

To

All member banks participating in NACH

Payment pre-validation services – Guidelines

Refer to Circular no. 023 dated March 19, 2020 on “Payment pre-validation services”, the stakeholder are hereby advised on the process to be followed for presenting the account validation records:

1. On-boarding process:

Non DBT - Real time:

- Initiating bank / Government departments to approach NPCI for creation for one time Non DBT entity identifier code (4 digit).
- Corporates can avail this service only through their sponsor bank. Sponsor bank should get in touch with NPCI to the entity identifier code.
- In-case initiating bank is raising the request on-behalf of government or corporate then separate code needs to be applied for each unique corporate or government department in the request sent.
- The format for raising request to NPCI for creation of code is provided in **Annexure I**.

Non DBT - File based:

- Corporates or government department can participate through their sponsor bank only.
- For file based mode the sequence number in filename (6 digit unique number) should start with “8”.

DBT - Real time:

- Government department on completion of certification process can get connected directly to NPCI or through their sponsor bank.
- A new entity identifier code (4 digit) to be taken from NPCI for the identification of the government department. The format for raising the request to NPCI for creation of code is provided in **Annexure I**.

DBT - File based:

- Government department can participate through their sponsor bank only.
- For file based mode the sequence number in filename (6 digit unique number) should start with “9” whereas for OMC (LPG subsidy) validation the sequence number can start with any value between “0” to “7”.
- In addition, Government departments’ on-boarding directly to NPCI should submit sponsor bank authorization letter (Refer **Annexure II** for format) for collection of charges.

2. Record processing:

File based:

- LPG subsidy - No change in account validation process, format or naming convention. Input & response naming convention given below for reference.
 - **Input**
 - **Format:** AV-<Initiating bank code>-<Receiving bank code> -<Initiating bank user ID>-<DDMMYYYY>-<6 digit Sequence number–should not start with “8” or “9”>-INP.txt
 - **Example:** AV-XXXX-OMCC-XXXXUSER1-02032020-000002-INP.txt
 - **Response**
 - **Format:** AV-<Initiating bank code as received in input>-<Receiving bank code as received in input> -<Receiving bank user ID>-<Date as received in input>-<Sequence number as received in input>-RES.txt
 - **Example:** AV-XXXX-OMCC-OMCCUSER1-02032020-000002-RES.txt
- DBT (bank to bank) – No change in account validation process, format or naming convention. Input & response naming convention given below for reference.
 - **Input**
 - **Format:** AV-<Initiating bank code>-<Receiving bank code> -<Initiating bank user ID>-<DDMMYYYY>-<6 digit Sequence number–should start with “9”>-INP.txt
 - **Example:** AV-XXXX-YYYY-XXXXUSER1-02032020-900002-INP.txt
 - **Response**
 - **Format:** AV-<Initiating bank code as received in input>-<Receiving bank code as received in input> -<Receiving bank user ID>-<Date as received in input>-<Sequence number as received in input>-RES.txt
 - **Example:** AV-XXXX-YYYY-YYYYUSER1-02032020-900002-RES.txt
- Non DBT - Initiating bank based on request from the corporate or government department to initiate account validation file as per the existing format however naming convention will be different. Naming convention given below
 - **Input**
 - **Format:** AV-<Initiating bank code>-<Receiving bank code> -<Initiating bank user ID>-<DDMMYYYY>-<6 digit Sequence number–should start with “8”>-INP.txt
 - **Example:** AV-XXXX-YYYY-XXXXUSER1-02032020-800002-INP.txt
 - **Response**
 - **Format:** AV-<Initiating bank code as received in input>-<Receiving bank code as received in input> -<Receiving bank user ID>-<Date as received in input>-<Sequence number as received in input>-RES.txt
 - **Example:** AV-XXXX-YYYY-YYYYUSER1-02032020-800002-RES.txt

Real time:

Usage of entity identifier code in API request:

- i. Header of the JSON message
- ii. In xml under <Source type="CODE" value="XXXX" name="" />

Introduction of purpose field:

The purpose of the request should be captured during the initiation of this service. The purpose codes allowed in provided in **Annexure III**. Any codes used which is not in the list will be rejected by NPCI system.

