



Pay.gov 5.5 Release Notice

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Bureau of the Fiscal Service



1 Introduction

Note: The enhancements originally intended for the Pay.gov 5.4 release were merged into Pay.gov 5.3. As a result there is no Pay.gov version 5.4.

This document introduces the new features included in Pay.gov release 5.5. It is intended for individuals who desire an overview of the new features contained in this release, without the level of detail that may be found in other administrative, operational, or technical documents. Testing dates for Pay.gov 5.5 are May 1, 2013 through May 8, 2013.

This release concentrates on enhancements to the Billing Service and prepares Pay.gov for future additions to billing functionality. These enhancements are transparent to agencies and customers. These and other changes affecting agencies and customers are listed in section 3.

The Pay.gov 5.5 production release is scheduled for May 11, 2013.

1.1 Related Documents

The documents listed below are either referenced in this notice or provide supplemental information. Please contact your Bureau of the Fiscal Service (BFS) representative to obtain them or download them from the Pay.gov agency documentation Web site, located at <https://qa.pay.gov/agencydocs/>. The web site will be updated with the most current versions of the documents during the week including May 1, 2013.

- *Pay.gov Overview Guide*
- *Pay.gov User Guide*
- *Agency Configuration Template (ACT)*
- *Agency Guide to Access Control*
- *Agency Guide to the Billing Service*
- *Agency Guide to the Collections Service*
- *Agency Guide to Company Profiles*
- *Agency Guide to the Forms Service*
- *Agency Guide to Payer Profiles*
- *Agency Guide to the Reporting Service*
- *Open Collections Interface (OCI) Reference Guide*
- *Trusted Collection Service (TCS) Technical Reference Manual*

2 Overview of Pay.gov

Pay.gov offers four major services:

1. The *Collection Service* collects and processes agency transactions, including collections originating from an agency web page, collections originating from a form hosted on Pay.gov, or collections in response to a bill notifying users of a required payment. Agencies may also use the collections control panel (CCP) to manually enter transactions in Pay.gov.

As part of the Collections Service, the *Trusted Collection Service* allow agencies to send non-interactive collections transactions, and retrieve transaction data using 2048-bit SSL encryption, certificate-based authentication, and web services. Please contact your FMS representative or Pay.gov Customer Service if you are interested in using Trusted Collection Service.

2. The *Forms Service* hosts agency forms, which can be configured to closely emulate their paper counterparts, including OMB and agency control numbers, Paperwork Reduction Act and Privacy Act notices, and instructions.
3. The *Billing Service* allows agencies to send payment due notifications by email, which include links directing users to the Pay.gov billing page, where the information can be reviewed and payment can be made.
4. The *Reporting Service* provides online reports and downloadable activity files which allow agencies to reconcile transactions with reports from other financial applications such as CA\$HLINK or plastic card settlement agents.

3 Pay.gov 5.5 Enhancements and Changes

This section summarizes the major enhancements and changes included in the Pay.gov 5.5 release.

3.1 Billing Service

- The release includes a number of internal enhancements, transparent to agencies, which improve Pay.gov's Billing Service and prepares Pay.gov for future additions to billing functionality.
- The message displayed when a user tries to pay a bill that has already been cancel has been clarified.

3.2 User Interface

- A link, not yet visible to users, has been added to the User Center page to accommodate future billing functions.

3.3 Web Pages

- FAQs — Updated Pay.gov performance statistics.

3.4 Documentation

- Minor corrections to typos and formatting were added to all Pay.gov user guides and technical references.

4 Customer Service

Customer service is provided by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. Assistance with accessing the website, hosted forms processing, collections, and so on is provided for agency customers. Technical support is also available for problems such as balancing payments, database integrity, information security, and other issues relating to the smooth operation of the services provided to agencies.

4.1 Contact Information

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