CitiManager® – Bulk Online Applications/ Bulk Online Maintenance User Guide

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Bulk On-line Application and Maintenance (BOLAM) Overview

Bulk Online Application and Maintenance (BOLAM) allows companies to apply for and maintain accounts in bulk. The forms that are utilized are a file version of what is created for the CitiManager® online forms. The process is meant for usage for 10 to 2,000 accounts. Based on your company set-up, the workflow for BOLA will vary. Refer to the Workflows section of this guide for additional information.

BOLAM stands for Bulk On-line Application and Maintenance. We use the BOLA acronym when we are talking about new applications only and we use the BOLM acronym when we are talking about account maintenance on existing accounts.

BOLA and BOLM files are spreadsheets that can be used via the CitiManager Site to deliver bulk requests for applications and maintenance without relying on a Client Account Specialist (CAS). The CitiManager Site provides edits that alert the submitter when they need to fix records before sending the file for processing. An e-mail is also sent to the submitter with the file processing results. The e-mail will refer the submitter back to the CitiManager Site so any rejected record can be copied into a new spreadsheet, corrected and then resubmitted.

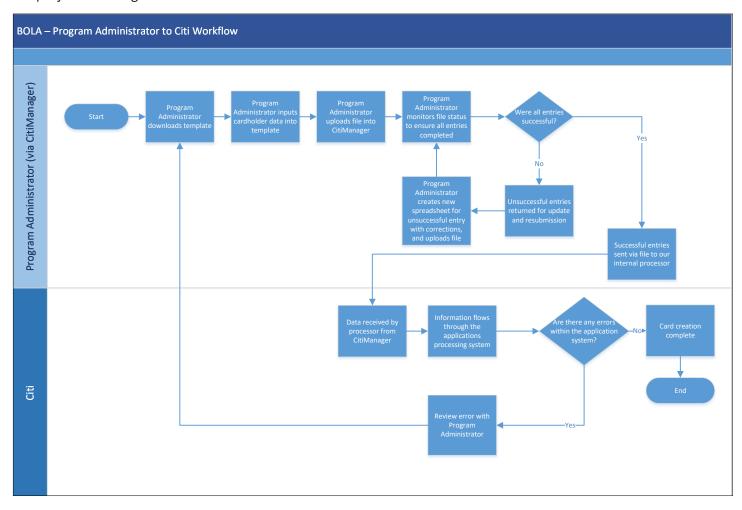
There is an expedited card capability from BOLA, however, your company may or may not incur an additional fee according to your contract.



Workflows

BOLA — Program Administrator to Citi Workflow

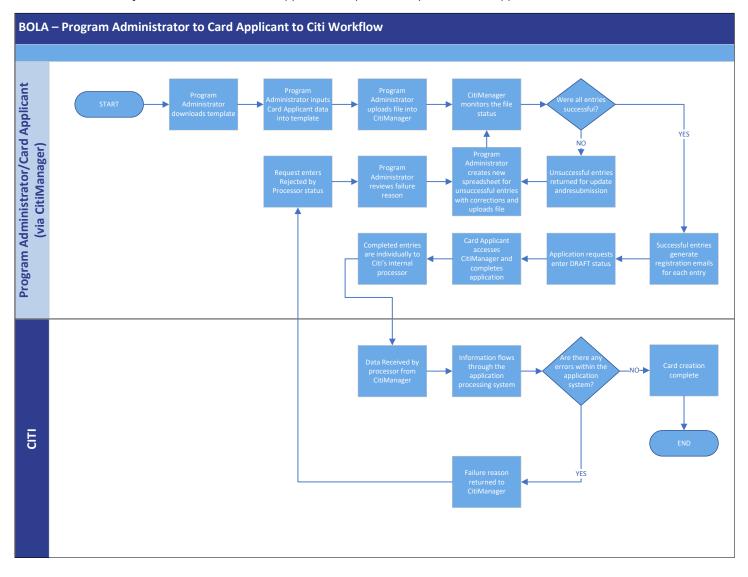
The following workflow provides an overview of the steps required by you and Citi during the Bulk Online Applications process if your company uses the Program Administrator to Citi workflow.