This code will be used in <Request id="26062018" type="DETAILS_ENQ" refUrl="" /> in the xml request.

Note: This is applicable for both "Validation of an account based on account number and IFSC" and "Request for an account holder name" API services.

3. Introduction of additional reject reasons & account type

- i. New reason code in line with the transaction return codes have been introduced for reject response
- ii. New codes for new account types introduced

The list of updated codes are provided in **Annexure IV**.

Member banks are advised to take note and disseminate the information to all the concerned. For clarification, the same to be raised through **CRM**.

With Warm Regards



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Annexure I

(To be printed in sponsor bank letterhead)

To,
Chief - Offline product operations & technology,
National Payments Corporation of India
C/O ICICI Towers, 6th Floor,
Tower I, North Wing,
Plot No. 12, Financial District, Nanakram Guda,
Hyderabad, Telangana 500032.

Sub: Request for creation of Non-DBT code for prepayment validation service

We _____ (bank name) participating in National Automated Clearing Cell (“NACH”) as a sponsor bank for _____ (Government department name / Corporate name) with utility code _____, request NPCI to create Non-DBT code for participation in Non-DBT account validation service provided by NPCI.

When using this service, we also ensure the following:

1. Only valid API request received from the corporate or Government departments will be initiated to NPCI.
2. Restrict the initiation of unwanted or false request.
3. In-case of any incorrect request submission to NPCI, the same will be handled internally between the corporate and sponsor bank.

(Signature of Authorized Signatory)

(Name of the Authorized Signatories & designation with bank seal)

Annexure II – Format of sponsor bank authorization letter

(To be printed in sponsor bank letterhead)

To,
Chief - Offline product operations & technology,
National Payments Corporation of India
C/O ICICI Towers, 6th Floor,
Tower I, North Wing,
Plot No. 12, Financial District, Nanakram Guda,
Hyderabad, Telangana 500032.

Sub: Authorization for debiting charges from settlement account

We _____(bank name) participating in National Automated Clearing Cell (“NACH”) as a sponsor bank for _____ (Government department name) hereby authorize NPCI to debit our settlement account maintained with RBI for records processed by the department with the code of _____ (4 digit code created by NPCI) through real time account validation service provided by NPCI.

(Signature of Authorized Signatory)

(Name of the Authorized Signatories & designation with bank seal)

Annexure III

Sl. No.	Purpose	Purpose code
1	Customer on-boarding - loan	CO01
2	Customer on-boarding - Demat	CO02
3	Customer on-boarding - Brokerage/ SIP/ MF	CO03
4	Customer on-boarding - Subscriptions	CO04
5	Customer on-boarding - Others services	CO05
6	Vendor on-boarding	VO01
7	Mandate registration - Physical mandate	MR01
8	Mandate registration - eSign mandate	MR02
9	Mandate registration - API mandate	MR03
10	Payment pre-validation - Credit	PP01
11	Payment pre-validation - Debit	PP02
12	Payment pre-validation - Refund credit	PP03
13	DBT beneficiary on-boarding	DB01
14	DBT payment pre-validation	DB02

Annexure IV:

Additional reject reasons

Response Code	Description	Status
S601	Account is in open and active state	Existing
S602	Account under litigation	Existing
S603	A/c inactive	Existing
S604	Dormant A/c	Existing
S605	Account holder expired	Existing
S606	A/c blocked or frozen	Existing
S607	Customer insolvent / insane	Existing
S608	Account Closed	New code
S609	No such Account	New code
S610	KYC Documents Pending	New code
S611	Invalid IFSC code	New code
S612	Network failure (CBS)	New code
S613	A/c in Zero balance/No transactions have happened	New code
900	PAN Number not linked to Account	New code

Account type for account status API

Response Code	Description	Status
T651	Savings account	Existing
T652	Current account	Existing
T653	Cash credit account	Existing
T654	Overdraft account	Existing
T699	Others	Existing
T656	FD	New code
T657	RD	New code
T658	Loan account	New code
T659	PMJDY account	New code
T660	NRE/NRO account	New code
T661	HUF - Hindu Undivided family	New code
T662	PF & PPF	New code
T663	Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD)	New code