



# Pay.gov 9.0 Release Notice

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## 1 Introduction

This document introduces the new features included in Pay.gov release 9.0. It is intended for individuals who desire an overview of the new features contained in the release, without the level of detail that may be found in other administrative, operational, or technical documents.

Agency testing dates for Pay.gov 9.0 are April 13, 2026, through May 8, 2026. Any agency issues not identified by May 8, 2026, will not be addressed until the next Pay.gov release.

The Pay.gov 9.0 production release is scheduled for June 20, 2026.

### 1.1 Related Documents

Pay.gov overview and technical documents are available by request from your Bureau of the Fiscal Service representative, your Pay.gov Agency Implementation Specialist, or by download or request from the Pay.gov Agency Documentation site at <https://qa.pay.gov/agencydocs/index.html>. The website will be updated with the most current versions of the documents during the week of April 13, 2026.

Online help for Pay.gov's public website is available at <https://pay.gov/public>.

## 2 Overview of Pay.gov

Cloud-based Pay.gov offers the following major services:

1. Transactions are collected and processed by the core collection service. Transactions are submitted by any of the Pay.gov services listed below. The core service validates and manages submitted payment data, forwards it to the appropriate payment processor, and responds with information required by the service used and the agency cash flow application.
2. The *Create Transactions* function on the Agency Collection (myagency) website enables agencies to manually enter transactions in Pay.gov.
3. *Pay a Form* on the Agency Collections website enables agency users to create transactions on behalf of customers without having to use forms on Pay.gov's public website.
4. *Collections API* is a cloud-based service that enables agencies to submit non-interactive ACH debit and plastic card collections to Pay.gov. The Collections API's 24/7/365 availability minimizes downtime interruptions. All submitted transactions require authentication for enhanced security.
5. *Collections API Inquiry* is a cloud-based service that enables agencies to perform ad hoc checks of transaction status if an agency does not receive a response from Pay.gov. The service also enables researching individual transaction details on an ad hoc basis.
6. *Pay.gov Web Services* allow agencies to send collection transactions to the core collection service, and to retrieve transaction data using 2048-bit SSL encryption, certificate-based authentication, and web services.

Pay.gov Web Services include

- a. The *Trusted Collection Services* are a suite of web services that allow agencies to non-interactively submit transactions, either one-at-a-time or in batches, depending on the service used; retrieve the status of submitted batches; and submit queries that retrieve transaction information.
- b. The *Hosted Collection Pages* (HCP) service combines non-interactive and interactive web services to allow agencies to redirect customers to Pay.gov at the time the customer must enter their

payment data. Agencies do not record customer's payment details and only receive a Pay.gov response indicating if the payment is accepted or rejected.

- c. The *eBilling Web Service* is a non-interactive service that allows agencies to set up billing accounts, send notices of payment due, and control billing account access. Agencies can specify whether or not a customer must log in to a Pay.gov account before they can access the ebill. Agencies can use the service when needed and Pay.gov processes eBilling requests upon receipt.
- d. The *eBilling Online Web Service* is a non-interactive service that provides a way for agencies to create ebills using a system-to-system interface. It requires creation of line items that will be displayed to the customer. It adds the abilities (if configured) for customers to pay individual line items instead of the entire ebill, and to pay extra in addition to the ebill total. All ebills viewed online are created from a single Pay.gov-maintained template that allows for limited customization.

Agency cash flow applications using the *eBilling Online Web Service* can also be accessed on the interactive *eBilling Online Application*. The application must be used to create optional bill features and content used by the web service.

- e. The *ACH Credit Web Service* is a non-interactive service that provides a way for agencies to create ACH credit transactions on behalf of their customers through a system-to-system interface. Pay.gov records the transaction information and returns payment instructions to the agency, which in turn supplies them to the customer. The customer is obligated to complete the transaction by arranging an ACH funds transfer from their bank within 60 days, following the instructions provided. ACH credit processing is conducted by the Credit Gateway, which informs Pay.gov and the CIR of transaction status and completion.
- f. The *Billing Agreements Web Service* enables agency customers to set up a billing agreement with PayPal. The billing agreement allows customers to make payments from their PayPal accounts without having to sign in and enter the payment information.

The service is available to agencies collecting all transaction and payment information on their own systems. It is implemented by having the equivalent of an "Express Checkout" link on an agency's payment page. When clicked, the agency sends a payment authorization web service request to PayPal via Pay.gov and, if approved, follows it with a Force for the payment. This takes place in the background. The customer does not leave the agency's site.

- g. The *Automatic Bill Payments Service (AutoPay)* enables payers for agency customers to set up agreements to automatically pay all bills issued to the customer by the agency. In their billing cash flow application's configuration, agencies have the option to allow agency users to set up AutoPay for a customer.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The *Billing Service* is maintained for existing Billing Service implementations only. New billing implementations should use the *eBilling Web Service*.
- 9. The *eBilling Online Application* allows agencies to interactively set up billing accounts, issue bills, and control bill access in real-time through an online interface. It is optimized for agencies issuing smaller numbers of bills. Agencies can create bills one-at-a-time or in batches of multiple bills. In addition, agencies can specify if signing in is required to view a bill. Agencies can use the service as needed.

