

Visa® Purchasing Card St. Francis Xavier University



Purchasing Card (PCard) Program and User Guide

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Purpose of Program

The primary objective of the **Purchasing Card Program** is to provide faculty and staff with **a convenient, cost-effective and efficient** method of procuring and paying for low dollar value goods and services. Using the Pcard simplifies the process, improves order cycle time, reduces paperwork, expedites supplier payments and places control with faculty, researchers and staff. Departments may use Purchasing Cards (PCard's) for the purchase and payment of goods and services where it is efficient, economical and operationally feasible to do so. **Program usage must comply with the procedures and guidelines contained in this and related documents.**

Related Documents:
PCard Financial Policy
PCard Application Form
Cardholder Acknowledgement Form
Cardholder Account Maintenance Request
Cardholder Dispute Form
PCard System Transaction Log Sheet

Key Areas of Responsibility

PCard Administrators

Responsible and accountable for the overall administration of the program including:

- Coordination with the program provider (US Bank of Canada)
- Coordination of card issuance
- Provides support, assistance and training to the training of individual Cardholders

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Financial Services - Business Office - PCard Administrators

Responsible and accountable for:

- downloading billing file from program provider
- issue monthly email reminders for cardholders
- reconciliation of monthly program PCard transactions
- Posting transactions to General Ledger Accounts.

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Site Co-ordinator (Department Head, Manager or Designate, PCard Holder)

Responsible and accountable for:

- administration of the system at the departmental level, including co-ordination of the addition/issue and deletion of cards with Procurement PCard Administrators,
- Monitors cardholder compliance with Purchasing Card (PCard) System Guide,
- Determines reporting hierarchy for the department and ensures accuracy of information.
- Site Co-ordinators act as a departmental resource for Cardholders at the departmental level.

Cardholder - "Permanent" University Employee

(Full-time, part-time or recurring term of regular or trust employment status)

Responsible and accountable for:

- security of their PCard,
- use of their PCard in accordance with the Purchasing Card (PCard) Program and User Guide and Purchasing Card (PCard) Financial Policy document and
- additional restrictions/conditions that may be imposed by their Site Co-ordinator or PCard Administrator.

Responsibilities and Operational Instructions

Site Co-ordinator

A Department Head or Administrative Professional Officer (or appointed representative) must be designated as the Site Co-ordinator to administer the system at a departmental level and to authorize and control the issuance of departmental cards. Departments using University PCards are responsible for any charges relating to their cards. Liability for charges rests with the department, not the individual Cardholder provided the card is used in compliance with approved guidelines and procedures.

1. Coordinate PCard Applications:

Applications may be obtained online on the Procurement website at: http://sites.stfx.ca/financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/files/ApplicationForm_Nov%20 http://sites.stfx.ca/financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/files/ApplicationForm_Nov%20 <a href="http://sites.stfx.ca/financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/sites.stfx.ca.financial_services/sites/

All card requests are to be directed to Procurement PCARD ADMINISTRATOR. The card limits currently default to:

- \$1,500.00 CDN per transaction for **research** accounts
- \$500.00 CDN for departmental accounts

with a monthly transaction maximum of \$10,000. Requests for transaction limits greater than the defaults must be made in writing and require approval from the PCARD ADMINISTRATOR and Manager, Finance & Control.

The PCard Administrator and Site Co-ordinators are responsible for ensuring that every Cardholder is informed about the system instructions and procedures including transaction limits of their card, their responsibilities and the restrictions regarding the use of the P Card.

2. Coordinate PCard Cancellations:

The Site Coordinator is responsible for notifying the PCARD ADMINISTRATOR when a cardholder leaves a Department and/or the University or if an extended absence leaves exceeds a three-month period.

The Site Coordinator is responsible for obtaining the card from the Cardholder prior to their departure and returning the card to the PCARD ADMINISTRATOR.

