

## MAKING SENSE OF LEVEL 2/3 INTERCHANGE & VISA'S CEDP PROGRAM

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- Background, Eligible Card Products, and Qualifications
- Commercial Enhanced Data Program (CEDP)
- Implementation Timeline
- Merchant Impacts Requirements, Interchange Rates, Verified
   Status
- Q & A







# EXISTING COMMERCIAL CARD INTERCHANGE



Mastercard

Data Rate 1

Data Rate 2

Data Rate 3



Visa

CNP/Product 1 or CP/Product 2

Level 2

Level 3





# COMMERCIAL INTERCHANGE BACKGROUND

- Incentivize businesses to provide detailed data on commercial and government transactions.
- Lower Interchange for L2/L3 reducing merchant expenses and lowering effective rates.
- Reduce chargebacks and fraud.
- Increase transparency for the cardholder with L3.

01

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**Target users:** Small businesses and sole proprietors

Purpose: Everyday operational spending

Data Level: L2 (L3 starting Oct/2025)

02

#### **Corporate Cards**

**Target users:** Mid-size and large organizations

Purpose: Employee expense management and travel

Data Level: L2 and L3

03

#### **Purchasing Cards**

Target users: Corporate Procurement and Accounts Payable

departments. Includes Government and Fleet

**Purpose**: Streamlining supplier payments and B2B purchases

Data Level: L2 and L3 +



# ELIGIBLE CARD TYPES



#### INVOICE

COMPANY NAME 1000 Street Name | City, State 00000 companywebsite.com (123) 456 - 7899

BILL TO:

CUSTOMER COMPANY NAME

100 Street Name City, State 10101

INVOICE #: INVOICE DATE: DUE DATE:

1/11/2021

| DESCRIPTION | PRICE   | QUANTITY | AMOUNT   |
|-------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Product #1  | \$10.00 | 1        | 810.00   |
| Product #2  | \$15.00 | 2        | 830.00   |
| Product #3  | 820.00  | 3        | 860.00   |
| Product #4  | 825.00  | 4        | \$100.00 |
| Product #5  | \$30.00 | 5        | 8150.00  |
|             |         |          |          |
|             |         |          |          |
|             |         |          |          |
|             |         |          |          |

SUBTOTAL TAX (7.0%) BALANCE 8374-50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Payment Methods:

PayPal: youremail@email.com Venmo: youremail@email.com

## REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION

#### **Level 1: Custom Payment Service (CPS) Qualified**

- Auth/Settlement MCC must match
- AVS on Keyed

#### Level 2: CPS Qualified and pass Level 2 Data

- Tax amount between 0.1% and 22%
- Purchasing card products will qualify when tax exempt

#### Level 3: CPS Qualified, pass Level 2, and pass Level 3 Data

Quantity, unit of measure, freight/shipping amount, commodity code, discount amount, duty amount, product code, unit cost, discount per line item and line item total.



## THE PROBLEM

01

#### **Filler Data**

Processing equipment uses filler data to enhance transactions.

02

#### **Reconciliation Headaches**

Data provided not used to reconcile purchases back to the card. This results in more time and resources spent each month on reconciling expense reporting.

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#### **Exploiting Interchange Incentives**

Merchants reap the rewards of lower Interchange rates without providing quality, accurate, usable data to the card holders.

# THE SOLUTION: CEDP

Visa's Commercial Enhanced Data Program (CEDP) requires the exchange of high-quality, invoice-level data.





# VISA'S CEDP

Commercial Enhanced Data Program







### WHAT IS VISA'S CEDP?

Commercial Enhanced Data Program

Focused on providing and validating high-quality invoice-level data over the Visa Network.

As part of the program, Visa will perform:

- Daily data quality reviews on all eligible transactions
- Recurring merchant data quality validation (verified vs non-verified)
- Apply interchange incentives to eligible transactions that contain highquality invoice data

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### IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

### Apr/2025

- New indicator required for L3 and Large Ticket
- L2 automatically included in CEDP (no indicator required)
- Visa begins analyzing L2/L3 data
- Reclasses / downgrades / incentives not in effect yet

### Oct/2025

- Business cards become eligible for L3
- CEDP interchange rates go into effect:
- Reclasses/downgrades for nonverified merchants
- Interchange incentive for verified merchants

### Apr/2026

- L2 interchange rates phased out
- Fleet (fuel-only) L2 and Government Large Transactions continue to operate (not CEDP-eligible)



### **VERIFIED VS NON-VERIFIED MERCHANTS**

Visa evaluates merchant data quality over review periods and assigns **Verified** or **Non-verified** status



#### Verified

~90% of data meets Visa standards Eligible for reduced interchange rates Can be reclassified if data quality drops





#### Non-verified

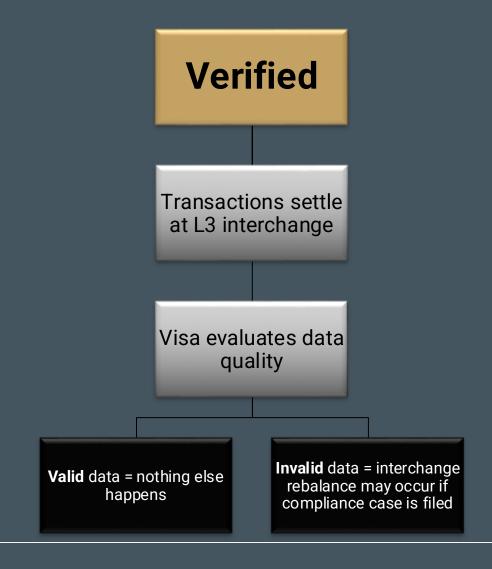
Data doesn't meet Visa standards Not eligible for reduced interchange rates Can become Verified if data quality improves

