



Pay.gov 5.7 Release Notice

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1 Introduction

This document introduces the new features included in Pay.gov release 5.7. 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 are September 25, 2013 through October 9, 2013.

This release enhances Pay.gov collections services to prepare them to support additional payment methods.

The Pay.gov 5.7 production release is scheduled for October 12, 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 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 following June 14, 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 the Collection Information Repository (CIR) or plastic card settlement agents.

3 Pay.gov 5.7 Enhancements and Changes

This section summarizes the major enhancements and changes included in the Pay.gov 5.6 release.

3.1 Collections Service

- The Collections Service has been enhanced to prepare for the future use of additional payment methods.

3.2 CCP

- CCP has been modified to allow for the future use of additional payment methods.
- The Search Transactions function is now capable of searching for and returning results for new payment methods as they become available.
- The View Transaction History and View Transaction Details functions can now display transactions for new payment methods as they become available.

3.3 Reporting

3.3.1 *Plastic Card*

- Plastic card transaction data is only available for searches for 18 months after the date of the transaction. After 18 months the data is archived and can be retrieved by contacting Pay.gov. The following reports are affected:
Collections Search Query
Collections Search Excel Download Query
Financial Summary Query
Credit Card Transaction Search

3.4 Web Pages

- FAQs — Updated Pay.gov performance statistics.

3.5 Documentation

- The CCP section of the Pay.gov User Guide has been updated to include details for international ACH transactions.

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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