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NACB Services

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The NACB provides the following forensic analysis services:

- Bank notes and negotiable instruments (Canadian, American and foreign bank notes circulated in Canada, as well as negotiable instruments, such as cheques and money orders)
- Travel and identity documents (Canadian and foreign)
- Payment cards (credit, debit and pre-paid)
- Canadian 1\$ and 2\$ circulation coins

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The NACB no longer provides handwriting examinations. You may wish to consult with a private document examiner to obtain this type of examination.

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No, the NACB does not provide forensic analysis for questioned commercial merchandise. This category includes, but is not limited to, items such as sports paraphernalia, commemorative souvenirs and brand-name merchandise. If you require this type of analysis, you may wish to consult the genuine manufacturer or the intellectual property owner of the merchandise in question.

Additionally, you may consider reaching out to the Canadian Anti-Counterfeiting Network (<https://cacn.ca/>), noting that this is a private organization.

Does the NACB examine counterfeit gold or other precious metal coins?

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No, the NACB does not provide forensic analysis for precious metal coins of Canadian or foreign issue.

For Canadian collector or precious metal coins, you may wish to consult the Royal Canadian Mint (<https://www.mint.ca/en>) to obtain this type of analysis. Alternatively, you may wish to consult the RCMP's Forensic Assessment Centre (FAC-CEJ@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) to obtain qualitative analysis of the metal coins.

For foreign collector or precious metal coins, you may wish to consult the RCMP's Forensic Assessment Centre (FAC-CEJ@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) to obtain qualitative analysis of the metal coins.

Can counterfeit payment cards and identity documents be submitted to the NACB for analysis?

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Yes, the NACB provides forensic analysis for payment cards, travel and identity documents, in addition to bank notes, negotiable instruments and Canadian \$1 and \$2 circulation coins.

Can I submit American (US) counterfeit notes to the NACB for forensic analysis or should I send them to the United States Secret Service (USSS)?

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US counterfeit notes must be submitted to the NACB if they were seized or passed in Canada. All counterfeit notes recovered from circulation in Canada must be submitted to the NACB.

How do I subscribe to the NACB Bulletins and Advisories mailing list?

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Bulletins and Advisories are only available to Canadian law enforcement agencies. They are the property of the NACB and are not to be shared without express consent.

To subscribe, send your request to nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

How do I request a counterfeit currency kit for training purposes?

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Training kits are available to police agencies across Canada. There is a limit of one kit per agency. Requests for training kits can be sent to nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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NACB services are only available to Canadian law enforcement agencies and other organizations that are part of an approved list.

How do I submit evidence to the National Anti-Counterfeiting Bureau?

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The procedure for submitting evidence to the NACB is available at <https://nflssnlj.wixsite.com/info/national-anti-counterfeiting-bureau>.

You can also request it by sending an email to nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

What form should I use to submit a service request to the NACB?

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When evidence is required in court, complete a “Request for Forensic Laboratory Analysis” form (RCMP GRC C-414). If no criminal charges are being considered and / or no suspects identified at the time of submission, complete a “Request for Analysis of Non-Court File Submissions” form (RCMP GRC 3774).

You can access the forms at <https://nflssnlj.wixsite.com/info/forms> or request it by sending an email to nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Does the RCMP’s Forensic Assessment Centre (FAC) need to approve my service request prior to submitting exhibits to the NACB?

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No. Unlike other disciplines, the FAC does not need to approve your service request prior to sending it to the NACB. Canadian law enforcement agencies can send their submissions directly to the NACB.

Can I send a sampling of exhibits to the NACB?

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The NACB cannot provide results of analysis for exhibits it has not examined. Additionally, any exhibits that are not submitted cannot be included in the counterfeiting statistics or trending information gathered by the NACB.

As such, all exhibits must be submitted to the NACB for examination. **All seized currency** linked to counterfeiting activities must be reported to the NACB. The collection of information allows the NACB to provide Canadian law enforcement and partner agencies with complete and up-to-date national statistics. Additionally, submitting all exhibits in a timely fashion ensures that the NACB is aware of any changing trends and technological threats in counterfeiting in Canada as soon as possible.

Also, the collection of information allows the NACB to contribute to INTERPOL’s General Secretariat “Annual Counterfeit Currency Report” and provide information on counterfeiting operations in Canada.

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If I only have one counterfeit bill and do not require a forensic report, do I still need to send it to the NACB?

