EFT Payments

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OVERVIEW OF EFT PAYMENTS

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is a domestic payment type that enables fund transfers between bank accounts in Canada.

- Can be used to initiate payable (credit) transactions like payroll or vendor payments, and receivable (debit) transactions like collecting monthly fees or lease payments.
- EFTs can be sent in Canadian dollars or US dollars but must be same currency, CAD account to CAD account, USD account to USD account.
- EFTs are a revokable payment type; reversals can be done on a best effort basis up to 3 business days after settlement.
- EFTs are not a cross-border payment type both the sending and receiving account must be domiciled in Canada.

EFT Payment Methods

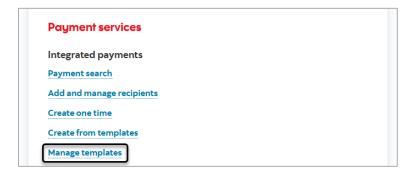
There are several ways to initiate EFT payments, either online using ScotiaConnect or by creating a file with EFT payment instructions that gets set to Scotiabank for processing. This guide primarily details online payments done via ScotiaConnect.

EFT PAYMENTS IN SCOTIACONNECT

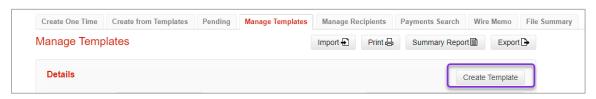
You can either initiate your EFTs as one-time payments where no information will be saved in ScotiaConnect or by using templates. Templates are used to save all the required payment information for repeat use.

Creating Templates

Templates are used to save the banking information of your payees/payors to simplify repeat payments. To create a template, go to **Payments** and select **Manage Templates**.



Next click Create Template.

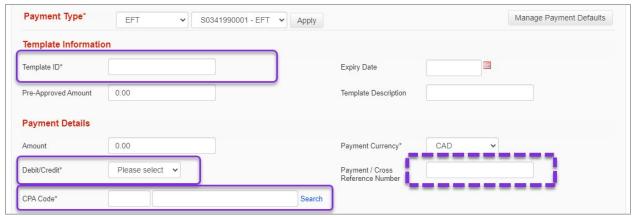


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Select the Payment Type. This will change the fields that are displayed, and even which ones are mandatory (the address is required for wires, but not EFTs, as an example).

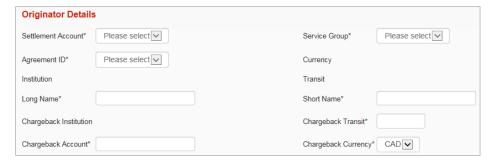


Next, fill in the mandatory fields. **Template ID** is a label for the template and should help you identify the recipient of the payment. Select **Credit** for payables (disbursing funds, e.g., vendor payments), or **Debit** for receivables (collecting funds, e.g. membership fees). Enter the **CPA code**, which best matches the payment reason. If you are unsure which code to use click search to see a list.



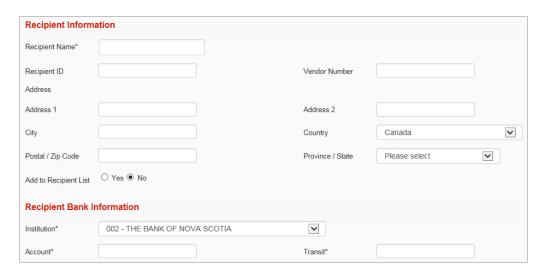
Note: Payment/Cross Reference Number becomes a mandatory field during payment creation so filling it in now can shorten that process. This field is not seen by the recipient so any simple identifer can be used.

Next select the **Settlement Account**, if you have multiple entities setup you may also need to select a specific agreement ID and Service Group however in most cases they will automatically populate.

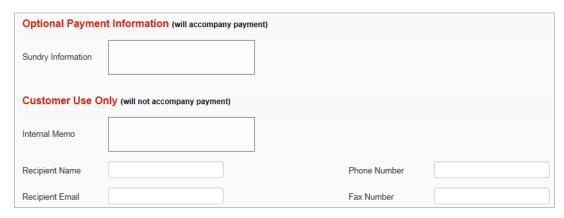


Enter the **Recipient Name** and then select their bank from the dropdown and fill in their **Account** and **Transit** numbers.

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If the optional **Sundry Information** field is filled in the information will be included in the payment details. The **Customer Use Only** section is also optional and will not be sent with the payments.



Once you have filled in all the required fields click **Continue** to review the template, if there are any errors you will be asked to correct them, if not you can click **Save** to finalize the template.



