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## **Administration and Department Payment Card Procedures**

### **Purpose**

This document and additional supporting documents represents The University of Southern Mississippi's policy to prevent loss or disclosure of customer information including payment card data. Failure to protect customer information may result in financial loss for customers, suspension of credit card processing privileges, and fines imposed on and damage to the reputation of the department and the University.

### **PCI DSS**

The PCI DSS is a mandated set of requirements agreed upon by the five major credit card companies: VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and JCB. These security requirements apply to all transactions surrounding the payment card industry and the merchants/organizations that accept these cards as forms of payment. Further details about PCI can be found at the PCI Security Standards Council Web site (<https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org>)

In order to accept credit card payments, The University of Southern Mississippi must prove and maintain compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards. The University of Southern Mississippi Payment Card Security Policy and additional supporting documents provides the requirements for processing, transmission, storage and disposal of cardholder data of payment card transactions in order to reduce the institutional risk associated with the administration of credit card payments by university departments to ensure proper internal control and compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS).

### **Procedures**

In the course of doing business at The University of Southern Mississippi, including affiliated organizations, it may be necessary for a department or other unit to accept payment cards. The University of Southern Mississippi requires all departments that accept payment cards to do so only in accordance with the PCI DSS and the following procedures.

#### ***1. Card Acceptance and Handling***

The opening of a new merchant account for the purpose of accepting and processing payment cards is done on a case by case basis. Any department requesting a new merchant account must adopt the University's approved solution for maintaining compliance. Any costs (e.g. equipment, device

management, encryption, processing fees, etc.) associated with the acceptance of payment cards in a department, will be charged to the department.

- 1.1. Interested departments should contact the Director of Student Financial Services to begin the process of accepting payment cards. Steps include:
  - 1.1.1. Completion of an "Application for Department Merchant Account"
  - 1.1.2. Approval by the Tax Compliance Office to accept payments on behalf of the University for goods or services.
  - 1.1.3. Read and sign-off on the University Payment Card Security Policy and supporting documents.
  - 1.1.4. If applicable, email [itbilling@usm.edu](mailto:itbilling@usm.edu) to request information and approval for E-Commerce (online payments via the University's approved internet processor).
- 1.2. Any department accepting payment cards on behalf of the institution must designate an individual within the department who will have primary authority and responsibility within that department for payment card transactions. This individual is referred to as the Merchant Department Responsible Person or MDRP. The department should also specify a back-up, or person of secondary responsibility, should matters arise when the MDRP is unavailable.
- 1.3. Specific details regarding processing and reconciliation will depend upon the method of payment card acceptance and type of merchant account. Detailed instructions will be provided when the merchant account is established and are also available by contacting Business Services.
- 1.4. All service providers and third party vendors that provide payment card services must be PCI-DSS compliant and approved by the Merchant Services/PCI Committee. Departments who contract with third-party service providers must maintain a list that documents their service providers and:
  - 1.4.1. Ensure contracts include language that states the service provider or third party vendor is PCI compliant and will protect all cardholder data.
  - 1.4.2. Annually audit the PCI compliance status of all service providers and third-party vendors. A lapse in PCI compliance could result in the termination of the relationship.

## ***2. Payment card Data Security***

All departments authorized to accept payment card transactions must have their card handling procedures documented and made available for periodic review. Departments must have the following components in place within their procedures and ensure that these components are maintained on an ongoing basis.

### ***PROCESSING AND COLLECTION***

- 2.1. Access to cardholder data (CHD) is restricted to only those users who need the data to perform their jobs. Each merchant department must maintain a current list of employees with access to CHD and review the list monthly to ensure that the list reflects the most current access needed and granted.
- 2.2. Equipment used to collect cardholder data is secured against unauthorized use or tampering in accordance with the PCI DSS. This includes the following:
  - 2.2.1. Maintaining a list of devices and their location;
  - 2.2.2. Periodically inspecting the devices to check for tampering or substitution;

- 2.2.3. Training for all personnel to be aware of suspicious behavior and reporting procedures in the event of suspected tampering or substitution.
- 2.3. Email must never be used to transmit payment card or personal payment information, nor should it be accepted as a method to supply such information. In the event that it does occur, disposal as outlined below is critical. If payment card data is received in an email then:
  - 2.3.1. The email should be replied to immediately with the payment card number deleted stating that "The University of Southern Mississippi does not accept payment card data via email as it is not a secure method of transmitting cardholder data".
  - 2.3.2. Provide a list of the alternate, compliant option(s) for payment.
  - 2.3.3. Delete the email from your inbox and also delete it from your email Trash.
- 2.4. Fax machines used to transmit payment card information to a merchant department must be standalone machines with appropriate physical security; receipt or transmission of payment card data using a multi-function fax machine is not permitted.

