The complete version of the Swiss National Bank's 'Swiss Banknotes' app is now also available. It has been updated to include the 100-franc note and features information on all six new denominations.

The app, which has been downloaded some 123,000 times, can be obtained free of charge from the Apple (apps.apple.com) and Google Play (play.google.com) app stores. Anyone who has already downloaded the software can update it via the relevant app store. The app explains in an engaging way key information on the security features and interesting details about the design.

The augmented reality app operates with the camera of a smartphone or tablet. When the device's camera is positioned over a new banknote, the app displays the note's various security features and design elements. It is also possible to view details of the individual features in close-up, or watch a short video clip. The app works in conjunction with printed or electronic banknote images as well. Although the app helps users to explore the new banknotes, it cannot be used to test if a note is genuine.

The app can be run on either the iOS (Apple) or Android (Google) operating system and is available in both smartphone and tablet versions (Apple: iPhone 4S or newer and for iPad; Google: for high-performance devices running Android 4.1 or later). It is available in English, French, German and Italian.

The SNB launched the first denomination in the new banknote series on 6 April 2016. The 100-franc note entering circulation today is the sixth denomination in the new series and brings the issuance of the ninth banknote series to a close. All notes from the eighth banknote series remain legal tender until further notice.

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Further information on Swiss banknotes can be found on the SNB's website, under *Banknotes and coins* (www.snb.ch). A short video introduces the app and its features (www.youtube.com).