BOLA — Program Administrator to Card Applicant to Citi Workflow

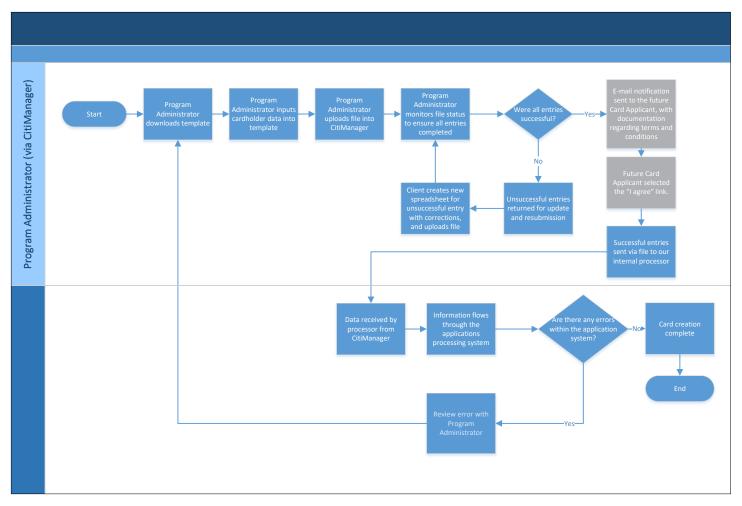
The following workflow provides an overview of the steps required by Program Administrators, Card Applicants and Citi during the Bulk Online Application process if the Program Administrator to Card Applicant to Citi workflow is used by your company, When this workflow is used, Card Applicants are responsible for entering their personal data (e.g. address, phone number) on the form in the CitiManager Site. Because this process relies on input from Card Applicants, the applications will not be completed and processed all at once. Cards will only be created once the Card Applicant completes their portion of the application.





BOLA — Program Administrator to Citi Workflow for Individual Liability or Program Administrator initiated BOLA

The following workflow provides an overview of the steps required by you and Citi during the BOLA process for individual liability programs or Program Administrator initiated BOLA.



Canadian Individual Liability: For our Canadian portfolio, individual liability clients will be utilizing our Individual Online Application (IOLA) process through CitiManager.



Bulk Online Application (BOLA)

Key Concepts

Bulk Online Applications (BOLA) allows Program Administrators to initiate a large number of card applications in bulk using a file upload process. If your company uses the Program Administrator to Citi workflow, Cardholders do not need to create their application manually through the CitiManager Site. If your company is using the Program Administrator to Card Applicant to Citi workflow, Card Applicants are required to enter personal data in the CitiManager Site before the application can be processed.

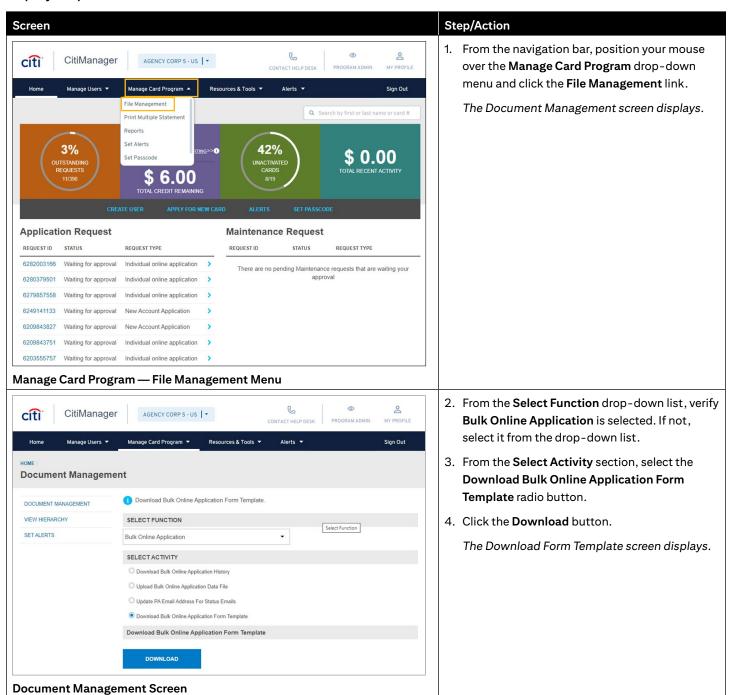
When uploading applications using BOLA:

