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New special coin issue: Swissmint launches the 2026 25-franc gold coin

With the 2026 25-franc gold coin, Swissmint connects the different chapters of Swiss gold coinage. The special coin will be issued on 26 November 2026 in the highest minting quality, “proof”, with a limited mintage of 5,000 pieces.

Under the name "Swiss special coins", Swissmint produces exclusive collector coins in limited editions. The new 25-franc gold coin pays tribute to the classic 25-franc gold coins of 1955, 1956 and 1959. However, its design draws inspiration from a much older coin: the historic 20-franc gold coin of 1871.

The First Swiss Gold Francs

In 1871, the Federal Mint in Bern struck 20-franc gold coins for the first time. However, these were exclusively trial strikes that were never put into circulation. Their technical specifications complied with the standards of the Latin Monetary Union, of which Switzerland was a member alongside France, Belgium and Italy. The coins weighed 6.45 grams, were made of gold with a fineness of 900/1000 and had a diameter of 21 millimetres.

It was not until 1883 that the first regular Swiss 20-franc gold coin, featuring a portrait of Helvetia, was issued. In 1897, the famous Gold Vreneli followed, becoming one of Switzerland’s best-known gold coins. Today, the rare trial strikes of 1871 are among the most sought-after rarities in Swiss numismatics.

The special coins bring our country's history and memories to life

The new 25-franc gold coin is made of a .900 gold alloy. This gold coin weighs 5.64g and has a diameter of 20mm.

The obverse bears the Swiss coat of arms, featuring a cross formed of five equal squares set against a background of flowering alpine rose branches; above this is the inscription “SWITZERLAND” This design is inspired by the historic 20-franc gold coin from 1871.

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The reverse features the Swiss cross and the value “FR 25”, accompanied by the inscription “CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA” – a tribute to the classic 25-franc gold coins of 1955, 1956 and 1959.

The 25-franc gold coins minted in 1955, 1956 and 1959, bearing the inscription «IN ARMIS LIBERTAS ET PAX», are the rarest gold coins in Switzerland, as they were never traded. After the Swiss National Bank (SNB) had a large proportion of these coins melted down, only 20,000 pieces of each type and year remained.

The coin is being released in a limited issue of 5,000 in proof quality, priced at CHF 715. It will be available from 26 November 2026 in Swissmint's official online shop.

Each special coin is a miniature work of art

The Federal Mint Swissmint produces Swiss franc coins on behalf of the Swiss Confederation. These have been created in the heart of Switzerland since 1855, and in the popular Kirchenfeld district of Bern since 1906. Since 1936, Swissmint has also minted special coins to commemorate important historical and cultural events and to honour prominent figures. Each of these special coins is a miniature work of art in a unique tradition of artistry and craftsmanship.

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The Federal Mint Swissmint produces the country's coins for use in everyday payment transactions. It also regularly issues commemorative coins and coinage of a higher standard for the numismatic market. Special coins in bimetal, silver or gold bear an official, state-guaranteed face value and are available in various minting qualities.

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Factsheet

25-franc gold coin 2026



Coin design	25-franc gold coin 2026
Artist	Swissmint
Technical specifications	Alloy: Gold 900 Weight: 5,64g Diameter: 20 mm
Legal face value	25 Swiss francs
Available on	26 November 2026
Mintage	Proof in presentation case: 5,000 units
Indicative prices	Proof in presentation case: CHF 715
Sales	**From 8 a.m. on 26.11.2026** online at www.swissmintshop.ch and from selected coin dealers and banks.
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