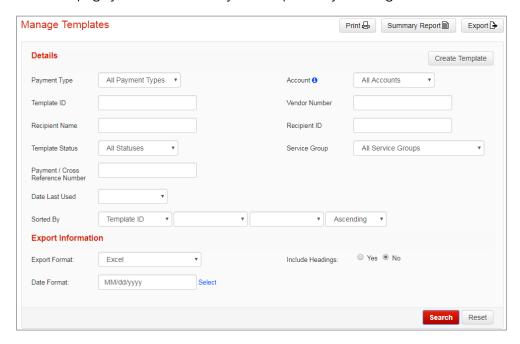
Note: Depending on your company's approval settings your templates may need to approval before being eligible to create payments. Only templates in Ready status are able to be used.

Managing Templates

To modify or delete existing templates go to **Payments** and select **Manage templates**.



From this page you can search for your templates by entering the details and clicking Search.



Once located you can click on the **Modify** link to edit the template



Other actions can be taken by selecting one or more templates with a checkbox and choosing an action from the group action dropdown.



- Approve: Used to approve templates that are not yet in Ready status.
- <u>Delete:</u> Lets you delete a template. This is an irreversible change and would require you to recreate the template with a NEW Template ID if done in error.
- <u>Deactivate</u>: Deactivates the template. The template will not be eligible for payment creation while inactive.
- Activate: Reactivates deactivated templates.

SCOTIACONNECT RECIPIENTS

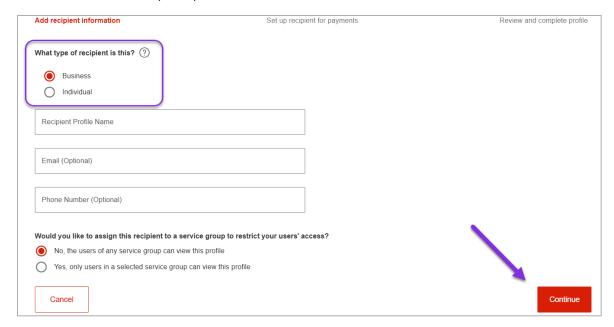
Recipients in ScotiaConnect are used to store a payee's banking information, such as their transit number, institution code and account number. By adding your payees as a recipient, you will not need to add this information every time you create a payment.

Creating a Recipient

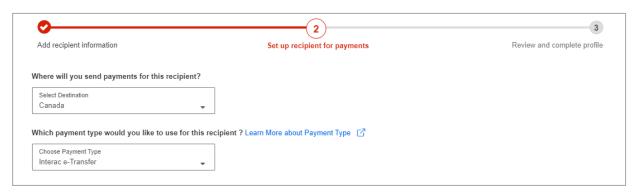
To create a new Recipient, navigate to Payments, Add and manage recipients and click Add Recipient.



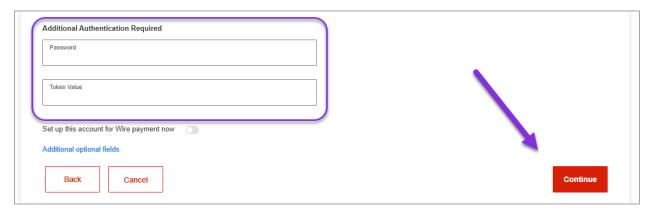
Select whether the recipient profile is for an individual or a business then click Continue.



Select the destination and payment type.

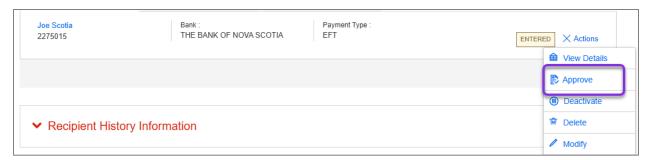


Fill in the recipient's name, email address, notification language and then give the account a nickname. The nickname is used to easily locate your recipient when performing a search. You will then need to enter your login password and token value then click **Continue**.



Approving a Recipient

If approvals are required, the recipient status will show as Entered. You will need approval from another user before you are able to send any payments using this recipient. Click the action menu then select **Approve**.



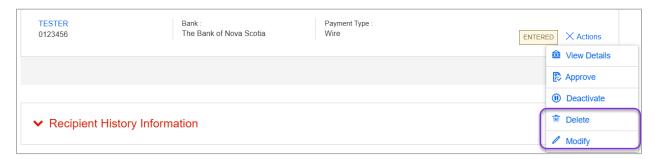
Adding Additional Accounts

If your recipient receives payments in multiple payment types or into multiple accounts, you can add them all under a single recipient profile. Simply click **Add Account** on the recipient's detail page and add the new payment account information then click **Continue**.



Modifying or Deleting a Recipient

To edit or delete a recipient, navigate to Payments and select Add and manage recipients. Then, search and select the recipient. Next, click the **Actions** menu and select either **Modify** to make changes, or **Delete** to remove the recipient.



Importing Recipients

To import recipients using a comma separated value (.csv) file, be sure to follow the import file specifications which are highlighted below Recipient Import File Specifications.