Pay.gov creates bills and access codes and sends billing notifications to customers upon receipt and validation of the agency request.

10. The *Reporting Service* provides online and downloadable reports, including manual activity file downloads, which allow agencies to reconcile transactions with reports from other financial applications, such as the Collection Information Repository (CIR) or plastic card settlement agents.
11. The system-to-system *Activity File Service* provides a number of different Activity Files that enable agencies to download information about transactions and payment methods taking place on a given day. A TOCA SSL certificate with the Pay.gov MGA role is required for download and the MGA must be assigned the ROA role for the cash flow application(s) it will request activity files for. Agencies can use Activity Files to reconcile their collection transactions.

Please contact your Bureau of the Fiscal Service representative or Pay.gov Customer Service if you are interested in using a Pay.gov Web Service.

### 3 Pay.gov 9.0 Enhancements and Changes

This section summarizes the major enhancements and changes included within this Pay.gov release.

#### 3.1 Pay.gov's Move to the Cloud

- Pay.gov infrastructure and services are migrating to a new cloud environment. The migration will improve stability and minimize downtime.
- More information is available at [move to the cloud](#).

#### 3.2 New URLs for the Activity File Service and File/Forms Attachment Servlet

- As a result of Pay.gov's move to the cloud, the URLs for testing have changed for system-to-system Activity File downloads and the file/form attachment download servlet.
- See the table in Section 5 of this document for all new URLs, including those for system-to-system Activity File Service requests.

#### 3.3 System-to-System Activity File Service

- There is a new method for downloading daily Activity Files. Agencies need to modify the structure of their API system-to-system calls when requesting activity files and need to replace or update current scripts (or other technology) used to retrieve activity files.
- API calls are accessed using new URLs. The legacy use of usernames and passwords will result in failed access until modified.
- To perform system-to-system requests (API calls), the requesting system must have a valid TOCA SSL certificate. The certificate must be assigned the MGA role by Pay.gov and the ROA role must be assigned for the application(s) activity files will be downloaded for. Contact Pay.gov Customer Support to request a new TOCA SSL certificate if needed,
- Attach the TOCA SSL certificate to the HTTP request.

**Note:** Agencies using a TCS service can use that certificate for system-to-system activity file requests.

#### 3.4 Manual Activity File Download

- The Activity File Servlet is no longer available.

- ROA users can download activity files manually using the Activity File Query in the Reports Service function on the Agency Collections (myagency) website.
- Pay.gov recommends manual download for ad hoc or occasional requests, when more than one agency user will be requesting activity files, or when the agency is unable to retrieve files through the system-to-system Activity File Service.

### **3.5 System Improvements**

- Pay.gov is implementing numerous changes to enhance availability and security, while aligning with the Federal Cyber Executive Order and Zero-Trust Architecture mandates. Additionally, Pay.gov software integrations and infrastructure components are being updated. These enhancements and modifications continue to modernize the underlying code base and provide stability to the Pay.gov system.

## **4 Documentation**

Documentation has been updated and will be available at <https://qa.pay.gov/agencydocs/index.html> starting the week of April 13, 2026.

## 5 Testing Environments

Service	Testing URL
Public Website	<a href="https://qa.pay.gov">https://qa.pay.gov</a>
ACH Credit Web Service	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSAchCreditService">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSAchCreditService</a>
Create Transactions	<a href="https://qa.pay.gov/myagency/">https://qa.pay.gov/myagency/</a> (select Create Transactions tile)
<b>Collections API</b>	
Collections API ACH Debit	<a href="https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/ach/v1/debits">https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/ach/v1/debits</a>
Collections API ACH Prenotification	<a href="https://stg.api/collections.pay.gov/ach/v1/prenotifications">https://stg.api/collections.pay.gov/ach/v1/prenotifications</a>
Collections API ACH Cancel	<a href="https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/ach/v1/cancelations">https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/ach/v1/cancelations</a>
Collections API Plastic Card Sale	<a href="https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/plastic-card/v1/sale">https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/plastic-card/v1/sale</a>
Collections API Plastic Card Authorization	<a href="https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/plastic-card/v1/authorization">https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/plastic-card/v1/authorization</a>
Collections API Plastic Card Force	<a href="https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/plastic-card/v1/force">https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/plastic-card/v1/force</a>
Collections API Plastic Card Void	<a href="https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/plastic-card/v1/void">https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/plastic-card/v1/void</a>
Collections API Plastic Card Refund	<a href="https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/plastic-card/v1/refund">https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/plastic-card/v1/refund</a>
Collections API Inquiry Service	<a href="https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/inquiry/v1/inquiry">https://stg.api.collections.pay.gov/inquiry/v1/inquiry</a>
<b>eBilling</b>	
eBilling Web Service	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/ebilling/services/eBillingService">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/ebilling/services/eBillingService</a>
Access Code Web Service	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/accesscode/services/AccessCodeService">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/accesscode/services/AccessCodeService</a>
eBilling Online Application	<a href="https://qa.pay.gov/myagency">https://qa.pay.gov/myagency</a> (select eBilling Online tile)
eBilling Online Web Service	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/EBillingOnlineService/1.0/">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/EBillingOnlineService/1.0/</a>