3. Monthly Reconciliation:

The Site Coordinator is responsible for ensuring appropriate expensing of charges to the correct GL accounts. If an Account or Sub-account code is incorrect or inactive, charges will be processed against the code that has been designated as the default. In the case of the default account not being valid, charges will be processed to the department's general operating budget. See Electronic Reconciliation (Appendix A).

4. Internal Controls:

Responsible for ensuring adequate internal controls are in place at the departmental level.

5. Signature Approvals:

Site Co-ordinators must ensure that appropriate signatures from cardholders are obtained for the monthly billing statements.

Note:

The Department is liable for any unauthorized use of the card until notification of loss, theft or cancellation has been reported to the card company by the Cardholder. Lost or stolen cards <u>must</u> be reported immediately to both PCARD Administrator and the US Bank. The US Bank can be notified 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the following telephone:

Toll Free: 1-800-588-8067 Long Distance: 416-306-3636

Cardholder Responsibilities

Cardholders are responsible and accountable for the following and after signing the Cardholder Agreement Form, confirm they will adhere to the Purchasing Card (PCard) Program Guide and Purchasing Card (PCard) Financial Policy.

1. Card security:

PCards must be kept in a secure location when not in use.

2. Card Cancellation:

Upon request by PCard Administrator, transfer from a department or termination of University employment, the Cardholder shall return the Corporate Card to the PCard Administrator. Leave of absences exceeding three months will result in card suspension.

3. Ordering:

All shipments (with the exception of those picked up by cardholder/delegate) are to be shipped and addressed to Central Shipping/Receiving for subsequent delivery to the Cardholder. The Cardholder must instruct the shipper to address the shipment as shown below; please note different addresses for Canadian and Foreign Shipments. Not all cardholders are authorized to purchase from foreign suppliers.

Upon receipt of the shipment(s) the Central Receiving Department will forward the unopened shipment via the Facilities Management Delivery Service to the end-user. Shipments may be opened by the Central Receiving Department if the information on the exterior of the shipping container/packaging is insufficient to permit delivery of the shipment to its ultimate destination. Note: The Visa number must not be referenced or shown on shipping cartons.

Cardholders are required to instruct all suppliers to clearly indicate the Cardholder's name and to note "Paid by Visa" on the outer packaging and on all packing documents and other correspondence.

Canadian Shipments:

St. Francis Xavier University % Central Receiving & Shipping (Cardholder's Name) 2321 Notre Dame Avenue Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2W5 Canada

Foreign Shipments (if authorized):

St. Francis Xavier University c/o Livingston Customs Brokerage Central Receiving & Shipping (Cardholder's Name) 2321 Notre Dame Avenue Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2W5 Canada

4. Import Purchase Form (if authorized for foreign purchases):

The PCard Import Purchase Form provides written information for Procurement Services and our customs broker (Livingston International) that a shipment of goods entering Canada is the responsibility of StFX and can be cleared through customs appropriately. The form can be found at: http://sites.stfx.ca/financial_services/procurement/pcard.

This form <u>must</u> be completed and emailed to Procurement Services for all goods entering Canada on behalf of the University when purchased using the University PCard.

Foreign shipments that arrive without notice will be subject to delays and the shipment may be rejected.

5. Monthly Transaction Report:

The cardholder will review all transactions (usually posted within two days of purchase) to:

- verify charges are correct,
- input the tax information
- Make any changes to the accounting information.

Attach all receipts and supporting documentation (e.g., packing slips, detailed store receipts, invoices) with your individual billing transaction reports and submit the approved report to Accounts Payable at the end of each billing cycle. Accounts Payable will maintain transaction reports and supporting documents for legal and audit purposes.

6. **Document Retention:**

Cardholders are responsible for retention and submission of detailed original receipts/invoices for monthly reconciliation. Every effort must be made to provide supporting documentation for all methods of purchasing (i.e. internet, telephone, fax).