To complete the import, go to Payments, Add and manage recipients and select **Import Recipients** and browse to the file you want to import.



Browse to your file and then select the Import Recipients button to continue. You will be prompted to confirm the import. After the import is complete, ScotiaConnect will display a confirmation message.



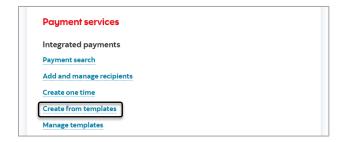
To view a summary of the imported items, see the import summary from the ScotiaConnect Message Centre.

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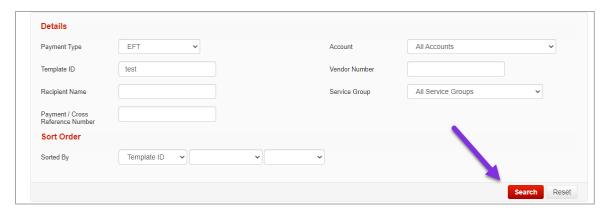
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Creating Payments from Templates

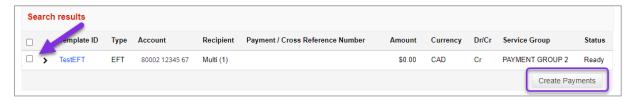
To create payments from your saved templates, go to Payments and select Create from templates.



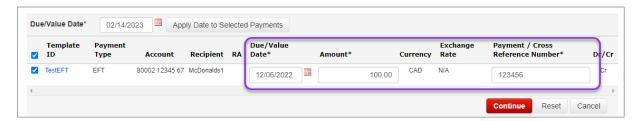
Search for the template you wish to use by entering your search criteria then clicking **Search**.



Next, place a checkbox beside the template(s) you would like to create payments from and click **Create Payments**.



Provide the due date, the amount and payment number (if not already set in the template) and click **Continue**.

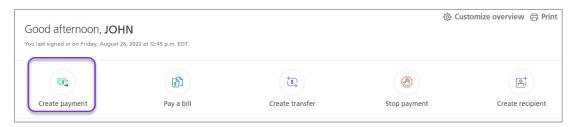


Click **Save** to finalize payment creation.



Creating a payment using a recipient

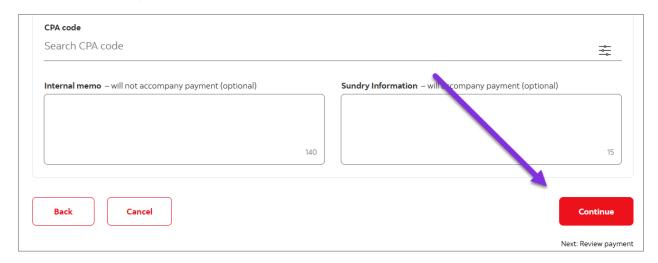
On the Overview page click the **Create payment** shortcut.



Next, select the recipient you want to pay.



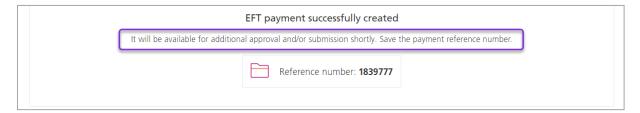
Fill in the mandatory fields then click **Continue** to proceed.



Review the details and click **Confirm** to create the payment or **Edit payment** to make any changes.

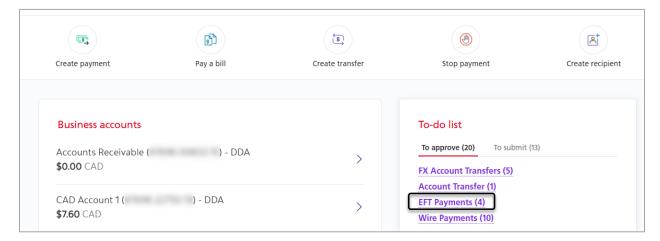


You will receive a confirmation telling you about the next steps for the payment.



APPROVING OR SUBMITTING PAYMENTS

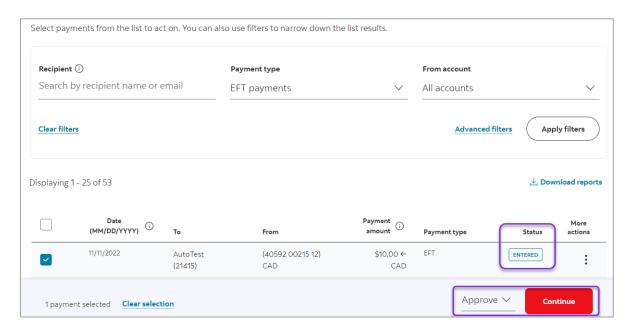
To approve (if required) and submit your EFT payments, choose **To approve** or **To submit** on the Overview page and then click the payment type.