- Only use the BOLA Form Template downloaded from the correct hierarchy in the CitiManager Site. Copy the hierarchy displayed in the downloaded form to all records in the BOLA Form Template. It's best practice to use one form per one hierarchy.
- Required fields may vary depending on your company setup and workflow. Program Administrators need to complete all required
 fields before uploading the BOLA Form Template. For the Program Administrator to CITI workflow, the Program Administrator is
 required to complete all card application fields. For the Program Administrator to Card Applicant to Citi workflow, the Program
 Administrator completes the required fields on the BOLA Form Template and once it is submitted, registration details for the
 CitiManager Site are sent to the Card Applicant and once they register and log in, they will complete the remainder of the fields and
 submit the application to Citi for processing.
- · Do not reorder or delete columns because it will cause your entire spreadsheet to fail.
- You can hide columns you do not use or color code (highlight) them to suit your needs to ensure they are completed. You do not have to make the columns visible or remove the highlights for the spreadsheet to process.
- Country designations in North America are either USA (United States) or CAN (Canada).
- Use a new BOLA Form Template for each bulk upload; do not create a new tab in the same document.
- For optimal processing and reporting results, it's recommended that you limit the number of records loaded per day to 1,000.
- BOLA files process between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. EST, Monday through Friday. File cut off times still apply because files that begin at the cut off time have to be given time to complete prior to our nightly processing. Processing time for a file is determined by file size and is volume dependent.
- Once you have completed the spreadsheet, it must be uploaded to the CitiManager Site. After it is uploaded, monitor the status and verify if any rows were rejected. The larger the file and number of BOLAs in the queue, the longer the processing time will be to complete.
- For Individual Liability programs, once the BOLA has been successfully uploaded and there are no errors, a consent e-mail is sent to Cardholders and they must agree to the terms and conditions before the application is processed. The status of applications can be viewed on the View Requests screen and those that are pending Cardholder consent will have a status of Waiting for email consent. The consent e-mail will be re-sent automatically at a frequency based on your company's set-up (e.g. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 days). The consent e-mail can also be re-sent manually from the View Request screen by clicking the Resend BOLA Email Consent link on the right-side of the screen. It is not possible to change an incorrect e-mail address for an auto or manual resend of the e-mail consent. It's recommended that a new BOLA be uploaded with the correct e-mail address and the old application be deleted. Applications that are pending Cardholder consent may be automatically deleted based on your company's setup (e.g. After 60, 90 days). Applications can also be deleted manually from the View Request screen by clicking the Delete Application Request link on the right-side of the screen. Only applications in Waiting for email consent can be deleted. Once the application has been approved, it cannot be deleted by you or Citi. Your company may also be set-up to prevent duplicate applications for someone who has the same name and e-mail address.