7. Disputed Items:

Cardholders are responsible for attempting to resolve any disputed item(s) with vendor, (e.g., incorrect charge on billing statement, wrong goods, etc.) Should the issue remain unresolved after contacting the vendor, please notify the PCard Administrator and contact the US Bank at 1-800-588-8065 to dispute the item in question. PCard holder must complete Cardholder Dispute Form. Cardholders have sixty (60) days from the transaction date to dispute an item.

Please note that problems with vendors (e.g., late delivery, lost shipments etc.) are not considered to be disputed items and must be settled directly with the vendor. Cardholders must stress to the vendor that charges may not be made against the PCard until goods are shipped to the University.

8. Reviewing Transactions:

Transactions must be reviewed (at a minimum) on a monthly basis. The cardholder must sign the billing

statement and ensure that all supporting documents are attached. Best practice for cardholders would be to review and update transactions weekly with tax and account allocation information.

9. Signing Authority:

It is the Cardholder's responsibility to ensure that all required signatures are obtained.

Research grant holders' Pcard transaction reports **must** be approved by one of:

- Dean;
- Department Chair;
- Academic VP or
- AVP Research.

For staff reporting to the grantee, the statement shall be approved by the grantee or principal investigator.

10. Restrictions:

Cardholders are responsible for understanding and adhering to restrictions outlined:

Each card has a unique number and is issued to an individual for use only by that individual (no card sharing).

The card must be used only to make authorized, official University purchases.

Purchases must be made within the established card limits. **Splitting transactions in order to circumvent** the transaction limit is strictly prohibited and will result in cancellation of card.

The card *must not* be used for the following:

- Purchases over card limits including all fees, taxes and shipping costs (no transaction splitting)
- Goods or services from any officer or other employee of the University
- Cash advances
- Personal use
- Alcohol, narcotics and other hazardous chemicals or materials
- Laboratory or research animals
- Leasing or rental of equipment in excess of 30 days
- Maintenance contracts
- Radioactive materials
- Salaries, wages or consulting fees
- Travel expenses (including airline tickets, hotels, meals, registrations, taxis, etc.)
- Professional Allowance purchases
- Furniture
- Computer purchases including desktop computers, laptops, printers, monitors, and peripherals (unless authorized)

Acceptable Purchases include:

- Supplies and service for University owned vehicles
- Maintenance supplies (electrical, mechanical, building, etc.)
- Tools, small equipment
- Non hazardous chemicals
- Short term equipment rentals
- Mail/Phone/Web orders

- Books, subscriptions, etc.
- Memberships
- Research related goods and services (subject to exclusions above)

The PCard Administrator, Accounts Payable and other audit authorities will perform an annual review of cardholder activity, limits and status. This is in addition to the ongoing compliance monitoring performed by Procurement Services and Accounts Payable Departments and any other audit requirements.

Program Monitoring

In addition to regular review of system reports, the PCard Administrator will conduct detailed reviews to determine whether the system objectives are being achieved. The process will include a review of internal control systems.

An audit of selected transactions will be performed on an on-going basis and will include the following:

- Review of receipts (detailed original receipts)
- Purchase of restricted items/vendors
- Split transactions
- Personal purchases
- Appropriate account and sub-account codes
- Appropriate signature approvals (for departmental and/or research controls)
- Documentation (receipts, packing slips, statements)

Appendix A -Transaction Reconciliation Process

- 1. P card transactions are available through the month (usually visible 2 days after transaction) and must be reconciled within 10 (ten) calendar days after the cycle close date. This is the cut-off date for making any changes to transactions.
- 2. 10 days after the cycle close date all changes to transactions will be locked and posted to the GL. No changes to accounts will be processed after the cycle close date.
- 3. A monthly email reminder will be sent to Cardholders and/or Site Co-ordinators to remind cardholders to review their transactions and submit the approved transaction report.
- 4. Cardholders are required to update account allocation and tax information and submit all receipts with their monthly transaction report. The transaction report must be signed by the Cardholder and their Supervisor/Manager (second level review/approval) and submitted to Accounts Payable within ten calendar days of the cycle close date.