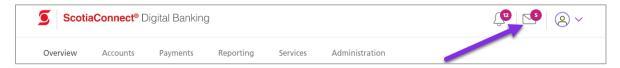
Your payments will be listed. Note the status of the payment:

- If the status is **Ready** you can submit it.
- If the status is **Entered/Approval 1/Approval 2** you must approve the payment before you can submit it.

Select the payment(s) you want to approve/submit and click **Continue**. You can change the action from **Approve** or **Submit** to **Delete**, to delete payments. You can also edit the payments by clicking **Edit**, under **More actions**.



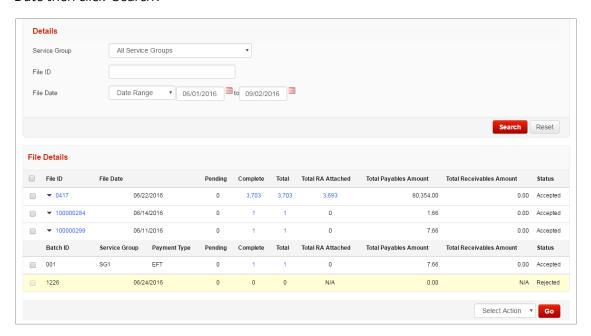
Once an action has been confirmed, a PDF report will be created in the Message Centre.



VERIFYING FILES (ONLINE PAYMENT CONTROL ONLY)

Online Payment Control is for customers who want to create payments files outside of ScotiaConnect and upload them into ScotiaConnect for approval and submission.

Online Payment Control customers should verify that their payments were loaded into ScotiaConnect successfully. Go to **Payments** then select **File Summary**. Enter a File ID and or File Date then click 'Search'.



Note: Only payments loaded via a file will show up in File Summary.

To view the details of any file, simply click on the File Id number. All payments within the selected file will be grouped together into Batch Ids. At the bottom right of this screen you will find a drop-down menu containing all the payment actions.

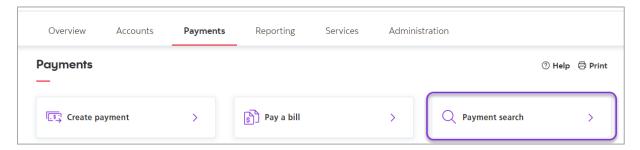
Summary of Actions:

- Approve: Used to approve payments that are not yet in 'Ready' status.
- <u>Delete:</u> Lets you delete a payment. This is an irreversible change and would require you to recreate the payment if done in error.
- <u>Disable:</u> Deactivates the payment. This is useful if you're not going to send the payment right away and want to avoid accidentally submitting it.
- Enable: Reactivates disabled payments.
- Submit: Transmits Payments in 'Ready' status to Scotiabank for processing.
- <u>Modify Date:</u> Allows you to modify the due date of the selected payments, useful for modifying a group of dates at once. **Note:** As this is a modification of the payment(s) you may need to reapprove the payments prior to submitting.

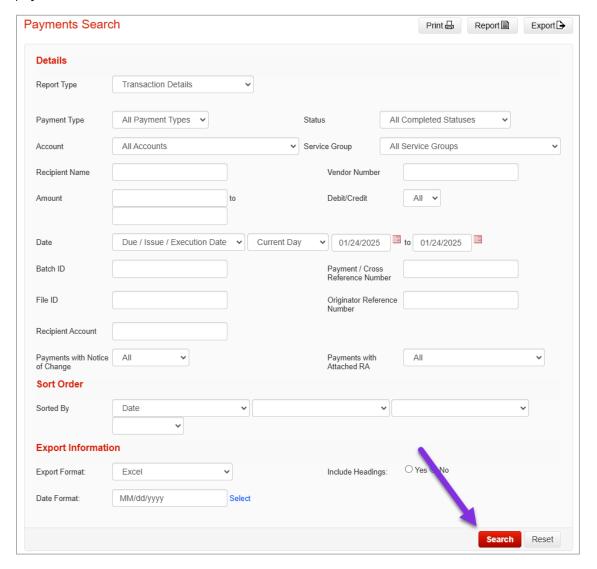
PAYMENT SEARCH

Payment Search is used to find payments in ScotiaConnect. You can export your search results or obtain reports in one of the pre-defined formats.

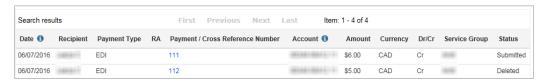
Go to Payments and select Payment Search.



There are a wide variety of search criteria available. Enter the details needed to locate your payment(s) and click 'Search'



You can view the payment details for any payment on this screen by clicking the Payment/Cross Reference Number.