### ***STORAGE AND DESTRUCTION***

- 2.5. Cardholder data, whether collected on paper or electronically, is protected against unauthorized access. Never store the Primary Account Number (PAN), expiration date, track data, security codes, and PIN number post authorization.
- 2.6. Physical security controls are in place to prevent unauthorized individuals from gaining access to the buildings, rooms, or cabinets that store the equipment, documents or electronic files containing cardholder data.
- 2.7. No database, electronic file, or other electronic repository of information will store the full contents of any track from the magnetic stripe, or the card-validation code.
- 2.8. Portable electronic media devices should not be used to store cardholder data. These devices include, but are not limited to, the following: laptops, compact disks, floppy disks, USB flash drives, personal digital assistants and portable external hard drives.
- 2.9. Cardholder data should not be retained any longer than a documented business need; after which, it must be deleted or destroyed using a PCI DSS-approved method of destruction. The maximum period of time the data may be retained is six months. A regular schedule of deleting or destroying data should be established in the merchant department to ensure that no cardholder data is kept beyond the required retention period.

### ***3. Responding to a Security Breach***

In the event of a breach or suspected breach of security, the department or unit must immediately contact the University Help Desk and execute The University of Southern Mississippi Information Security Incident Response Plan.

### ***4. Sanctions***

Failure to meet the requirements outlined in this policy may result in suspension of the physical and, if appropriate, electronic payment capability with payment cards for affected unit(s). In the event of a breach or a PCI violation, the payment card brands may assess penalties to the University's bank which will likely then be passed on to the University. Any fines and assessments imposed on the University will be the responsibility of the impacted unit. A one-time penalty of up to \$500,000 per card branch per breach can be assessed as well as on-going monthly penalties.

Persons in violation of this policy are subject to sanctions, including loss of computer or network access privileges, disciplinary action, suspension and termination of employment, as well as legal action. Some violations may constitute criminal offenses under local, state or federal laws. The University of Southern Mississippi will carry out its responsibility to report such violations to the appropriate authorities.

## Definitions

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS)</b>	The security requirements defined by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council and the 5 major Payment card Brands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, JCB</li></ul>
<b>Cardholder</b>	Someone who owns and benefits from the use of a membership card, particularly a payment card.
<b>Card Holder Data (CHD)</b>	Those elements of payment card information that are required to be protected. These elements include Primary Account Number (PAN), Cardholder Name, Expiration Date and the Service Code.
<b>Primary Account Number (PAN)</b>	Number code of 14 or 16 digits embossed on a bank or payment card and encoded in the card's magnetic strip. PAN identifies the issuer of the card and the account, and includes a check digit as an authentication device.
<b>Cardholder Name</b>	The name of the Cardholder to whom the card has been issued.
<b>Expiration Date</b>	The date on which a card expires and is no longer valid. The expiration date is embossed, encoded or printed on the card.
<b>Service Code</b>	The service code that permits where the card is used and for what.

<b>Sensitive Authentication Data</b>	Additional elements of payment card information that are also required to be protected but never stored. These include Magnetic Stripe (i.e., track) data, CAV2, CVC2, CID, or CVV2 data and PIN/PIN block.
<b>Magnetic Stripe (i.e., track) data</b>	Data encoded in the magnetic stripe or equivalent data on a chip used for authorization during a card-present transaction. Entities may not retain full magnetic-stripe data after transaction authorization.
<b>CAV2, CVC2, CID, or CVV2 data</b>	The three- or four-digit value printed on or to the right of the signature panel or on the face of a payment card used to verify card- not-present transactions.
<b>PIN/PIN block</b>	Personal Identification Number entered by cardholder during a card-present transaction, and/or encrypted PIN block present within the transaction message.
<b>Disposal</b>	<p>CHD must be disposed of in a certain manner that renders all data unrecoverable. This includes paper documents and any electronic media including computers, hard drives, magnetic tapes, USB storage devices,(Before disposal or repurposing, computer drives should be sanitized in accordance with the (Institution's) Electronic Data Disposal Policy). The approved disposal methods are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-cut shredding, Incineration, Approved shredding or disposal service</li> </ul>
<b>Merchant Department</b>	Any department or unit (can be a group of departments or a subset of a department) which has been approved by the (institution) to accept payment cards and has been assigned a Merchant identification number.
<b>Merchant Department Responsible Person (MDRP)</b>	An individual within the department who has primary authority and responsibility within that department for payment card transactions.
<b>Third Party Vendor</b>	Third-party vendors are classified into two categories for the purposes of these procedures.