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Yes. Even single counterfeit note occurrences contribute to the Canadian statistics. Additionally, the NACB is the central repository for **all counterfeit notes** recovered from circulation in Canada. This allows the NACB to monitor and assess emerging counterfeiting trends and technological threats with respect to Canadian and foreign currencies within Canada.

A report will still be issued to provide authentication of the questioned bank notes. The type of the report issued depends on whether the exhibits are required for court purposes or for non-court purposes (when no criminal charges are being considered and / or no suspects identified at the time of submission).

How should I submit several counterfeit notes if they are from two separate files?

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Separate occurrences or files have to be sent separately to NACB using different request forms: “Request for Analysis of Non-Court File Submissions” form (RCMP GRC 3774) for non-court files and “Request for Forensic Laboratory Analysis” form (RCMP GRC C-414) for court files.

You can access the forms at <https://nflssnlj.wixsite.com/info/forms> or request it by sending an email to nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Can I send the counterfeit notes to the NACB by regular mail?

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All counterfeit notes should be submitted by courier, registered mail or priority post.

Can I use the same form to submit counterfeit notes linked to an investigation and counterfeit notes with no suspect?

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No.

If evidence is required in court: use the “Request for Forensic Laboratory Analysis” form RCMP GRC C-414.

If there are no criminal charges being considered: use the “Request for Analysis of Non-Court File Submissions” form RCMP GRC 3774.

You can access the forms at <https://nflssnlj.wixsite.com/info/forms> or request it by sending an email to nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Can I write “COUNTERFEIT” on the notes?

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No. Evidence integrity must be maintained at all times. Exhibits should not be scanned or photocopied, written on, or modified in any way.

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Can I submit old counterfeit bank notes collected more than one year ago?

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There is no time limit to submit counterfeit bank notes to the NACB. The sooner they are submitted the better it will assist with trend analysis.

Can uncut sheets of counterfeit notes be submitted for analysis?

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Yes. The NACB is the central repository for counterfeit money recovered from circulation in Canada. As such, all suspect counterfeit bank notes (cut or uncut) must be submitted to the NACB.

Can equipment, plastic templates and finishing material be submitted for analysis?

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All seized equipment linked to counterfeit activities must be reported to the NACB. Complete the “Clandestine Operations Seized Currency and Equipment Report” form (RCMP GRC 6643) and submit it to the NACB by email (nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca). We will contact you as soon as possible with directions on how to proceed. We will review your form, and contact you regarding any follow-up questions or guidance, as applicable.

You can access the form at <https://nflssnlj.wixsite.com/info/national-anti-counterfeiting-bureau> or request it by sending an email to nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Can I send my counterfeit exhibits to the NACB if they may have been in contact with toxic substances (e.g., fentanyl, fentanyl analogs, W-18 or other toxic substances)?

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No. Toxic substances could pose a serious threat and must be dealt with accordingly. Your exhibits must be decontaminated prior to submission to the NACB. Subject matter experts (SMEs) should be consulted for guidance such as the Division Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement and Response Team (CLEAR) team leader / designate or local drug section members.

Are Novelty notes marked with distinctive inscriptions and / or graphic elements considered counterfeit and should they be submitted to the NACB?

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Yes, **Novelty notes** that are passed and / or seized are considered counterfeits and must be sent in a timely fashion to the RCMP’s NACB for forensic evaluation. This applies to all instances, whether or not charges are being considered, including no-case seizures.

Novelty notes are reproductions of bank notes **produced to resemble genuine currency**, which incorporate distinctive inscriptions and / or graphic elements on the front and / or back that differ from their genuine counterparts. These **counterfeit bank notes** are typically printed on paper or polymer substrates using digital or offset printing methods, and may closely mimic genuine notes in colour, design and overall appearance. Novelty notes have been observed across various currencies, denominations, and years of issue.

For additional information, contact the NACB at nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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Which charges under the *Criminal Code* of Canada and other Canadian laws can be used for investigations dealing with Novelty Notes and counterfeit coins?