NOTE: Cardholders with multiple monthly transactions should make it a practice to update transaction allocation and tax information on a weekly basis.

- 5. Transaction reports and receipts shall be forwarded to the Accounts Payable Department for retention. All documents will be retained as required by audit schedules.
- 6. Research Grants & Contracts

Research grant holder Pcard transaction reports **must** be approved by one of:

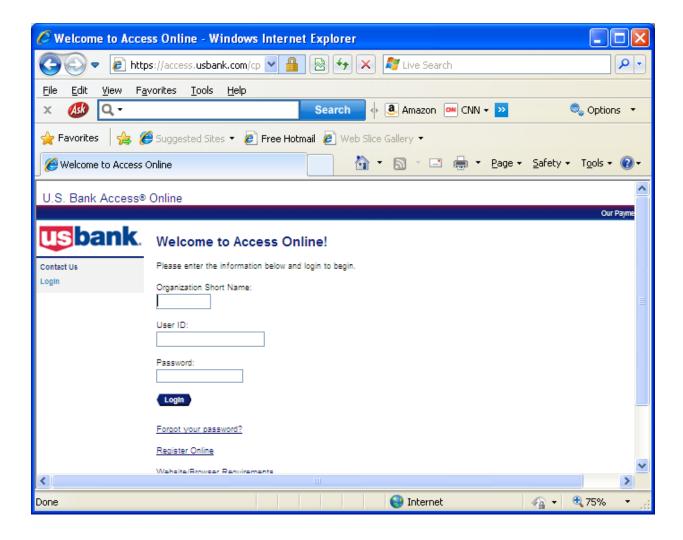
- Dean
- Department Chair
- Academic VP
- AVP Research.

For staff reporting to the grantee, the statement shall be approved by the grantee or principal investigator.

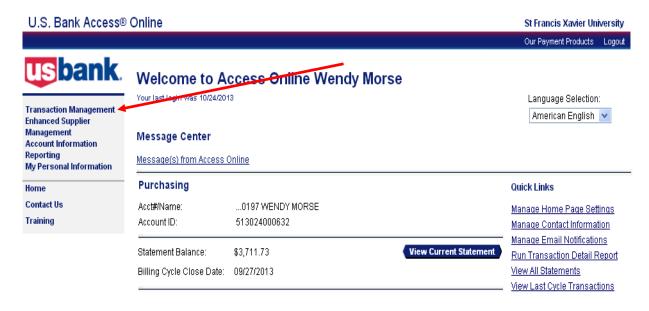
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Logging on to Access Online

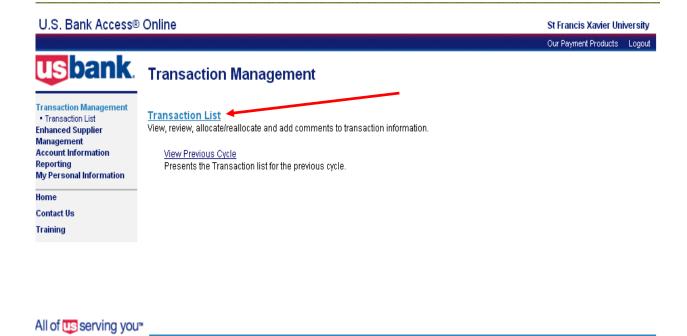
- 1. Launch your Internet browser, go to https://access.usbank.com/cpsApp1/index.jsp website.
- 2. Log in as requested (Organization Short Name: SFXU, User ID and Password) and click on "Login".