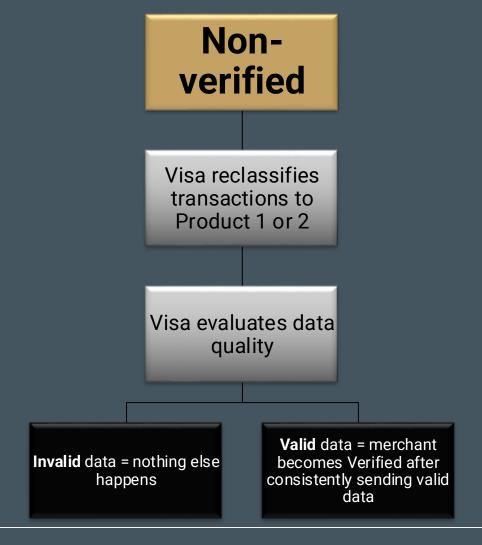
- Transactions settle at L3 interchange rates
- Visa evaluates data quality
  - If data is valid, nothing else happens
  - If data is not valid, interchange rebalance may occur if compliance case is filed

- Visa reclassifies transactions to Product 1 or 2
- Visa evaluates data quality
  - If data is not valid, nothing else happens
  - If data is valid and meets threshold, merchant becomes Verified



### **USE CASES**







## INTERCHANGE FEES

| Data Level | Existing Interchange Category             | Rate           |  |
|------------|---|----------------|--|
| N/A        | Visa Business Credit T1 – Product 1 (CNP) | 2.65% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Visa Business Credit T2 – Product 1 (CNP) | 2.80% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Visa Business Credit T3 – Product 1 (CNP) | 2.85% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Visa Business Credit T4 – Product 1 (CNP) | 2.95% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Visa Business Credit T5 – Product 1 (CNP) | 3.00% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Visa Business Credit T1 – Product 2 (CP)  | 1.90% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Visa Business Credit T2 – Product 2 (CP)  | 2.05% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Visa Business Credit T3 – Product 2 (CP)  | 2.10% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Visa Business Credit T4 – Product 2 (CP)  | 2.20% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Visa Business Credit T5 – Product 2 (CP)  | 2.25% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Corporate Credit - Product 1 (CNP)        | 2.70% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Corporate Credit – Product 2 (CP)         | 2.50% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Purchasing Credit – Product 1 (CNP)       | 2.70% + \$0.10 |  |
| N/A        | Purchasing Credit - Product 2 (CP)        | 2.50% + \$0.10 |  |

Non-verified
merchants that
contain L2/L3 data,
will initially qualify for
these categories,
regardless of whether
data meets CEDP
standards or not.

<sup>\*</sup> Additional 5 BPS participation fee applies to all CEDP transactions, regardless of merchant status



### INTERCHANGE FEES

#### Transactions from **Verified** merchants will qualify directly for these categories:

| Data Level | Existing Interchange       | Existing Rate  |  |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------|--|
| L2         | Visa Business T1 – Level 2 | 1.90% + \$0.10 |  |
| L2         | Visa Business T2 – Level 2 | 2.05% + \$0.10 |  |
| L2         | Visa Business T3 – Level 2 | 2.10% + \$0.10 |  |
| L2         | Visa Business T4 – Level 2 | 2.20% + \$0.10 |  |
| L2         | Visa Business T5 – Level 2 | 2.25% + \$0.10 |  |

| Data Level | New Interchange              | New Rate       |  |
|------------|------------------------------|----------------|--|
| L2 + L3    | Visa Business T1 – Product 3 | 1.75% + \$0.10 |  |
| L2 + L3    | Visa Business T2 – Product 3 | 1.90% + \$0.10 |  |
| L2 + L3    | Visa Business T3 – Product 3 | 1.95% + \$0.10 |  |
| L2 + L3    | Visa Business T4 – Product 3 | 2.05% + \$0.10 |  |
| L2 + L3    | Visa Business T5 – Product 3 | 2.10% + \$0.10 |  |

| Data Level | Previous Interchange Category             | Previous Rate   | New Interchange Category                | New Rate        |
|------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| L2 + L3    | Corporate Credit – Non-Travel Service L3  | 1.90% + \$0.10  | Corporate Credit – Product 3            | 1.75% + \$0.10  |
| L2 + L3    | Purchasing Credit – Non-Travel Service L3 | 1.90% + \$0.10  | Purchasing Credit – Product 3           | 1.75% + \$0.10  |
| L2 + L3+   | Visa Commercial Credit – Fuel L3          | 1.90% + \$0.10  | Visa Commercial Credit – Fuel Product 3 | 1.75% + \$0.10  |
| L2 + L3+   | Commercial Product Large-Ticket           | 1.45% + \$35.00 | Commercial Credit Large-Ticket          | 1.30% + \$35.00 |

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# HOW TO GET VERIFIED STATUS

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**CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY** 

Ensure card types are in scope for merchant acceptance (business / corporate / purchasing)

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03 **EQUIPMENT** 

Ensure POS/terminal supports L2/L3 data fields and is configured to do so

02 **BOARDING** 

Indicate on the application that merchant would like to participate in Visa's CEDP

04 FIX ERRORS QUICKLY

Common issues: missing tax amounts, bad PO numbers, incorrect item descriptors, timeliness, etc.

#### **ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS WILL:**

- Enable appropriate indicators in the back-end
- Monitor data-quality reports
- Notify agents of non-verified merchants that require action



# Thank you!

Questions

