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# South African Reserve Bank announces R5 coin commemorating 20 years of democracy

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The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) will be issuing a commemorative circulation R5 coin, celebrating 20 years of democracy in South Africa.

The coin has the “20 years of freedom” logo depicted on the reverse side instead of the usual image of the wildebeest on the bi-metal R5 coin. The obverse of the coin depicts the South African Coat of Arms, the year of issue (2014), with “South Africa” written in Tshivenda (Afurika Tshipembe) and in IsiNdebele (iSewula Afrika).

This coin is a normal circulation coin and will form part of the R5 coins that are already in circulation throughout the country from July this year.

In commemoration of the two decades of democracy, the South African Mint (SA Mint), a wholly owned subsidiary of the SARB has launched a special three-coin Democracy Coin Set, consisting of a 24-carat gold R200 coin depicting former president Nelson Mandela casting his first vote; a sterling silver R2 crown featuring the South African flag; and a commemorative R5 coin celebrating '20 Years of Freedom'.

The 20 years of Democracy Coin Set is available for purchase at the SA Mint at the SA Mint in Centurion.

**Note:**

The SARB issues commemorative circulation coins as part of its production of currency and they are usually issued to commemorate an event that involves a wider section of society, and such coins are made available and accessible to the public at face value.

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