Payment Status Definitions

Status	Definition
Entered	Payment has been created however requires one or more approvals before it can be submitted
Approval 1	Payment that requires more than one approval has been approved by one user
Approval 2	Payment that requires more than two approvals has been approved by two users
Ready	Payment is ready to be submitted. If no approvals are required, this is the status of a payment immediately after it is created. For a payment that requires approval, this is the status after all approvals are complete
Submitted	This is a temporary status shown only for a few seconds after a payment is submitted.
In Progress	Temporary status for an EFT payment that has been submitted but not yet accepted for processing. This status is displayed for a very short period of time (usually a few seconds)
Accepted	Payment has been submitted to the Bank for processing, this is the final status for an EFT that has been processed successfully.
Returned	EFT Payment that has been returned by the receiving bank
Rejected	EFT payment has been rejected by ScotiaConnect.
Deleted	Payment has been deleted by a user before it was submitted
Failed	Payment imported into ScotiaConnect via the Online Payment Control or History services has failed due to missing or incorrect information. This status does not apply to payments created within ScotiaConnect

EFT FIELD BREAKDOWN

Details of all the mandatory fields required when creating an EFT payment.

<u>Amount</u>: The amount of the EFT. If left as zero the amount will be specified each time payments are created.

<u>Due Date</u>: Enter the due date for the payment. To see the cutoff and lead times for sending EFTs on time, see the link near the top right of this page entitled **Cut Off Times**.

<u>Payment / Cross reference number</u>: A number used to identify individual payments. It is recommended that this number be unique in case you need to recall or trace a specific payment.

<u>CPA Code</u>: The CPA code is a 3 digit numeric code used to identify EFT payments. Click search to see a list of all the codes. You must select the one that most accurately describes your payment.

<u>Payment Currency</u>: Select the currency for this payment. CAD and USD are the only options available. USD EFTs can only be done from a Canadian domiciled USD account to another Canadian domiciled USD account.

<u>Debit/Credit</u>: This function indicates whether you will be debiting funds from your recipient's account or crediting funds to your recipient's account.

<u>Settlement Account</u>: The account that is funding credits/receiving debits.

<u>Service Group</u>: Choose the Service Group you wish to use to send your EFT payment. Note that your Super User(s) have set up this entitlement. Once you select the Service Group, the agreement ids linked to it will become available in the Originator Details section.

<u>Recipient Name</u>: Enter the recipient's name (or Company Name), and optionally, their full address in this section.

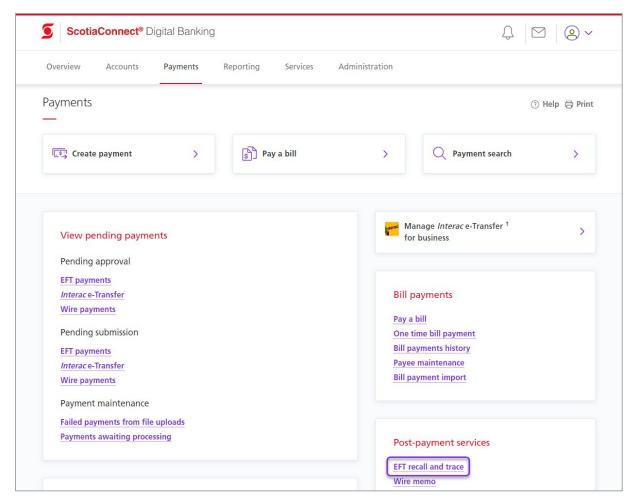
Recipient Bank information: Select the recipient's bank then enter the transit and account number.

<u>Sundry Information</u>: This is optional information that will travel with the payment. Whether it is displayed or not is at the discretion of the recipient's bank.

EFT RECALLS AND TRACES

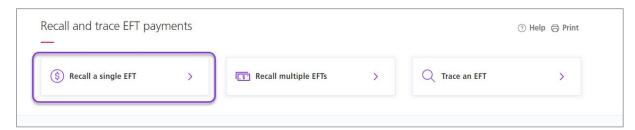
Recalling an EFT

To recall a single EFT, go to **Payments** and select **EFT recall and trace**.

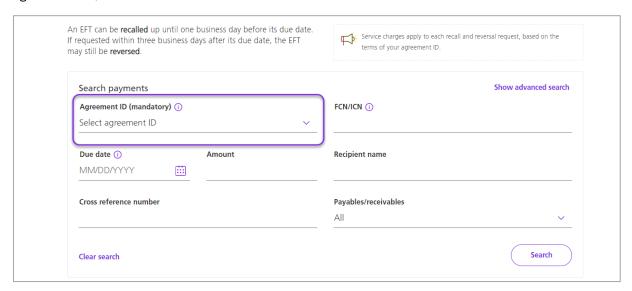


You will be taken to the Recall and trace EFT page. From this page you will be able to see the 5 most recent recalls or reversals that have been requested as the recall history.

Click Recall a single EFT or Recall multiple EFTs to continue.