- Third-party vendors who contract to do business with and accept credit/debit payments on behalf of a university merchant. The payments accepted by these third-party vendors must be deposited to the university's bank account. Examples of this type of third-party vendor include the ticket system for athletics and the Arts. These third-party systems are used to meet the specific needs of certain university merchants. Guidelines governing this type of third-party vendor are contained within this manual.
- Third-party vendors who contract to do business as a location on University property. Examples of this type of third-party vendor include the university bookstore provider (Barnes & Noble) and the University food services (Aramark). While these vendors are outside the scope of this policy, it is imperative the initiating department ensures these third-party contracts with the University address compliance with PCI

**Database**

A structured electronic format for organizing and maintaining information that is accessible in various ways. Simple examples of databases are tables or spreadsheets.



## Application for Department Merchant Account

To be completed by Departments that would like to accept payment cards (Visa, Master Card, American Express, and/or Discover credit cards and/or debit cards) as a form of payment for goods and/or services, receipt of donations, non-tuition courses, conferences, seminars, tickets and other approved University of Southern Mississippi related products.

Please read the Payment Card Security Policy ([www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-adma-bus-009](http://www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-adma-bus-009)), and the attached documents, Administration and Department Procedures and the Department Payment Card Responsibilities, prior to completing this application to make sure that the Department will be able to comply with the requirements listed in the University policy and supporting documents.

The completed Application for Department Merchant Account and the Revenue Evaluation forms must be submitted to the Tax Compliance Office which will forward the application to Business Services. Once the application has been approved, please allow at least six weeks for setup prior to the desired go live date. For assistance or questions regarding this form, please contact Barbara Madison at 601.266.4771 or [barbara.madison@usm.edu](mailto:barbara.madison@usm.edu).

Department Requesting Merchant Account:	
Date of Application	
Desired "Live" Date	
Department Contact - Primary (name, address, phone #, email)	
Department Contact - Secondary (name, address, phone #, email)	
Purpose of the credit card merchant account: (Brief description of the goods or services for which you want to accept credit cards.)	
Revenue Approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you plan to have fundraisers to generate revenue?</li> <li>Will the sale of goods and/or services be open to the general public (anyone other than the University)?</li> </ul> <p><b><i>If you answered yes to either question above, please complete and attach the Revenue Evaluation form found <a href="#">here</a>.</i></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>Estimated annual activity/volume:</b> (include both number of transactions and total dollar value)	
<b>Clientele</b> (students, alumni, general population, etc.)	
<b>Budget</b> (each department is responsible for fees charged to their merchant account)	
<b>Location Name</b> (name that will print on customers statement – 16 characters including spaces)	Click here to enter text.
<b>How will credit cards be accepted?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Online Proposed URL Click here to enter text.
<b>If Point of Sale System (POS) to be used:</b>	Name of POS Application Click here to enter text. Name/Version of POS software Click here to enter text. Authorizations done via Choose an item. Where the POS application will be hosted Click here to enter text. Whether wireless technology will be used Click here to enter text.
<b>Type of credit cards accepted</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard/Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express

By signing below, the authorizing parties confirm that:

- All impacted personnel have read and understand the University of Southern Mississippi Payment Card Security Policy, Administration and Department Procedures, and the Department Merchant Responsibilities and agree to adhere to them.
- The department agrees to participate in the University administered PCI Compliance programming including assisting in the completion of annual questionnaires and attending security training and informational meetings.
- The department agrees to be responsible for paying any implementation/setup costs as well as the ongoing fees.

