



# **How Can I Use Virtual Card**

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Overview



### Citi Virtual Card Accounts Overview

Clients can gain financial benefits, process improvements, and greater security & control by leveraging Citi Virtual Card Accounts (VCA) for supplier payments.



#### Virtual Card Numbers (VCNs)

- Unique, non-plastic account numbers used for secure purchasing
- Secure VCN delivery via encrypted email to suppliers

#### **Increased Transaction-Level Control**

- Define authorization controls for each VCN:
  - Number of transactions (single- or multi- use)
  - Transaction amount limit (exact, maximum, or range)
  - Validity Period
  - Suppliers and Merchant Category Codes

#### **Enhanced Client-Supplied Data**

• Capture up to 29 client-specified data elements with each VCN for enriched data analysis, allocation, and reconciliation

#### **Three Interface Options**

- Request website with customizable approval workflows
- Batch File Interface
- Real-time API

Virtual Card Accounts Technology



## Virtual Card Accounts Technology

VCN requests can be completed using one of three interfaces: Web, Batch, or API.





### **High Level Virtual Card Accounts Process**





### **How Do Virtual Cards Work**



## Using Virtual Card Accounts: Request VCNs and Transact

#### Client

- Requests virtual card number (VCN) linked to a real card account number (RCN)
  - Set controls
  - Set custom data fields
- 2. Receives VCN and uses in a transaction

OR

Has VCN sent to supplier automatically via secure email system

#### Merchant

3. Processes 16-digit VCN for payment via existing Point of Sale mechanism

#### MasterCard

- 4. Identifies processed card number as a VCN
- 5. Checks VCN controls \* (e.g., amount, validity period, supplier, MCCs)
- Returns authorization approval or decline – back to merchant
- Sends authorization, clearing message and VCA custom data fields to Citi

#### Citi

- 8. Posts transaction to RCN account
- 9. Loads VCN transactions and associated custom data to CitiManager and other online tools



\* In addition to the check on the VCA controls, Citi conducts additional checks – including credit limit and fraud analysis - on the real card number (RCN). This step is omitted merely to streamline the depiction of the above VCA process



## Straight Through Processing – Transaction Flow

Clients can initiate payment requests and have it passed through for processing and authorization without the supplier swiping or rekeying card at the point of sale. Supplier receives payment automatically.



**Step 1:** Client generates an Accounts Payable (AP) payment file from its AP or ERP system and forwards to Citi for disposition

Step 2: Citi formats the file or generates emails and forwards to association for processing

**Step 3:** Association creates the information necessary for the transaction to directly enter into the supplier's participating merchant acquiring system (no further action is needed by the supplier once enrolled in STP service)

**Step 4:** The acquirer processes the transaction as it does today creating both an authorization, clearing and settlement record

**Step 5:** Funds are credited to the supplier's merchant settlement account directly and a remittance notice is sent to the supplier to inform that the transaction was completed



## Straight Through Processing – Benefits

Clients and their suppliers can benefit from Straight Through Processing through increased controls, elimination of manual processing, reduction of errors and redundancies, and increased speed to processing time.

### Clients

- Automate all payments
- Expand acceptance
- Precise payment timing
- Improved reconciliation

### **Suppliers**

- Operational efficiency
- Payment automated no keying
- No handling card numbers
- Reduced chargeback risks
- Regional interchange strategies can be supported<sup>1</sup>



### Web Interface for Requesting a Virtual Card Number

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## Secure Email Delivery

Virtual Card Numbers and remittance data are automatically sent to suppliers via secure email.

- Secure, encrypted email sent to supplier email address at the time of card creation
- Email address can be specified as part of a VCN request or maintained with Citi
- Clients can customize their email template
  - Choose which fields to display
  - Custom subject line
  - Custom "from: email address"
  - Custom email footer
  - Contact address for non-delivery notifications

#### Secure Email Delivery (Sample)

#### From: accountspayable@anycorp.com Subject: Virtual Card Payment from Any Corp

Dear Widget Group, Inc.,

This is a notification of payment details from Any Corp, Inc:

Account Number:	5400-4444-5555-2345
Exp date:	08/11
CVC2:	333
Valid To:	07/15/11
Amount:	\$3065.25

#### Custom Data Fields

Payment #:	0615-WIDG-AA
Customer #:	ANYCORP2
Invoice 1:	INV001
Invoice 2:	INV002
Note:	Applied early pay discount

This virtual card number has been provided by Any Corp, Inc for a single payment the invoices listed above. Please call 800-555-1234 for additional information about the Any Corp virtual card program or to update your contact information. Do not reply to this email.



