

Numerics Impact Questionnaire | Acquirer/Acquirer Processor



The International Organization for Standardization has revised ISO/IEC 7812-1, Identification cards – Identification of issuers – Part 1: Numbering system, to expand the Issuer Identification Number (IIN), also referred to as the issuing BIN, to an eight-digit numeric value from the current six digits.

Since 2015, Visa has communicated with its clients on this industry change which is effective as of April 2022. Given the fundamental importance of the BIN to the payments ecosystem, changes extend well beyond VisaNet to impact the proprietary processing and downstream systems used by its processors, acquirers and issuers. Visa strongly advises its clients to conduct an impact assessment across their internal systems and processes, as well as with their vendors and clients.

Based on input from payments industry experts as well as globally representative clients, the following is a set of questions that can be used to support impact assessments and the identification of potential impact areas. After the assessment is conducted, clients can leverage the findings to develop their plan, estimate the effort required, and implement and test the required changes.

Note: These questions are not a comprehensive view of all potential numerics impacts in any single organization. It is meant to serve as an informed starting point. Each client should perform a comprehensive internal impact assessment customized to their unique needs.

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Transaction Processing	Numerics Awareness
ATM	1. Are all internal stakeholders aware of the new Numerics standard and the readiness timeline?
Merchant Point of Sale (POS)	
Merchant Servicing & Disputes	2. Is the issuing BIN referred to by any other terms across the organization, such as systems, process documentation, or other business usage?
Fraud Management	
Data Warehousing	3. What is the approach to engaging with third parties (processors, vendors, clients) to understand Numerics impacts to their systems, processes, and data?
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Transaction Processing	4. Is issuing BIN used to identify:
ATM	- Limited acceptance (credit, debit)? - Prepaid cards, purchasing cards (p-card), flex spending account (FSA) cards, fleet / petrol cards, U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) cards, others? - Cashback? - Installment payment qualification? - Europe Only: Surcharging? Strong customer authentication (SCA) exemption determination? - U.S. Only: U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) cards?
Merchant Point of Sale (POS)	
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	5. Is the issuing BIN used in interchange reconciliation or reporting?

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Transaction Processing	4. Have impacts to ATM terminal support been identified?
ATM	• Software distribution • Transaction reporting • PIN change capabilities • Custom text and graphics • Foreign language screens • Voice enabled support
Merchant Point of Sale (POS)	
Merchant Servicing & Disputes	
Fraud Management	
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Transaction Processing	6. Are merchants procuring issuing BIN files for their internal use?
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Merchant Point of Sale (POS)	
Merchant Servicing & Disputes	7. Are there any impacts to receipt requirements (e.g., is first-six used to identify issuers)?
Fraud Management	
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	8. Are there any impacts to merchant credit returns processes?

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