



OTCnet 2.0 Release Notes

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OTCnet 2.0 Release Overview

OTCnet Release 2.0 focuses on two priority projects: a new Multiple Classification Key (Multiple C-Key) feature and Straight Through Processing. In addition, this release will implement enhancements requested from agencies. The online and offline application will feature logo and color scheme changes to reflect the consolidation of Financial Management Service (FMS) and Bureau of Public Debt (BPD) into the Bureau of the Fiscal Service. The sections below detail the specific system changes that have been implemented to OTCnet online and OTCnet offline in Release 2.0.

Multiple C-Key Feature

OTCnet will expand its current capability of account classification and begin capturing multiple C-Keys at the batch level and at the individual check level. Item-level classification will allow a user to select one or more C-Keys or Agency Accounting Codes to classify an individual check item prior to saving the scanned check item. On the other hand, batch-level classification will allow a user to select one or more C-Keys or Accounting Codes to classify a batch prior to approving the batch.

Manage Organization

- The Check Capture Lead Operator and Check Capture Supervisor will have access to the Modify Organization option in the online application to configure the classification designation (summary level or item level) for an endpoint at the ALC+2 level. In addition, this designation will be downloaded to the offline application during initial agency setup and subsequent updates to the OTC Endpoints. This configuration will determine how the accounting code classification will be captured and reported for a specific endpoint.
- The Check Capture Lead Operator and Check Capture Supervisor will be able to configure Default Credit and Debit Accounting Codes for batches created against an OTC Endpoint. These default accounting codes will be reported to Collections Information Repository (CIR) to prevent an out of balance issue between the batch amount and classification amount in cases where there may be a failed item or a returned item within a batch classified at the summary level. Agencies will then need to reclassify the account classification data in Central Accounting Reporting System (CARS).

Summary Level Classification

- Agencies classifying batches at the summary level will now see a **View/Edit Classification** button or **View Classification** button on the Batch and Check Details page. The label of this button will depend on the user role and the batch status. This button will allow users to view or modify the account classification for a batch. Check Capture Operators, Check Capture Lead Operators, and Check Capture Supervisors will be able to edit the classification for a batch.
- OTCnet will require a batch to be balanced (batch classification amount equals batch amount) prior to approval. As a result, users will be able to temporarily save unbalanced batch classification data for batches in Open or Closed status. These changes will also have an impact on the Automatic Approval process of batches from a user with approval permissions. If a user batch is closed from a user with approval permissions, the batch will be in closed status if it is not balanced or in approved status if it is balanced.

- The option to classify a check in the *Check Scan* and *Show Item* pages will be disabled for agencies classifying batches at the summary level.

Item Level Classification

- The Check Capture Operator, Check Capture Lead Operator, and Check Capture Supervisor will now be able to classify an item with multiple accounting codes (C-Keys).
- The *Check Scan* and *Show Item* pages have been updated, allowing a user to choose between classifying a check item with a single accounting code or with multiple accounting codes. A **Multiple** radio button option will allow the user to classify the item with multiple accounting codes on a new Account Classification page. If classified, OTCnet will require the classification amount to be equal to the item amount prior to saving the check.
- The Agency Accounting Code field will display a link for users to view multiple accounting codes associated to a check item in the CIRA Details page and the Batch and Check Details page.

Reporting Updates

- *CIRA CSV Report and CIRA CSV Historical Report* – The output format for both reports has been updated to display multiple accounting codes, accounting code descriptions, and classification amounts in a single field for checks classified at the item level. For items classified at the summary level, the report will not display any account classification information.
- *Batch List Report and Item Detail Report* – The display of Accounting Code and Description fields has been updated based on whether an item has been classified at the item level or summary level. If an item is associated with more than one accounting code, the fields will display “Multiple.” If the item is associated with a batch that has been classified at the summary level, the fields will display “Summary.” The Accounting Code and Description will continue to be displayed for items classified with a single accounting code.

Interface Updates

- A new version of the Client Web Method Interface Specification 3.0 has been released to support the upload of batches classified at the summary level and item level with multiple accounting codes to OTCnet online. Agencies scanning checks using their own POS check capture software and uploading classified batches with multiple accounting codes will need to upgrade to this new interface specification version.
- A new limit of 3,000 items in a batch will be imposed in the Client Web Method Interface Specification 3.0.

Straight Through Processing Impacts

Straight Through Processing (STP) is an initiative to support the decommissioning of the FRB CA\$HLINK system. STP will improve the efficiency and management of funds sent to the Treasury's General Account (TGA). In support of STP, OTCnet will receive Adjustment, Correction, or Rescission (ACR) transaction information from Debit Gateway from items that were processed through OTCnet Check Capture, allowing agencies to view and search for ACR Transactions in OTCnet.

- CIRA Query will be updated to provide users a more focused search against ACR Transactions using the following criteria: ACR type, ACR Reason Code, ACR Voucher Number, and ACR Settlement Date. CIRA Query search results will display the ACR Transaction information against the associated original transaction.
- A new ACR Activity Report will be available to the Agency Manager, Check Capture Administrator, View Reports, MVD Editor, and MVD Viewer roles for viewing and downloading ACR Transactions processed with a 215 Deposit Ticket and 5515 Debit Voucher. The report will be retrieved based on maximum date range of 45 days and include a summary section of Credit ACR Transactions and Debit ACR Transactions, detailing the number and dollar amount of transactions.
- The CIRA CSV Report and CIRA CSV Historical Reports will be updated to include ACR Transaction data: ACR Type, ACR Reason Code, ACR ALC, ACR ALC+2, ACR Voucher Date, ACR Voucher Number, ACR Settlement Date, ACR Credit Indicator, ACR Amount, and Legal Transaction Amount. In addition, the Voucher Date will be the day that Debit Gateway receives transactions from OTCnet. Current users will have the option to generate reports for ACR Transaction or non-ACR Transactions
- Agency Comments assigned to vouchers will now be configurable within the Manage Organization module and will be reported from OTCnet to CIR instead of FRB CA\$HLINK. The Check Capture Lead Operator and Check Capture Supervisor will be able to update the agency comments for an endpoint at the ALC+2 level.

Agency Requested Enhancements

- Appropriate Tax Class information will be reported to CIR for tax transactions in check processing. Previously, OTCnet was reporting a Tax Class code of "Other - 9" for all tax transactions.
- The View Deposits Page will be redesigned from displaying four different sections all on the same page (My Deposits in Process, Deposits within my Organization, Adjustments in Error, and Deposits in Error) into different display views. The user will be able to select the display view through a dropdown list, which will address performance issues when viewing deposits.
- Deposits older than one year based on Voucher Date can now be rejected by the Deposit Confirmer.

Security Enhancements

- All OTCnet Reports containing sensitive information will be marked appropriately as Sensitive but Unclassified (SBU) on the header and footer.
- The OTCnet Offline application will now meet FIPS 140-2 compliance with an integrated FIPS 140-2 compliant encryption module to ensure secure communication back to the online application.

Scanner Decommissioning

- The OTCnet compatibility of the EC5000 and EC6000 scanners will no longer be supported. We encourage all OTCnet users to use one of our newer OTCnet scanners, which include the Panini MyVision X, Panini Vision X (x50, x75, x100), Panini I: Deal, or EC7000 scanners