



# BANCO DE GUATEMALA

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## PRESS RELEASE

### THE BANCO DE GUATEMALA PRESENTS THE Q5.00 BILL PRINTED ON POLYMER SUBSTRATE

The Q5.00 bill printed on polymer substrate keeps its basic design of bills issued, currently in circulation, with the image of General Justo Rufino Barrios on the front, and the allegorical painting on the back of free, lay and mandatory elementary school; and, incorporates other technological innovations and security measures for this type of substrate. It has two windows: one that is transparent in the shape of an open book combined with the image of General Justo Rufino Barrios, and another with the shape of a Mayan mask that changes color; in addition to other security measures, like coinciding images, microtexts and evanescent numbers.

The polymer substrate is a synthetic material that is longer-lasting and due to this avoids liquid absorption and dirt adherence, which translates to a longer useful-life and saves printing and processing costs.

This is a new initiative in the *Banco de Guatemala* to incorporate technological innovations that allow keeping and improving the reliability, convenience and durability of bills and coins that circulate in our country.

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