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## About commemorative coins

Commemorative coins represent a work of art and are usually produced in precious metals - gold or silver. The coins are issued in limited circulation, highlighting personalities, historical events, nature, science or arts. Such coins have a distinct design with reference to the occasion on which they were issued.

The commemorative coins are issued by the National Bank of Moldova, have numismatic value and can be used as means of payment. National Bank of Moldova floats these currencies through licensed banks.

Commemorative coins have a special aesthetic and performance. They are presented in capsules and special boxes, accompanied by certificates of authenticity, containing specific coin characteristic and the National Bank Governor's signature.

The first commemorative coin was issued by the National Bank of Moldova in 1996 – the 5th Anniversary of Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of Moldova. The first series of coins was dedicated to Monasteries of Moldova. Initiated in 2000, the series consists of 20 silver coins showing Moldovan monasteries.

NBM issues commemorative and jubilee coins that complete the series "Personalities", "Holidays, culture, traditions of Moldova", "Sports", "Monuments of Moldova", "The alley of classics from the "Ștefan cel Mare și Sfânt" public garden in Chișinău", "Historical Events", "Sanctuaries", "Lordly Houses", "Famous Women", "Science and Innovation", "Childhood Fairy Tales" and the "Other" series. These reveal prominent figures of culture and science, historical events, promote national heritage and traditions, reflect religious architecture. At the same time, a successful series is the "Red Book of the Republic of Moldova", which includes a series of pieces dedicated to the flora and fauna of Moldova."

On 26 August 2021, the National Bank of Moldova put into circulation, as a means of payment and for numismatic purposes, a set of commemorative coins dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the proclamation of the independence of the Republic of Moldova. These complete the "Historical Events" series and are accompanied by a certificate of authenticity containing a QR code containing information about the aforementioned coins."

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