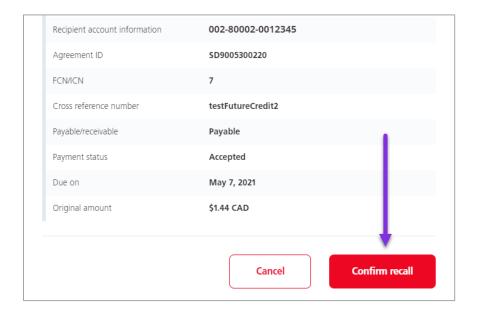
Next search for the payment using the criteria provided. it is important to note you must include the agreement ID,



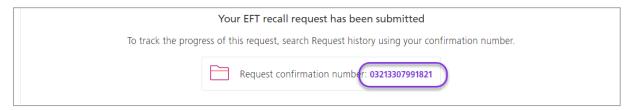
Your results will show at the bottom of the page, click the **Recall payment** link to proceed.



You will be shown the payment details, when you are certain that you want to finalize the recall click **Confirm recall** to proceed

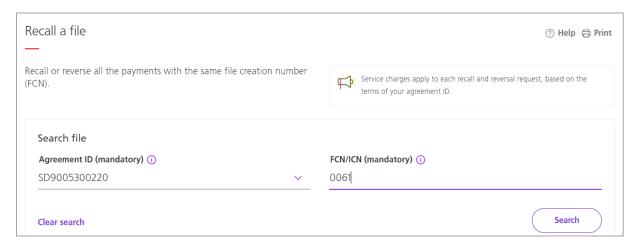


You will be shown a confirmation message with a reference # you can use to search for the recall in your Recall History.



EFT File Recalls

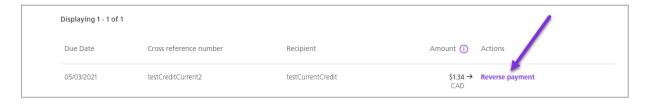
You also have the option to select **Recall a file**. This function groups payments by FCN/ICN and recalls them all at once. You can only specify an FCN and Agreement ID.



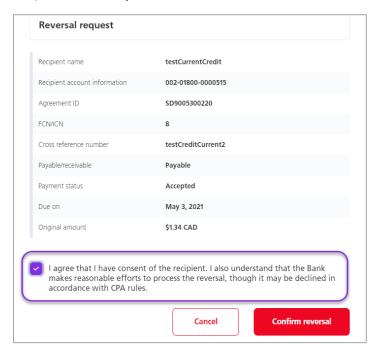
Unless you are submitting a file of manual payment instructions, we recommend using the **Recall multiple EFTs** function.

Reversing EFTs

Reversals are only available for EFTs that have already been submitted. Scotiabank will attempt to retrieve the funds on a best effort basis. Once the recall cutoff has expired, you will have the option to reverse the payment for up to 3 business days after the due date. When you search for your payment, instead of Recall payment, the action column will show an option of 'Reverse payment' instead.



On the review reversal page, you will also need to confirm that you have received consent from the recipient and that you understand that reversals are done on a best effort basis.

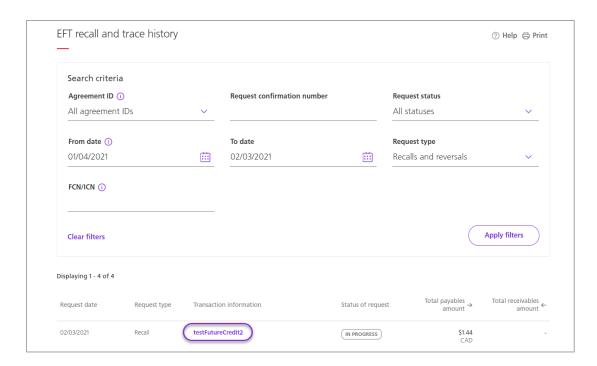


Recall History

You can see the 5 most recent recalls completed on the Recall and trace page, click on them to view their details. To view older recalls, click the **Recall History** link.

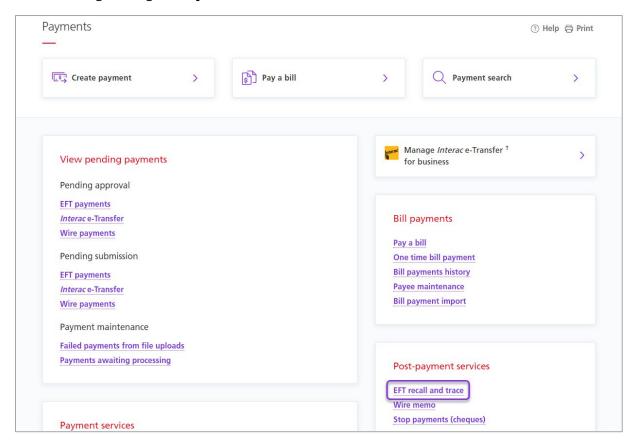


Search using the criteria provided, then click on the Transaction information field to get the details.