Service	Testing URL
<b>Forms</b>	
Forms Service	<a href="https://qa.pay.gov/public/">https://qa.pay.gov/public/</a> (select Forms to test with)
Pay a Form	<a href="https://qa.pay.gov/myagency/">https://qa.pay.gov/myagency/</a> (select Pay A Form tile)
<b>Hosted Collection Pages (HCP)</b>	
Hosted Collection Pages version 2.0	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/2.0/">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/2.0/</a>
Hosted Collection Pages version 2.1	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/2.1/">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/2.1/</a>
Hosted Collection Pages version 2.2	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/2.2/">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/2.2/</a>
Hosted Collection Pages version 3.0	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/3.0/">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/3.0/</a>
Hosted Collection Pages version 3.1	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/3.1/">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/3.1/</a>
Hosted Collection Pages version 3.2	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/3.2/">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/3.2/</a>
Hosted Collection Pages version 3.3	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/3.3/">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSOnlineService/3.3/</a>
Hosted Collection Pages User Redirect	<a href="https://qa.pay.gov/tconline/payment.do?token={InputValue}&amp;tcsAppID={InputValue}">https://qa.pay.gov/tconline/payment.do?token={InputValue}&amp;tcsAppID={InputValue}</a>
<b>Trusted Collections Web Services (TCS)</b>	
TCS Batch Web Service	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/tcsbatch/services/TCSBatchService">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/tcsbatch/services/TCSBatchService</a>
TCS Batch Results Web Service	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/tcsbatchresults/services/TCSBatchResultsService">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/tcsbatchresults/services/TCSBatchResultsService</a>
TCS Plastic Card Web Service	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSPlasticCardService/2.0">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/services/TCSPlasticCardService/2.0</a>

Service	Testing URL
TCS Single Web Service	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/tcscollections/services/TCSSingleService">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/tcscollections/services/TCSSingleService</a>
TCS Single Credit Card SOAP Webservice	<a href="http://tstsoap.pfsweb.com:80/Pay.Gov.WebService.1.0.0.0/PayGovTCSSingleService.asmx">http://tstsoap.pfsweb.com:80/Pay.Gov.WebService.1.0.0.0/PayGovTCSSingleService.asmx</a>
TCS Multiple Item Query Web Service	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/tcsmultipleitemquery/services/TCSMultipleItemQueryService">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/tcsmultipleitemquery/services/TCSMultipleItemQueryService</a>
TCS Single Query Web Service	<a href="https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/tcssinglequery/services/TCSSingleQueryService">https://qa.tcs.pay.gov/tcssinglequery/services/TCSSingleQueryService</a>
<b>Reporting</b>	
Reporting Service	<a href="https://qa.pay.gov/myagency/">https://qa.pay.gov/myagency/</a> (select the Reporting tile)
Manual Activity File Download	<a href="https://qa.pay.gov/myagency/">https://qa.pay.gov/myagency/</a> (select the Reporting tile and then the Activity File Download Query tile)
<b>System-to-System Activity File Service</b>	
Collections Activity File	<a href="https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/collections/v1">https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/collections/v1</a>
Collections Activity File v2	<a href="https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/collections/v2">https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/collections/v2</a>
Collections Activity File v3	<a href="https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/collections/v3">https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/collections/v3</a>
Collections Activity File v4	<a href="https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/collections/v4">https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/collections/v4</a>
Form Activity File	<a href="https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/form/v1">https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/form/v1</a>
Form Activity File v2	<a href="https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/form/v2">https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/form/v2</a>
All other activity files	<a href="https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/ActivityDownload">https://apis-preprod.fiscal.treasury.gov/aps/acc/exp/v1/pgov-activity-files/ActivityDownload</a>

**Note:** Production URLs for system-to-system Activity File download available are listed in the *Agency Guide to the Activity File Service*.

The URL for the File/Form Attachment servlet is available in the *Agency Guide to the Forms Service* is [https://qa.pay.gov/agencydocs/docs/pg\\_forms\\_guide.pdf](https://qa.pay.gov/agencydocs/docs/pg_forms_guide.pdf)

## 6 Customer Support

Customer support is provided by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. Assistance with accessing the websites, hosted forms processing, collections, and other services is provided for agency customers. Technical support for agencies is also available, including problems with collection applications, balancing payments, database integrity, information security, and other issues relating to the smooth operation of the services provided by Pay.gov.

### 6.1 Contact Information

*Hours:* 8:00 am to 7:00 pm Eastern Time  
Monday through Friday, closed bank holidays

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