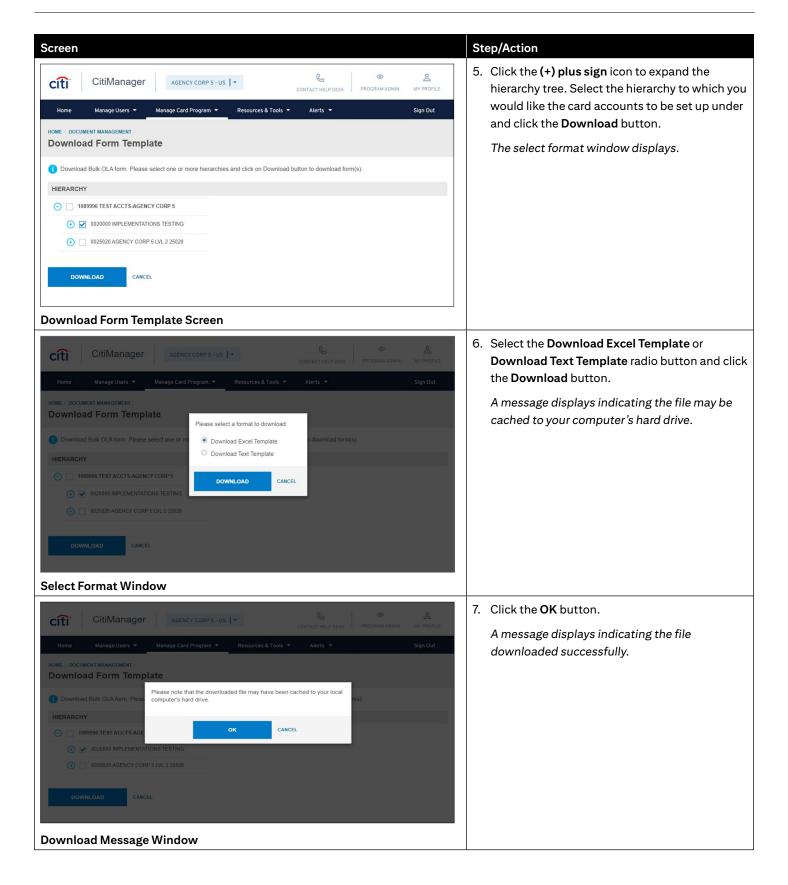


Download the Bulk Online Application Form Template

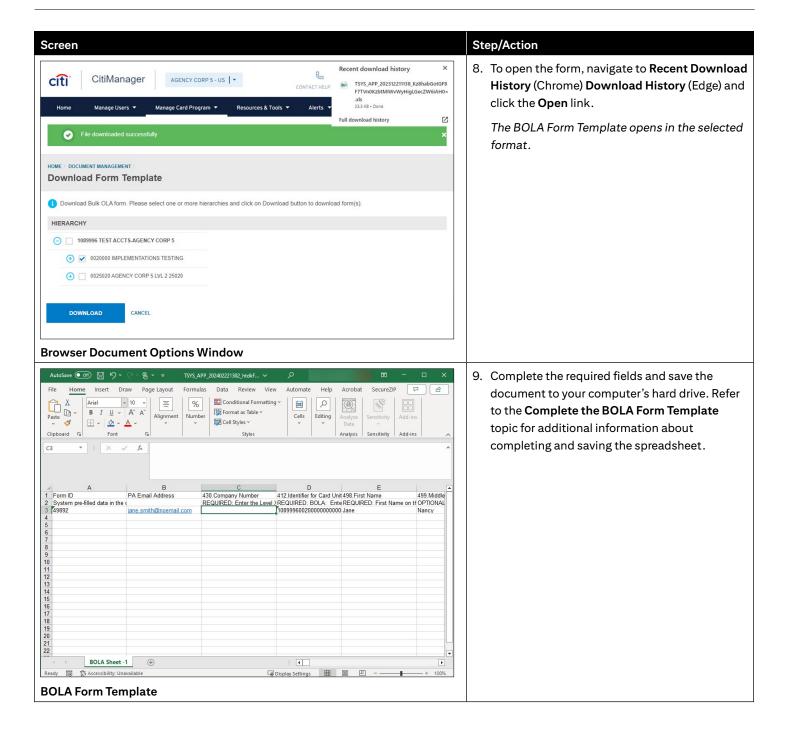
Note: It is recommended you download the BOLA Form Template if you have not done so prior and any time your form has been updated.







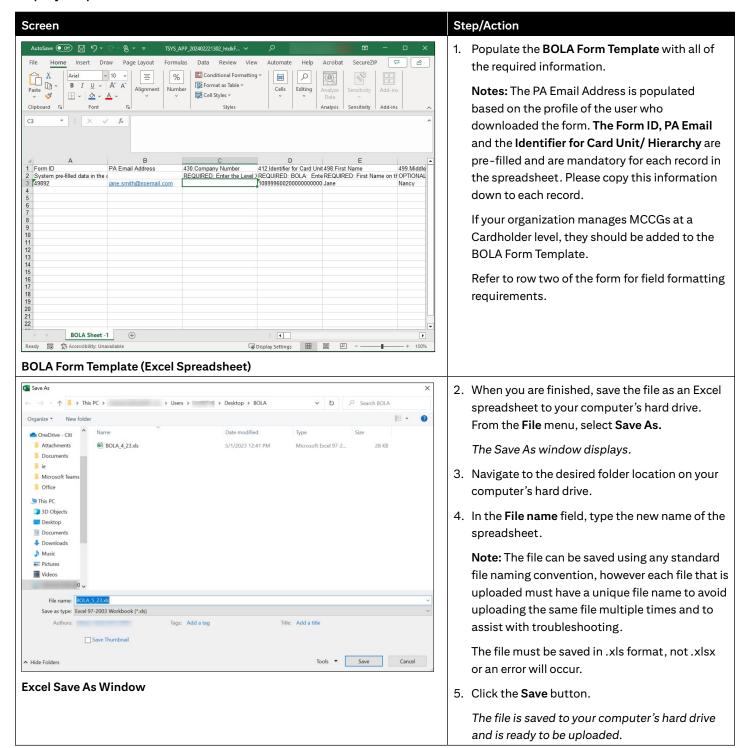






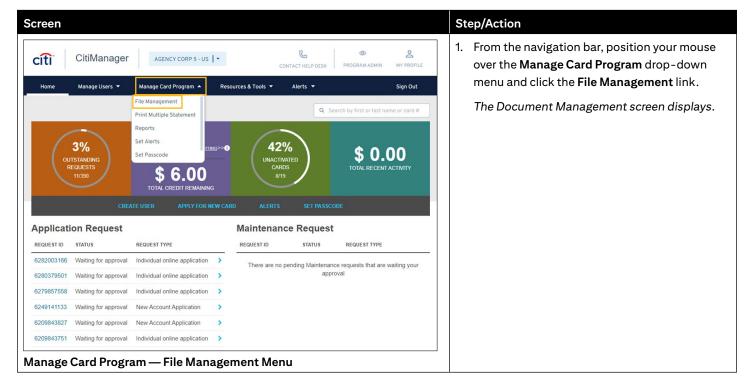
Complete Bulk Online Application Form Template

Note: You can make formatting changes, such as hiding unneeded columns or highlighting mandatory fields. Do not change the text in the headers or delete or move any columns.