Requested by:

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Printed Name

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Title

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Signature

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Date

Approved by (Director or Dean):

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Printed Name

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Title

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Signature

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Date

Return Completed form to:      Tax Compliance  
   118 College Dr. #5143  
   or  
   [taxcompliance@usm.edu](mailto:taxcompliance@usm.edu)

Approved by (Tax Compliance):

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Signature

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Date



## Department Payment Card Responsibilities

### Purpose:

Each department that handles credit and debit card information must have written procedures tailored to its specific organization that are consistent with the University's Administration and Department Procedures and PCI-DSS. Departmental procedures are reviewed, signed and dated by the department head on an annual basis indicating compliance with the University's Payment Card Security Policy. These procedures are submitted to and approved by the Dean or Vice President, and the Merchant Services/PCI Committee.

This document is intended to provide assistance in the development of the departmental procedures required by the PCI-DSS. Departmental procedures should describe the entire transaction process and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Segregation of duties
- Deposits
- Reconciliation procedures
- Physical security
- Disposal
- Cash register procedures (if applicable)

### Responsibilities

- Any department accepting payments on behalf of the University for goods or services must have received approval from the Tax Compliance Office prior to receiving a merchant account.
- Departments should designate an employee within the department who will have primary authority and responsibility for payment card and/or ecommerce transaction processing within that department. Responsibilities include:
  - Departmental compliance with the security measures established by the payment card industry and university policies.
  - Ensuring any employee who handles cardholder data completes the annual training and signs an acknowledgement indicating their understanding of and adherence to the policies.
  - Completion of the annual PCI-DSS Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)

- Completion of the Annual Merchant Survey

Any changes in this designee must be communicated to the Director of Student Financial Services immediately.

- Department Head must review and sign the completed PCI DSS Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) and Merchant Survey on an annual basis.
- Departments may NOT place orders for new or replacement payment card terminals. If the payment card processor recommends a replacement terminal, the department may NOT accept one before contacting University Business Services first. All terminals are procured through the University Business Services office.
- University Business Services will obtain merchant numbers for Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express (if the department chooses to accept). All payment card equipment and terminals will be obtained and programmed by the University Business Services for the department. Equipment costs will be billed to the department.
- Departments may only use the services of vendors which have been approved by the Merchant Services/PCI Committee to process payment card transactions regardless of whether the transaction is point of sale (POS), mail/telephone order or internet based
- Departments must notify University Business Services of software upgrades and changes related to credit card processing.
- Departments using POS systems must provide all outward facing IP addresses used in the processing and/or transmitting of credit card data for external scanning.
- Payment card numbers must not be transmitted in an insecure manner, such as by e-mail or chat, unsecured fax, or through campus mail. Similarly, payment card data must not be stored insecurely in any form, such as paper forms or received faxes.
- University employees must not direct any cardholder to a general purpose computer to make a payment
- University employees must not enter cardholder data (CHD) into a general purpose workstation for a customer.
- Sensitive cardholder data [i.e., full account number, expiration date, PIN, and card-validation code] must never be stored in any University system or personal computer after the payment has been authorized.
- The entire payment card number must not be printed on either the merchant copy or customer copy of any receipts; it is permissible to include the first six and last four digits only. Old documents containing the entire card number should be cross-cut shredded or all but the last four digits punched out with a hole-punch.
- All documentation containing card numbers must be stored in a secure environment until processed. Secure environments include locked drawers and safes, with limited access to only

individuals who are authorized to handle the payment card data. Processing should be done as soon as possible and the payment card number should immediately be destroyed as described above.

- All media used to store payment card data must be destroyed in a PCI-compliant manner when it is no longer needed for business or legal reasons. Please see below for the options for proper disposal.
  - Hard-copy materials must be crosscut shredded, incinerated, or pulped such that there is reasonable assurance the hard-copy materials cannot be reconstructed.
  - Storage containers used for materials that are to be destroyed must be secured.
  - Cardholder data on electronic media must be rendered unrecoverable (e.g., via a secure wipe program in accordance with industry-accepted standards for secure deletion, or by physically destroying the media).
- Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access
- Employees who handle or have access to cardholder data are required to participate in annual payment card security training provided by Business Services/iTech.
- Units using third-party software, including POS systems, are prohibited from storing complete payment card numbers on University computers at any time.
- Units using third-party software, including POS systems must keep documentation of all agreements and configurations related to the software for audits or in case of an emergency.

In case of a suspected compromise or theft of credit card data:

- Immediately contact the iTech Helpdesk by phone (601.266.4357) or by email (helpdesk@usm.edu)
- Execute the University's Security Incident Response Plan