3. Click on Transaction Management (left tool bar)



4. Click on Transaction List

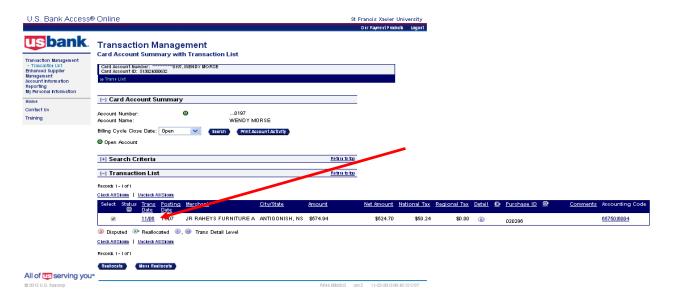


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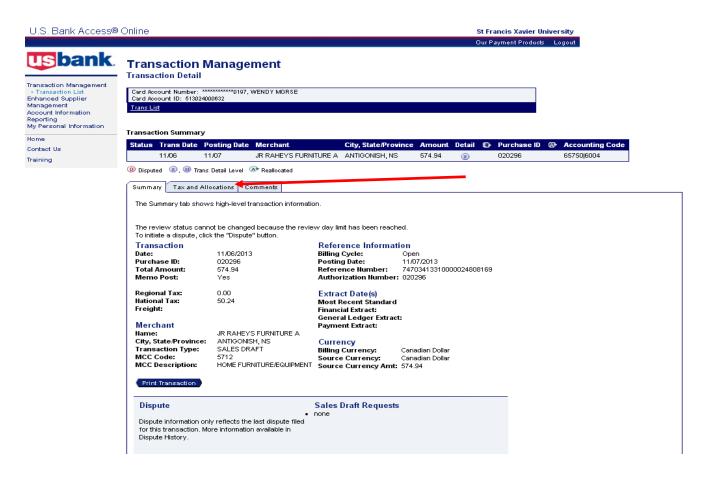
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5. Select the individual transaction you will update by clicking on the Trans Date to view the transaction detail:



Click on the Tax and Allocation Tab:

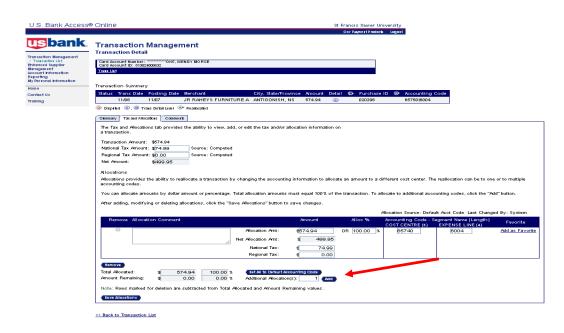


- 7. Enter the exact tax amount shown on your receipt:
 - HST or GST as NATIONAL tax
 - PST (if applicable) component as REGIONAL tax.

NOTE: A value may appear in the tax fields – please enter the exact tax amount on your receipt. Make any adjustments to allocations to update account charges and click on Save Allocations when complete.

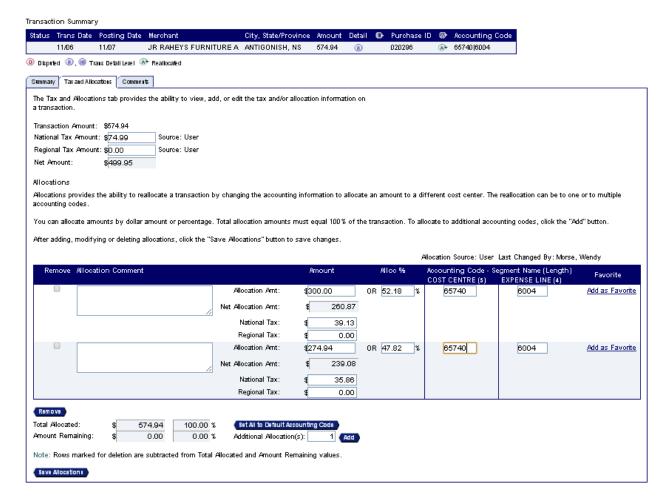


8. **Split Transaction Charges:** To charge a transaction to multiple accounts, click Add in the additional allocations field.

