

U.S. Currency Reader Program

In January 2015, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), in partnership with the Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, launched the U.S. Currency Reader Program to provide a free currency reader device called the iBill® Talking Banknote Identifier to all qualified U.S. citizens or legal residents who are blind or visually impaired.

The currency reader is a small, compact, hand-held device which quickly identifies the bill's denomination in one of three ways: a clear natural voice, a pattern of tones, or a pattern of vibrations for privacy. The vibration mode also assists people who are deaf and blind. The currency reader identifies all U.S. currency in circulation, to include the \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations.

To request a currency reader, individuals must simply fill out and mail in an application form, which is available for download on BEP's website at <http://www.bep.gov/uscurrencyreaderform.html> or by calling the U.S. Currency Reader Program office toll free at (844) 815-9388 and request that an application be mailed to you. You should allow up to eight weeks for delivery of your reader. More information about the meaningful access program can be found at the BEP's website at <http://www.bep.gov/uscurrencyreaderpgm.html>