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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

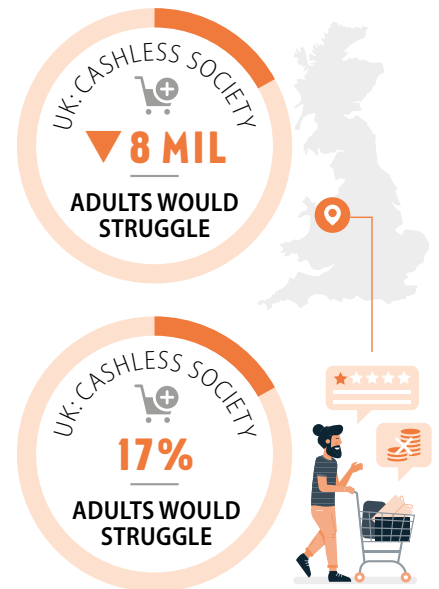


Ross MacDiarmid
Secretary-General, Mint Directors Conference

There is a growing body of evidence to suggest an urgent need in some existing and emerging 'less cash countries' for the Mint Industry to remind governments and regulators to protect existing customer requirements and ensure that there is access to cash for consumers and businesses that wish to continue to use cash to make and receive payments.

The UK 'Access to Cash' review found that around 17% of the UK population, over 8 million adults, would struggle to cope in a cashless society, and stated that, "Cash can no longer just be seen as a commercial issue—it is a matter for public policy".

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The impact to society and to individuals of having less availability to cash as a way of paying for goods are potentially severe and require a collective response to ensure resilient, sustainable and cost effective end-to-end cash infrastructure which meets the needs of users.

Using evidentiary data to promote Government Mints, the Mint Industry and the prolonged use of coinage is paramount. Following on from our 2018 research, a review has been commissioned for the MDC to understand current economic contributions of Mints in country of origin and relative contributions of circulating currency to money supply. I look forward to sharing this data with you.

The MDC Technical Committee undertakes strategic initiatives such as Alternative Methods for Producing Dies, Coin Anti-Counterfeiting and Genuineness and Environmental Best Practice. The Customer Taskforce continues with its important projects, led by Dieter Merkle, Head of Corporate Minting Strategy from Schuler Pressen.

The next MDC Internal Affairs Meeting will be held at the World Money Fair in Berlin, February 2020.

The MDC Secretariat has recently engaged an Executive Officer and work is underway to build a new website which will promote the MDC and the important work of the Mint Industry. Please feel free to provide any content for inclusion.

With only 5 months to [MDC 2020](#), I urge you to make your arrangements to attend the Conference in Cape Town. Together we can work to address the numismatic challenges we each face in different ways. Cape Town is a vivid city that will add a cultural and touristic aspect to our deliberations.



Ross MacDiarmid
Secretary-General
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31ST MINT DIRECTORS CONFERENCE 2020

MINT INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP 2020

MINT INDUSTRY AWARDS 2020

26-29 APRIL 2020 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

MDC 2020 is the unmissable event on the currency industry calendar, the 31st Mint Directors Conference is an unparalleled destination for discussion, debate and knowledge sharing about the global mint industry.

→ **Venue: Cape Town**
Westin Hotel, Convention Square
Lower Long St. Cape Town, 8000



GOVERNMENT MINT EMPLOYEES: A CAREER IN MINTING

The Janine Murphy Foundation has once again generously donated up to US \$10,000 toward apprentices or marketing staff to pursue study or research in another country's Mint, for a period of 4 to 13 weeks.

Scholarships will open next month and will be announced at the Mint Directors Conference in South Africa, April 2020.

→ **Entries open:** 6 December 2019

→ **Entries close:** 31 January 2020

Please communicate this opportunity to your staff.

COINS + PACKAGING INNOVATION + DESIGN

The Mint Directors Conference is host to the prestigious global industry awards which recognise the best coins worldwide and achievements in creativity, production and presentation of coin packaging.

Voting is undertaken by members and observer members and will be announced, and winning pieces displayed, at the Mint Directors Conference in Cape Town, South Africa in April 2020.

→ **Entries close:** 31 January 2020

Visit the Mint Industry website for more information.