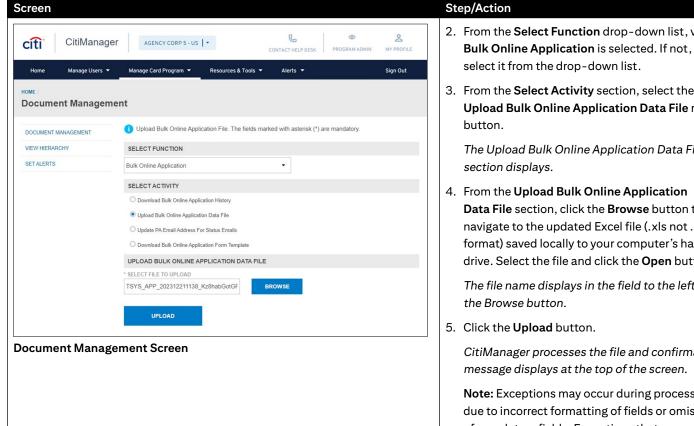




Upload Completed Bulk Online Application Form Template







select it from the drop-down list.

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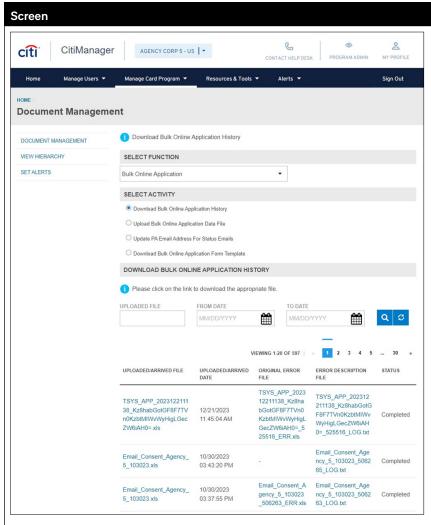
4. From the Upload Bulk Online Application Data File section, click the Browse button to navigate to the updated Excel file (.xls not .xlsx format) saved locally to your computer's hard drive. Select the file and click the **Open** button.

The file name displays in the field to the left of

CitiManager processes the file and confirmation message displays at the top of the screen.

Note: Exceptions may occur during processing due to incorrect formatting of fields or omission of mandatory fields. Exceptions that occur should be reviewed in the Error Description file. Applications will not be processed until errors are resolved. Additionally, for Individual Liability programs, the e-mail consent will not be sent to Cardholders.





Document Management Screen — Download Bulk Online Application History

Step/Action

 To review the status of the records submitted in the BOLA file, from the Select Activity section, select the Download Bulk Online Application History radio button.

The Download Bulk Online Application History section displays the list of files uploaded and their status.

- 7. From this screen, you can choose one of the following options:
 - To view a copy of the completed BOLA file that was uploaded, from the Uploaded/ Arrived File column, click the link from the corresponding date you wish to view.

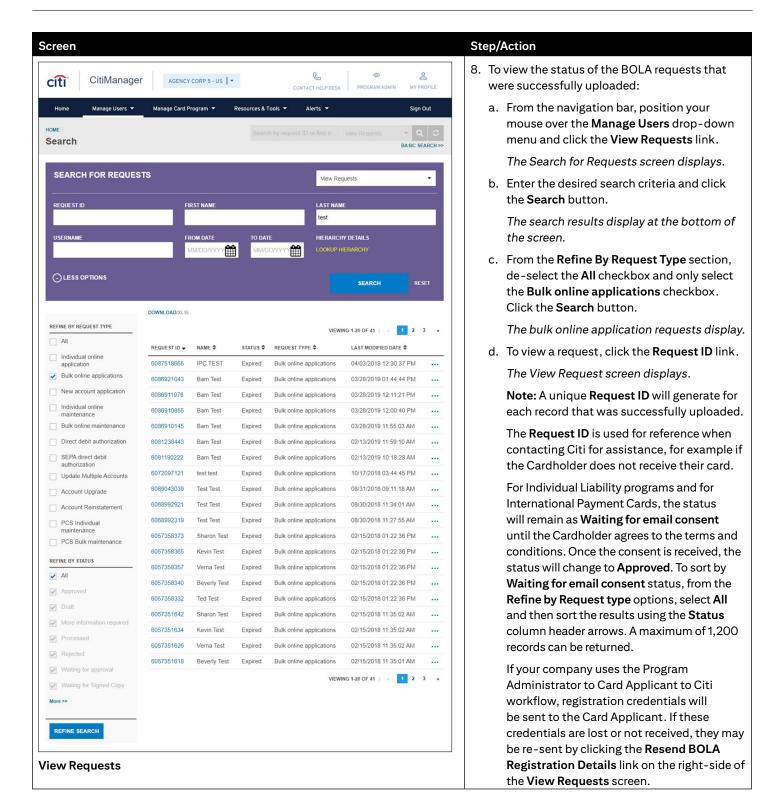
To view the Excel file that contains errors, from the **Original error file** column, click the file name link.

