



## National Anti-Counterfeiting Bureau

### Overview

The National Anti-Counterfeiting Bureau (NACB) is one component of the RCMP's National Police Services (NPS) and is comprised of two fields of expertise: counterfeits and documents.

### Counterfeits

The counterfeits component examines suspected travel documents including passports and visas, as well as currency and credit cards, to determine if they are genuine or if they have been altered.

#### Counterfeits:

- conducts forensic examination of Canadian and foreign banknotes and coins, travel documents and payment cards; and
- classifies and records information pertaining to banknotes and counterfeit travel documents and disseminates to Canadian law enforcement, and to foreign partner agencies on a bilateral basis.

### Documents

The documents component of NACB examines questioned documents to identify author, method of production, and if they have been altered.

#### Documents:

- conducts handwriting and hand printing comparisons;
- establishes the means, media and materials used to produce documents (e.g. typewriters, computer printers, photocopiers, facsimiles, cheque writers, rubber stamps, and other graphic art media);
- determines alterations, additions or deletions of documents;
- restores documents damaged by fire, water or other substances; and
- detects and deciphers latent or partially hidden indentations.

### Quick Facts

- The NACB delivers services from its two sites located in Ottawa and Edmonton.
- In 2005, the NACB processed and classified 422,447 banknotes submitted with no suspect having been identified. Most of these banknotes were found to be counterfeit.