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Since Novelty notes are considered counterfeits, both **Novelty notes and counterfeit coins** can be investigated under Part XII of the *Criminal Code* of Canada, and the following sections in particular:

- S. 449: Making (counterfeit money)
- S. 450: Possession, etc., of counterfeit money
- S. 452: Uttering, etc., counterfeit money
- S. 457: Likeness of bank-notes
- S. 458: Making, having or dealing in instruments for counterfeiting

For Canadian Border Services Agency investigators and officers, the following laws can also be used to seize **Novelty notes and counterfeit coins**:

- *Customs Act*, S. 110: Seizure of goods or conveyances
- *Criminal Code* of Canada, S. 489(1): Seizure of things not specified
- *Criminal Code* of Canada, S. 489(2): Seizure without warrant

For Canadian Border Services Agency investigators and officers, the following laws can also be used to seize **counterfeit coins only**:

- *Departmental Consolidation of the Customs Tariff*, Chapter 98 (Special Classification Provisions – Non-Commercial), Item 9897.00.00.00 (Prohibition Provisions): Base or counterfeit coins;

For additional information, contact the NACB at nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Do “notes” used in black / white money schemes qualify as counterfeit notes? Should black money be sent to the NACB for analysis?

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Some notes used in black / white money schemes can be deemed counterfeits, whereas some others consist of paraphernalia used in the scheme. Please contact the NACB by email (nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) to determine which exhibits can be sent for analysis.

What is the National Anti-Counterfeiting Bureau’s mailing address?

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The National Anti-Counterfeiting Bureau’s mailing address is:

RCMP – National Forensic Laboratory Services
National Anti-Counterfeiting Bureau
NPS Building
73 Leikin Drive, Mailstop 327
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2

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How do I dispose of counterfeit exhibits when no longer needed or required for court? Can I dispose of the exhibits locally?

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The NACB is the central repository and point of disposition for **all counterfeit money recovered from circulation** in Canada (Canadian, American and foreign). The authority for disposal is delegated to the NACB under section 462 of the *Criminal Code* of Canada.

As the result of an agreement between the Minister of Finance and the RCMP, the authority for disposal of **all counterfeit bank note exhibits (including partial and incomplete notes)** has been delegated to the Commissioner of the RCMP. The NACB assumes responsibility for destroying **all counterfeit bank notes**, when the exhibits are no longer needed for ongoing investigations or required for court.

All counterfeit exhibits which were previously examined by the NACB must be sent to the NACB once they are no longer required for ongoing investigations or court. Include a completed copy of the "Request for Destruction of Previously Examined Counterfeit Exhibits" form (RCMP GRC 6644) along with your submission. You can access the form at <https://nflssnlj.wixsite.com/info/national-anti-counterfeiting-bureau> or request it by sending an email to the NACB at nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Bank notes **must never** be destroyed locally.

How do I dispose of equipment that was used in the production of counterfeit bank notes?

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Prior to disposing of any such equipment, please complete the "Clandestine Operations Seized Currency and Equipment Report" form (RCMP GRC 6643), and submit it to the NACB by email (nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca). We will review your request and contact you regarding the authorization to destroy or any further steps.

You can access the form at <https://nflssnlj.wixsite.com/info/national-anti-counterfeiting-bureau> or request it by sending an email to nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Submission Status

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Advise the NACB as soon as possible via email RCMP.NACBCourt-CourBNLC.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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Advise the NACB via email (nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca), and attach a completed "Request for Forensic Laboratory Analysis" form (RCMP GRC C-414).

It is important to notify the NACB as soon as possible since non-court exhibits are retained at the lab for a minimum of six months, after which they are destroyed.

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The turn-around-time for forensic analyses is current workload and case dependent.

Court files are assigned a 140-day diary date from the date that all the exhibits and documents linked to the service request have been received at the NACB. However, this may be shortened or extended depending on the caseload. Please advise the NACB of the trial date (including preliminary hearing dates) as soon as possible via email RCMP.NACBCourt-CourBNLC.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Non-court submissions are processed chronologically. Turn-around-time is variable, as it depends on the number of files in the queue.

Investigative Assistance and Plant Seizures

Can you help me link counterfeit bank notes occurrences between each other?

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Yes, the NACB can assist you in consolidating investigations by providing activity reports on counterfeit bank notes grouped by serial numbers, classifications and geographic distribution. Please contact the NACB at nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca for more information.

I seized notes linked to an investigation. From my observations, they are obviously counterfeits. Do I still need to send them to the NACB for analysis?

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Yes. All counterfeit notes must be sent to NACB for forensic analysis to ensure every counterfeit is counted. Submitting all notes allows NACB to report accurate national statistics. It also allows for monitoring and assessment of emerging counterfeiting trends with respect to Canadian and foreign currencies within Canada.

I will be attending a large seizure of counterfeit notes. Can you provide guidance on what needs to be seized and submitted for analysis?

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Yes. Please contact the NACB by email (nacb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) and someone will be able to assist you.

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