Note: Only the failed files will display. If there is no file listed, then there were no errors associated with that Excel file. However, in cases where the CitiManager Site cannot process the uploaded file (e.g. BOLA uploaded under the BOLM flow or a column was deleted or changed), the entire file will fail and this will be reflected in the Error Description file but an Original Error file will not be generated because that template cannot be used. The successful files will process without further action and no link will display.

Any record found in the error file has not been transmitted to Citi for processing. You must use the error file to make any corrections so you don't duplicate any applications. When you are finished, rename the file and upload it.

 To view the error log file and details for the file you uploaded, from the Error Description File column, click the link name of the file you uploaded.



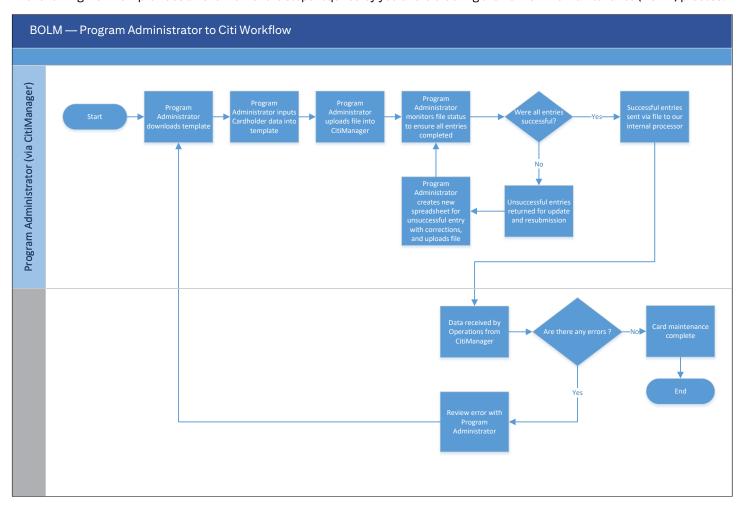




Workflow

BOLM — Program Administrator to Citi Workflow

The following workflow provides an overview of the steps required by you and Citi during the Bulk Online Maintenance (BOLM) process.





Bulk Online Maintenance (BOLM)

Key Concepts

Bulk Online Maintenance (BOLM) allows Program Administrators to initiate a large number of Cardholder Maintenance requests in bulk using a file upload process.

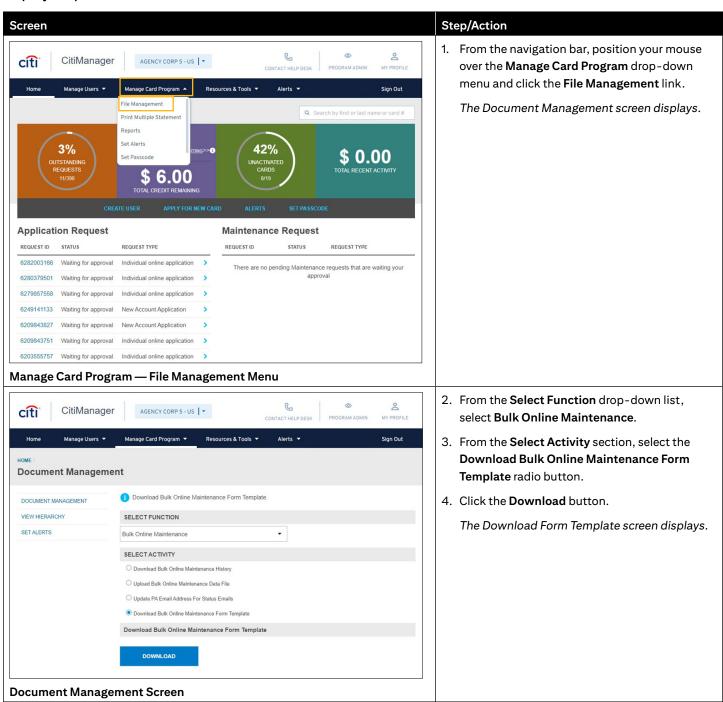
When uploading BOLM requests:

- Only use the BOLM Form Template downloaded from the correct hierarchy in the CitiManager Site. Copy the Form ID displayed in the downloaded form to all records in the BOLM Form Template.
- Required fields include the Form ID, 16-digit account number, Employee ID, or Social Security Number (if applicable) as well as any fields that need to be changed. Required fields are dependent on the form.
- Do not reorder or delete columns because it will cause your entire spreadsheet to fail.
- You can hide columns you do not use or color code (highlight) them to suit your needs to ensure they are completed. You do not have to make the columns visible or remove the highlights for the spreadsheet to process.
- Address fields minimally required are Address Line 1, City, State and Zip Code in the United States and Address Line 1 City, Province and Canadian Postal Code for Canadian accounts.
- Country designations in North America are either USA (United States) or CAN (Canada).
- Use a new BOLM Form Template for each bulk upload; do not create a new tab in the same document.
- No more than 2,000 records can be added to the Excel spreadsheet.
- BOLM (and BOLA) files process between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. EST, Monday through Friday. File cut off times still apply because files that begin at the cut off time have to be given time to complete prior to our nightly processing. Processing time for a file is determined by file size and is volume dependent.
- Once you have completed the spreadsheet, it must be uploaded to The CitiManager Site. After it is uploaded, monitor the status and verify if any rows were rejected. The larger the file and number of BOLAs in the queue, the longer the processing time will be to complete.

