

CHANGE IN METALIC COMPOSITION & ELIMINATION OF ONE CENT COIN.

No.	Question	Answer
1.	Will there be any visual difference between the old and newly composed coins?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new and old coins would look and feel the same. However the new coins will have a steel core which is responsive to magnets and the initial batch will be marked 2017 as the minting date.
2.	What will happen to the old coins when the new ones are introduced?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new and old coins will come into circulation.
3.	Why eliminate the 1 cent coin?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To save money for the country; the cost of minting is about 21 cents for each one cent coin.
4.	What is 'rounding'?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rounding involves adjusting a final cash payment up or down to the nearest 5 or 10 cent in the case where the 1 cent coin is unavailable. The Central Bank will be issuing "Rounding Guidelines" to assist the public in understanding how rounding will be done.
5.	Will 'rounding' apply to all forms of payment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No, rounding only affects cash payments i.e. payments made using notes and coins. Payments made using non-cash methods such as cheques or electronic payments (e.g. debit, credit and other payment cards) do not need to be rounded because they can be settled electronically in the exact amount.
6.	Does everyone have to participate in rounding?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At this time, rounding is voluntary for both vendors and consumers. The Central Bank highly recommends that people start to use rounding in their cash transactions after July 1, 2017 since from that date the Central Bank will no longer be issuing 1 cent coins to banks. As a result, over time there will be less 1 cent coins available for cash transactions.
7.	Will rounding affect the pricing of goods and /or services?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rounding will not affect individual item prices as it is only applied to the total amount of the bill at the cashier, inclusive of tax. Vendors will not have to re-price their goods to accommodate rounding.
8.	What about VAT and other taxes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duties, taxes or charges will continue to be calculated in their exact amount.
9.	Will businesses/vendors have to inform the public of their participation in rounding?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, there should be an indication to consumers of the vendor's participation in rounding which could be done by in-store signage visible to the public.
10.	Can the 1 cent coin still be used in cash transactions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, the 1 cent coin remains legal tender and persons can still choose to offer the 1 cent coin in payment of cash transactions (in accordance with section 26(3)(d) of the Central Bank Act Chap 79:02) until the Central Bank notifies the public otherwise. The Central Bank expects to demonetize the 1 cent coin by July 1, 2018.
11.	What happens if a consumer does not wish to participate in rounding?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a vendor wishes to round but the consumer does not agree, a consumer may: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> tender the exact cash amount payable; or pay for the good or service using a non-cash method.
12.	Where can the 1 cent coins be redeemed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 1 cent coins can be voluntarily redeemed for value at commercial banks and the Central Bank.