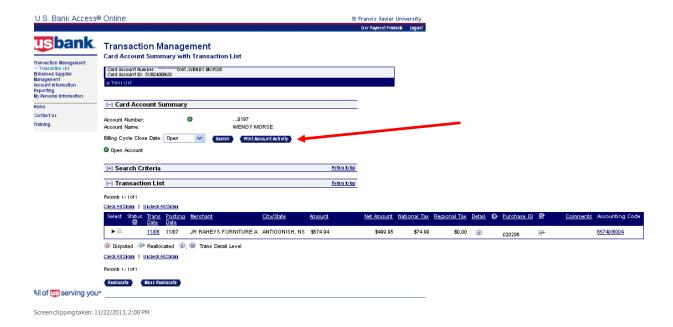


You can split the transaction by a dollar amount or a percentage

- Enter the amount or percentage that you wish to reallocate in the first "Allocation Amt" field and change cost the Cost Centre accordingly.
- o In the second "Allocation Amt" field enter the balance of the "Amount Remaining" (this balance is found on the bottom line under "Amount Remaining") and adjust account accordingly.
- Click on "Save Allocations". If additional fields are required click on "Add Alloc" and follow above procedure.
- It is not necessary to reallocate tax amounts they are automatically included in the transaction total.
- To delete an account charge change previously made to a transaction, Check all "Remove" boxes and click on "Remove" then select "Save Allocations". This will remove all previous allocations and will restore account to its original allocation. If you still wish to reallocate a transaction follow the steps outlined above.
- Changes will be visible when you go into the "Print Account Activity" screen.



9. When all transactions in the cycle are updated and complete select "Print Account Activity" from the Transaction Management screen and click on print to product the Cardholder Activity report. Attach original receipts, obtain approval and forward to Accounts Payable (keeping copies for your records).



Glossary of Terms

Organization Short Name

This identification is used to validate the cardholder during login.

User ID

A unique identifier within your company which identifies the cardholder.

Password

A private code created by the cardholder used to validate the cardholder during login.

Statement Billing Period

"Most Recent Billing Statement" indicates the last complete billing cycle. A custom billing period covers all complete billing cycles whose cycle date falls between the "From" and "To" dates.

Cycle Date

The date of the monthly P card cycle which usually begins on the 29th of every month and usually ends on the 28th of every month (but not always). The cycle includes all transactions posted to the account from the cycle date back to (but not including) the previous cycle close date.

Cardholder Account or Account Number

A 16 digit number which represents the cardholder account. For security purposes, this number is not the same as the account number displayed on the physical card.

Visa Transaction

A transaction processed through the cardholder's visa account.

National Tax

The amount of National Tax charged against the transaction. National Tax refers to HST or HST.

Regional Tax

The amount of Regional or provincial tax charged against the transaction. Regional Tax refers to PST or QST.

Transaction Date

The date the transaction was performed.

Post Date

The date the transaction was posted to the visa account.

Merchant

The merchant or supplier who performed the transaction.

SIC Code

The Visa Standard Industry Classification Code which identifies the type of merchant.

Reference Number

An internal trace number used for transaction tracking purposes.

Foreign Amount

The original amount of the transaction in the currency local to the merchant.

Source Currency

The international currency identifier for the foreign amount.

Original Amount

The original amount of the transaction in the currency of the card program.

Billing Currency

The international currency identifier for the Original Transaction Amount

FX Flag

Identifies if transaction has a different source currency than billing currency.

Transaction Amount

The gross amount of the transaction. This amount will differ from the original amount of the transaction where transactions have been split.

Net Amount

The transaction amount less the National and Regional tax amounts.

Accounting Codes

Up to four internal codes which direct the transaction to a particular general ledger expense category/account.

Comments

A free-form field in which cardholder can add information supporting the transaction. May include information such as description of products purchased or usage of products purchased.

Appendix B - STFX PCard Program Transaction Record

Cardholder Name	Last 4 digits of Card Number	Default Account/Sub-account Number

Order Date	Supplier	Description	Price	Account/Sub-account Change	Notes	Received Date	Billing Cycle Date