

NPCI/2015-16/CTS/ Circular No. 32

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To,
All CTS Member Banks

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub: Process to be followed for Renewal of Class III Certificate

RBI mandated NPCI to operationalise Cheque Truncation System (CTS) across the country and as on date there are 66 MICR locations in the country that are participating in Cheque clearing process through CTS.

Banks having Clearing House Interface (CHI) software, process the CTS transactions for its own bank and also for their indirect & sub-member banks, wherever applicable. The files exchanged between CHI to CH (Clearing House software), are required to be digitally signed for authentication. This is achieved using a Class III digital certificate issued by IDRBT. The class III certificate has a specific validity that is generally for a year. Banks have to renew the Class III certificate before its expiry. In the event that the certificate is expired and is not renewed, Banks and its indirect members & sub member banks (if applicable) will not be able to participate in CTS clearing.

In this regard, we would like to reiterate the process to be adopted by banks for timely renewal of class III certificate.

1. Bank to check the expiry of class III certificate in CHI (clearing table -> Banks table-> certificate details (valid to date))
2. Bank should contact NPCI to get the Request reference number generated.
3. On receipt of the Request reference number from NPCI, Bank should provide the same to IDRBT.
4. IDRBT would issue the class III Certificate to the Bank based on request reference number received.
5. Bank to scan and send the class III Certificate received from IDRBT to NPCI through mail.
6. Once the certificate is added successfully in the system, NPCI would confirm to the bank.

Please note that banks should start the renewal process at least a month in advance to ensure timely renewal of class III certificate.

Thanking you and looking forward to your continued support.

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