## Virtual Card Accounts Reporting

VCA can enhance standard Commercial Cards transaction data, enriching and simplifying your analysis, allocation, and reconciliation processes.



## **Virtual Card Reporting**



## Virtual Card Accounts: Sample Reporting Data

Use custom data fields – such as Invoice Number, Requestor Name, or Meeting ID – to monitor and track spend for your program.

#### SHARED REPORTS | MY REPORTS | CREATE REPORT | MY SUBSCRIPTIONS | HISTORY LIST | PREFERENCES

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Standard Commercial Card Transaction Reporting Data Elements Additional VCA Reporting Elements: Virtual Card Number & Custom Data (e.g. Purchase Type, Requestor Name, Meeting ID)

## Citi Virtual Card Accounts - Other Use Cases

Virtual Cards can be used for an array of payment needs, improving operational processes, customer service, and experience while generating profit.

- Distressed Customers
  - Need: Provide immediate payment to customers, avoiding invoicing and reimbursement
  - Solution: Integrate VCA into systems to provide customers real-time secure and controlled payment
  - Example: Airline
     Vouchers, Roadside
     Assistance

#### Meetings and Events

- Need: Manage and pay for internal meeting and event costs
- Solution: Use VCA to ensure controls on meeting and event spend
- Example: Client
   Conferences, Trade
   Shows, Internal Events

	Distressed Customers	E-Procurement Catalogues	
*	Meetings and Events	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Payments	

#### • E-Catalogue

- Need: Improve payment process for catalogue suppliers
- Solution: Integrate VCA into e-catalogue systems to immediately send VCA payment to suppliers at the time of purchase order
- Example: API integration with Perfect Commerce, Ariba, etc.

#### • Third Party Payments

- Need: Improve processes to receive and settle invoices to third party
- Solution: Allow third party to generate virtual cards for payment while eliminating invoice process
  - Example: Property Management, Advertising, Transportation



## Supplier Outreach Plan

Citi's holistic, results-oriented approach helps drive supplier adoption and optimize our clients' working capital and financial benefits by executing on the supplier-segmentation strategy outlined via Citi Working Capital Analytics.



Campaign success is strongly driven by the client's incentives to suppliers.



## Virtual Card Accounts for Accounts Payable: Suite of Solutions

Citi has combined a wealth of capabilities to develop an integrated virtual card file-based solution focused on successful execution and program optimization.

#### **Working Capital Analytics**

- Proprietary analytics platform to identify financial opportunities and optimize payment strategies in your accounts payable
- **Supplier segmentation** methodology to ramp up conversion and card spend

#### **File-Based Connectivity and Payment**

- Process card based payment method leveraging existing file processes
- Solution flexibility to adapt to our clients' existing systems and business processes

#### **Supplier Enablement**

- Dedicated team to manage supplier outreach
- Ability to leverage multiple financial and operational levers to help increase adoption

#### **Supplier Support**

• Supplier support and self-servicing solutions to provide ongoing operational support





## **Citi Supplier Enablement Services**

Citi's experienced enablement team designs and executes customized vendor outreach campaigns to maximize adoption and growth of our client's VCA programs.



- Tailored supplier targeting via Citi Working Capital Analytics, a proprietary platform to identify financial opportunities and optimize payment strategies
- Dedicated enrollment experts trained to maximize program effectiveness while minimizing client effort and supplier impact
- Co-branded marketing materials for customized communication and message delivery to suppliers
- Supplier self-servicing solutions to securely manage payment info
- Robust reporting to ensure visibility into campaign progress
- Best-in-class merchant-acquiring partners to onboard vendors not yet accepting card payments; same or next business day onboarding



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