

ADVANCING SECURITY WITH RISK AND BUSINESS ANALYTICS

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Risk Protection

The MasterCard Global Risk Management Program applies to all issuers, acquirers, and non-customers (service providers and payment facilitators). The program is a tool for assessing a customer's current capability to manage, anticipate, and protect against inherent internal and external risks in the issuing and acquiring portfolio. The program also determines the effectiveness of existing fraud loss controls and other risk reduction measures, and assists customers in identifying specific areas where such measures may be inadequate.

In addition, the program provides industry best practices to support business growth by enhancing the overall operational efficiency and profitability of the issuing and acquiring portfolio while maintaining losses at an acceptable level.

Third-Party Risk Review Process

The Third-Party Risk Review is an annual review conducted for selected service providers and payment facilitators, at the sole discretion of MasterCard Global Risk Management Program staff. MasterCard examines the service provider's or payment facilitator's ability to support MasterCard customers so that they can adhere to the minimum MasterCard fraud loss control program requirements and compliance standards. A service provider or payment facilitator that fails a review may be subject to deregistration.

MasterCard staff contacts the service provider or payment facilitator and forwards a questionnaire to be completed by the third party. Upon completion and review of the questionnaire, a two-day onsite review is arranged with MasterCard. The onsite review is conducted in collaboration with the service provider or payment facilitator and involves a walkthrough of the third parties' procedures and daily activities. Upon MasterCard staff's completion of the onsite review, key findings are shared with the third party prior to the formal submission of the report within the month. The report contains key findings, recommendations, and a project plan to track the implementation of recommendations.

Issuer Risk Review Topics

An issuer review will cover the following topics, where applicable:

- Organizational structure
- Operational statistics
- Card acquisition channels
- Direct sales agency
- Card application process, including application fraud
- Credit scoring and bureau information
- Third-party onboarding
- Third-party risk management
- Account management, including credit limit management
- Authorization function, process, and performance
- Data security/PCIDSS
- Fraud loss control programs
- Description of customer implementation strategy with regard to EMV chip/PIN, MasterCard® SecureCode™, and MasterCard® MasterPass™ technologies
- Anti-money laundering policies
- Fraud detection performance and effectiveness
- Transaction verification strategy
- Fraud investigations
- Account Data Compromise (ADC) Event or Potential ADC Event identification and analysis
- System to Avoid Fraud Effectively (SAFE) fraud reporting
- Use of MasterCard Connect™
- Cardholder communication strategy
- Fraud-related chargebacks and recoveries
- Receipt and use of fraud reports
- Fraud loss budgeting and forecasting
- Management information systems analysis and methodology

Acquirer Risk Review Topics

An acquirer review will cover the following topics, where applicable:

- Organizational structure
- Operational statistics
- Merchant acquisition channels (retail and e-commerce)
- Direct sales agency
- Merchant application process, including application fraud
- Merchant site inspections (retail and e-commerce)
- Member Alert to Control High-Risk (Merchants) (MATCH™)
- Credit bureau information
- Merchant agreements
- Point-of-sale (POS) terminal capability
- Description of customer implementation strategy with regard to EMV chip/PIN, MasterCard SecureCode, and MasterCard MasterPass technologies
- Anti-money laundering policies
- Merchant support and services
- Authorization function and process
- Data security/PCIDSS
- E-commerce and Internet site data integrity
- Fraud loss control programs and merchant monitoring
- Fraud detection performance and effectiveness
- Use of website monitoring solution to avoid potential illegal or brand-damaging violations
- Transaction verification strategy
- Fraud investigations
- ADC Event or Potential ADC Event identification and analysis
- Use of MasterCard Connect
- Receipt and use of fraud reports
- Acquirer compliance programs
- Management information systems analysis and methodology



For more information related to the Global Risk Management Program, please contact us at GRMP@mastercard.com.

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