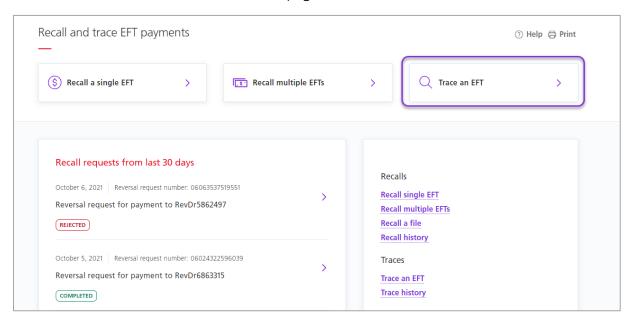


Tracing an EFT Payment

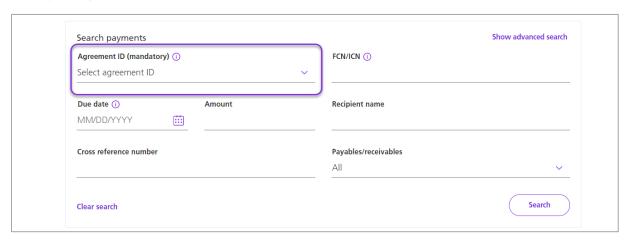
To trace a single EFT, go to **Payments** and select **EFT recall and trace**.



You will be taken to the Recall and trace EFT page. Click **Trace an EFT** to continue.



Specify an Agreement ID and click 'Search'.

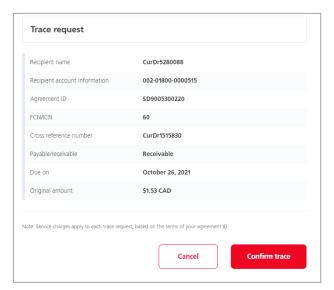


You can include optional fields such as amount, due date, or recipient name to further refine your results if needed.

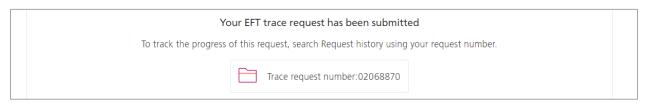
Click the Trace payment link next to the EFT you'd like to trace.



Review the details on the next screen then click **Confirm trace** to finalize the request.



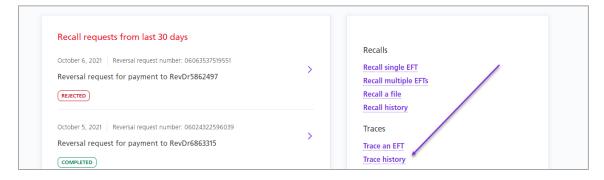
You will get a confirmation message showing that the trace was submitted successfully.



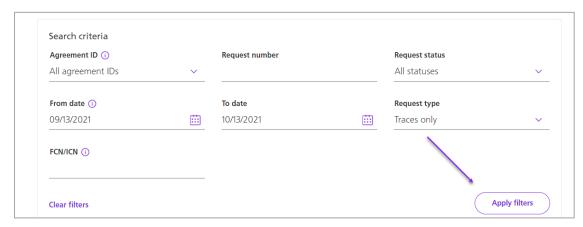
Traces can take 2-10 business days to be completed, EFTs are only eligible to be traced up to 90 days after they have been settled. To view the status of a trace you will need to review the Trace History.

Trace History

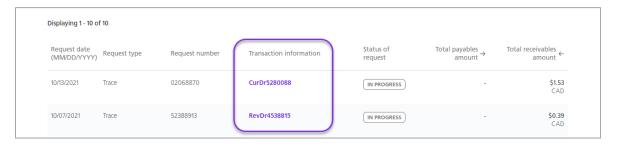
To view the status of a trace after it is done, you can select **Trace history** from the Recall and trace EFT payments page.



Enter the search criteria for the trace you want to review then click **Apply Filters**

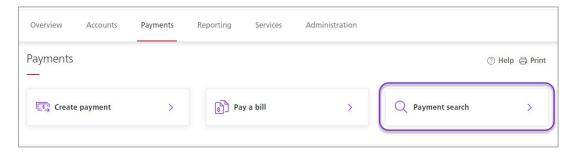


Your results will be displayed with the status of Complete, In Progress or Rejected. Click the link under the Transaction Information column to see more details.