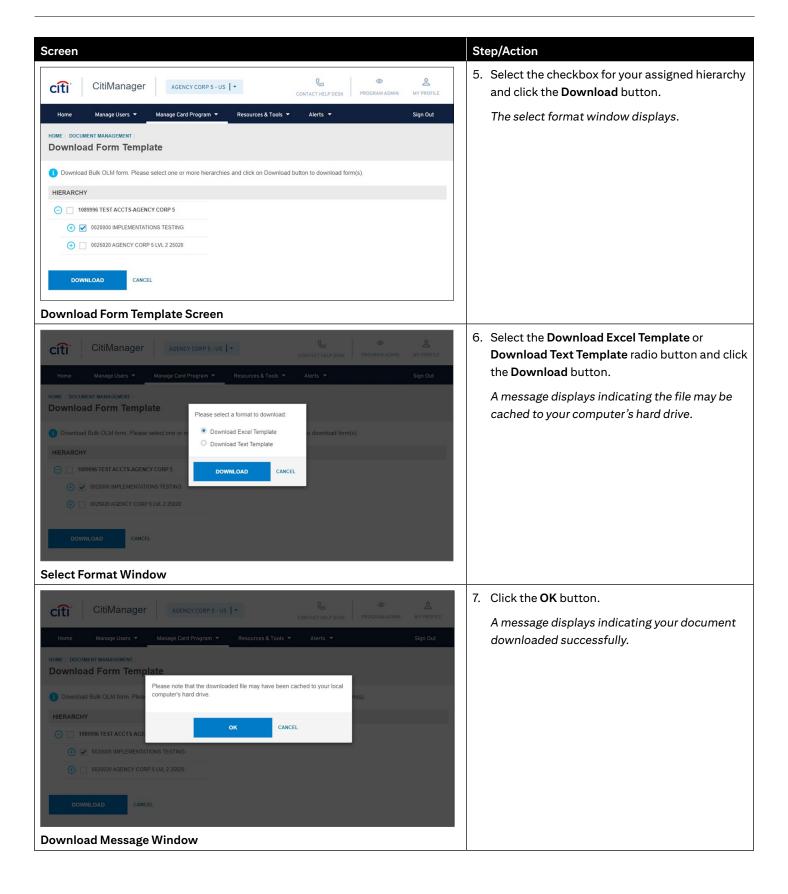


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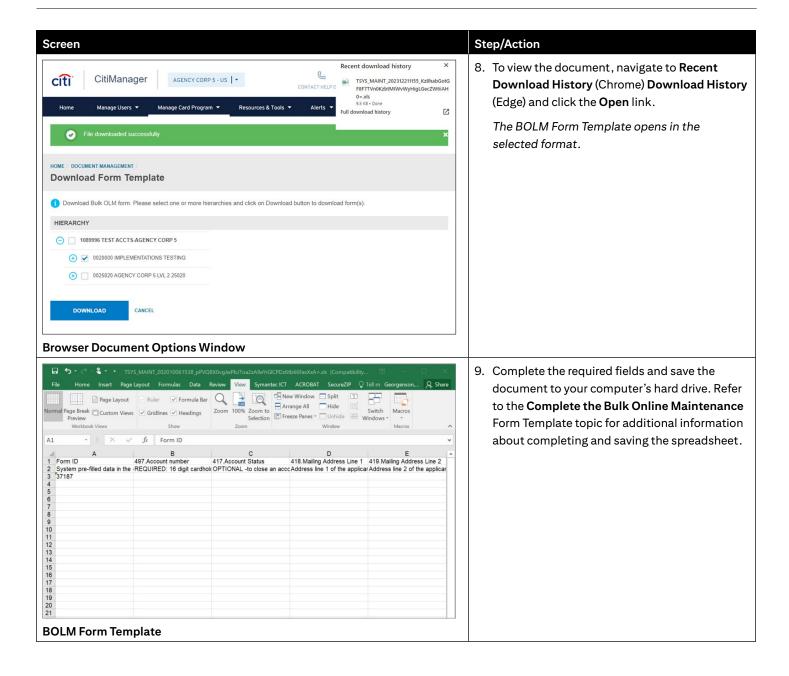
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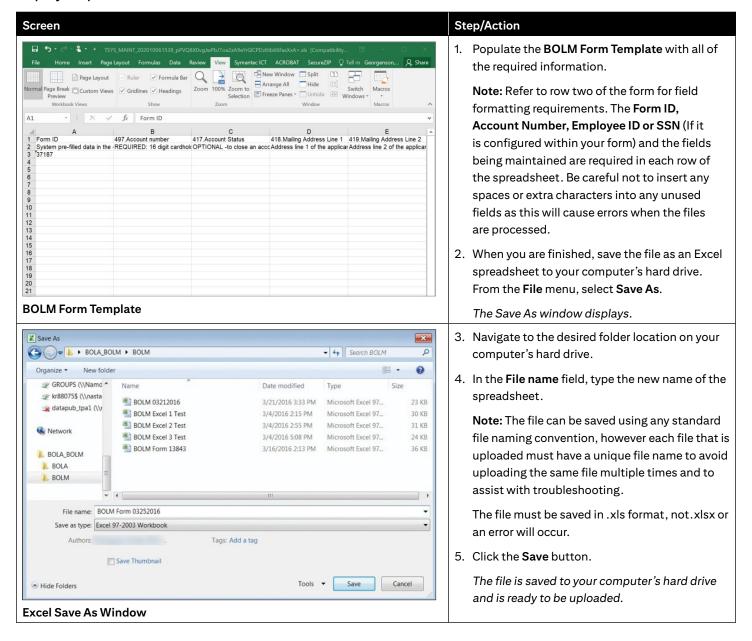