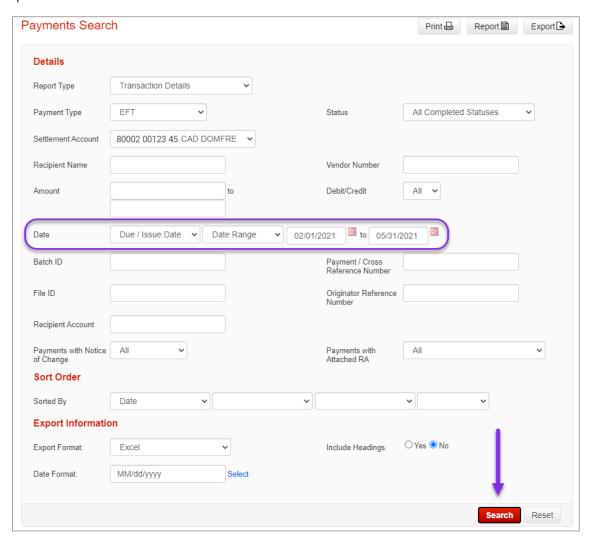


Finding your FCN/ICN

If you are uncertain of what the FCN/ICN is for one of your payments, it can be found using a payment search. Go to **Payments** and select **Payment Search**.



Next enter the search criteria, specifically a date range that you know will contain the payment in question.



The search results will be displayed at the bottom of the page. Click the Cross-Reference Number to view the details.



Look for the History Information section, it is where the FCN/ICN will be displayed.

History Information	
Reference Number 524800	ICN 0005
Created From Template	Template Pre-approved Amount
Received NOC	
System Message	

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE

Need Help?

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- 1-416-288-4600 Local Toronto area customers
- 1-800-463-7777 pour le service en français
- 1-800-320-3396 para servicio en español
- Email: hd.ccebs@scotiabank.com. Your email will be answered within 24-48 business hours.

APPENDIX A: RECIPIENT IMPORT FILE SPECIFICATIONS

Note:

- All fields are separated by a comma.
- For the format column, X indicates fields that use alphanumeric characters and 9 indicates fields that only accept numbers. The value in parentheses is the maximum number of characters that can be used for each field.
- Import File Size: must be below the system defined limit (system configurable i.e. 10mb).
- File Extension: must be '.csv', edit with a text editor (Excel will change the format of certain fields)
 First row must be a header row which must contain following header elements PayeeRef,
 PayeeName etc.

Header / Field Name Format Presence Comments

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PayeeRef	X(10)	Mandatory	Recipient ID / Account Nickname
PayeeName	X(30)	Mandatory	Recipient Name
DefaultType	X(3)	Mandatory	Payment Type, must be one of the following valid values:EFT, ACH, Wire
InstitutionCode	X(11)	Optional: EFT Mandatory: Wire/ACH	Institution code or ABA Number or SWIFT/BIC Institution Code is a 3-digit number ABA Number is a 9-digit number SWIFT/BIC is 8 or 11 characters Mandatory field if DefaultType = Wire or ACH
Transit	9(5)	Optional	Branch Transit Number
Account	9(17)	Mandatory	Bank Account Number
PayeeAddress1	X(30)	Optional: EFT Mandatory: Wire/ACH	Recipient Address Line 1 Optional field if DefaultType = EFT Mandatory field if DefaultType = Wire or ACH
PayeeAddress2	X(30)	Optional	Recipient Address Line 2
PayeeAddress3	X(30)	Optional	Recipient City
ProvState	X(2)	Optional	Recipient Province/State Must be a valid ISO Code for (USA) State or (Canada) Province
Country	X(2)	Mandatory	Recipient Country Must be a valid ISO Code
PostalCode	X(30)	Optional	Recipient Postal Code / Zip Code
PayeeContact	X(30)	Optional	Contact Name
PayeePhone	X(20)	Optional	Contact Phone Number
PayeeFax	9(10)	Optional	Contact Fax Number
PayeeEmail	X(30)	Optional	Contact Email Address
PayeeEmailSubjectLin e	X(97)	Optional	Email Subject Line Can be used if subscribed to Remittance Advice service
PayeeFaxRecipient	X(30)	Optional	Fax Subject Line Can be used if subscribed to Remittance Advice service
IBAN	X(35)	Optional	IBAN Applicable for Wire payment. IBAN is required for some countries
RecipientBankName	X(35)	Optional	Recipient Bank Name Applicable for Wire payment
RecipientBankAddres s1	X(30)	Optional	Recipient Bank Address Line 1 Applicable for Wire payment

RecipientBankAddres s2	X(30)	Optional	Recipient Bank Address Line 2 Applicable for Wire payment
RecipientBankCity	X(30)	Optional	Recipient Bank City Applicable for Wire payment
RecipientBankProvinc e	X(2)	Optional	Recipient Bank Province/State Applicable for Wire payment Must be a valid ISO Code for (USA) State or (Canada) Province
RecipientBankPostalC ode	X(30)	Optional	Recipient Bank Postal Code/Zip Code Applicable for Wire payment
RecipientBankCountr y	X(2)	Mandatory for Wire	Recipient Bank Country Applicable for Wire payment Must be a valid ISO Code Mandatory field if DefaultType = Wire