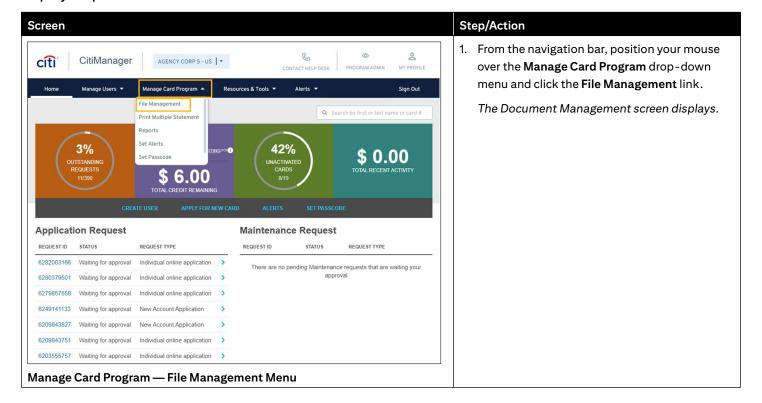
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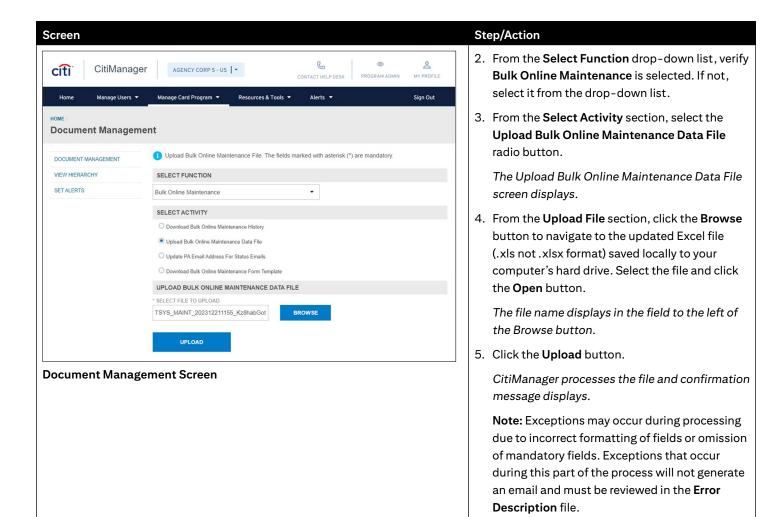




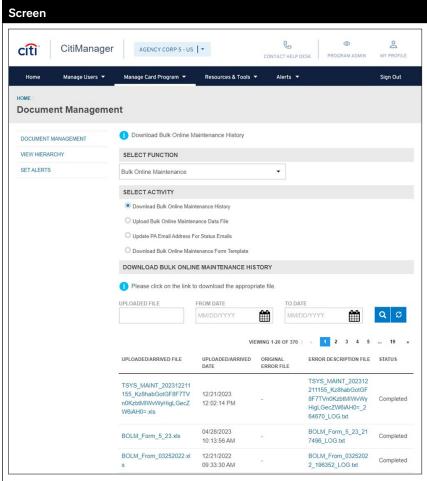
Upload Completed Bulk Online Maintenance Form Template











Document Management Screen - Download Bulk Online Maintenance History

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