



Robust reference data of high quality and timeliness

Benefits

- > Robust data
- > Faster execution times
- > Lower rejection costs

Directories

Achieve excellence in message processing

Robust reference data is a key requirement to operate successfully in international payments and SEPA. The SWIFT directories are made exactly for that. SWIFT cares about quality and timeliness. SWIFT ensures the directories are of the highest quality available on the market.

All directories are populated from official sources and are synchronised with the monthly published ISO 9362 list of Bank Identifier Codes (BICs). The data is distributed in the form of electronic files for easy integration with your applications. Our Online Directories are designed for efficient manual look-ups, and with their daily updates they are a must to resolve critical issues. The directories support both worldwide international payments and SEPA credit transfers.

BIC Directory

The BIC Directory contains the reference list of Bank Identifier Codes (BICs) issued by SWIFT under the ISO 9362 standard. The 90,000 BICs identify financial institutions and their branches in the entire world. The BIC Directory is an indispensable source of information for message validation and repair.

Financial institutions, corporates and others use the BIC Directory to:

- Validate the BIC
- Look up an institution's BIC and other details
- Look up the payment systems through which an institution can be reached
- Look up an institution's category and history of changes

The BIC Directory is available in different formats:

BIC Directory Paper

In addition to the institution's BIC and other details, sorted in various ways, the BIC Directory Paper also contains a directory of countries, currencies, holidays and other details. The directory is shipped quarterly. Monthly updates to the book are published as downloadable PDF files.

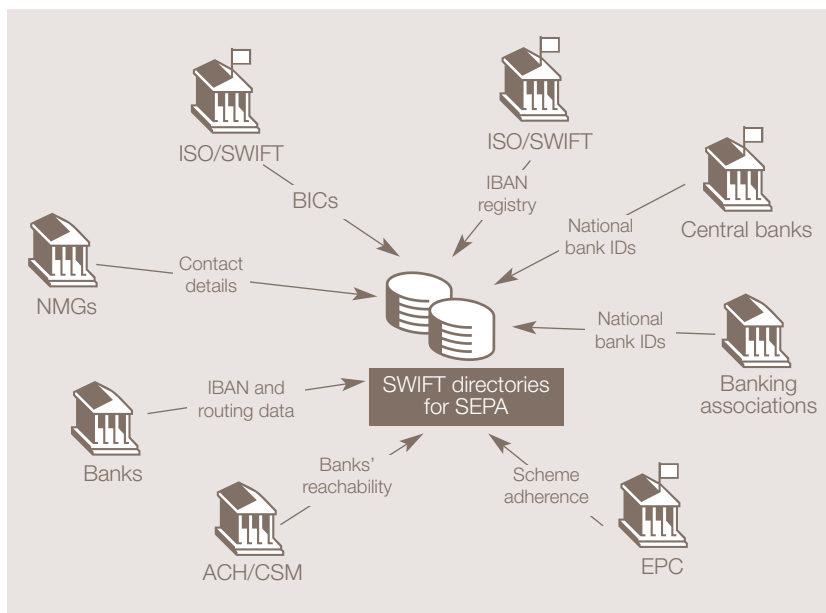
BIC Directory Pocket

A small version of the BIC Directory Paper, sorted geographically. It also contains a directory of countries, currencies, holidays and other details. The pocket directory is shipped quarterly.

BIC Directory Download

In addition to the institution's BIC and other details, the BIC Directory Download file also contains a list of countries, currencies, holidays and other details.

The downloadable file is suited for integration with your applications, or for manual look-up on your desktop using our free BIC Enquiry Tool (BET). The directory is updated monthly. For manual look-up through your Internet browser, use the Online Directories. These are updated daily.



▲ Data sources for SWIFT's directories for SEPA

Alliance Bank File

An electronic file that Alliance users upload into their interface for message validation and for updating their Customer Information Files. The file is updated monthly.

BIC Online Professional

The online look-up tool for consulting the complete BIC Directory and the BIC history using your Internet browser. The content is updated daily. It is an ideal tool for message preparation and repair. It will be replaced by the Online Directories.

BIC Search (free)

A limited version of the BIC Online Professional, for basic BIC look-ups, updated monthly. Find the BIC Search on www.swift.com

BICPlusIBAN Directory

This directory makes you ready for international and SEPA payments. It includes the full list of the ISO 9362 Bank Identifier Codes (BICs) cross-referenced with more than 400,000 national bank codes/sort codes from over 60 countries, including codes from the American Banking Association (ABA). It also provides the ISO 13616 IBAN structures of more than 50 countries, and all national

bank codes used in IBANs, cross-referenced with the BICs used in SEPA. It also includes the directory of countries, currencies and holidays.

Financial institutions and corporates use the BICPlusIBAN Directory to:

- Validate the BIC in payments and customer or supplier databases
- Look up the BIC and its details such as an institution's name and address
- Look up the institution's participation in payments services
- Look up the connected SWIFT BIC serving a non-connected BIC
- Translate between the BIC and the corresponding national bank/sort code
- Make customer or supplier databases SEPA-ready
- Look up the BIC corresponding to an IBAN

BICPlusIBAN Directory is available as a downloadable, electronic file suited for integration with your applications, or for manual look-up on your desktop using our free BIC Enquiry Tool. The directory is updated monthly. For manual look-up using your Internet browser use the Online Directories. These are updated daily.

SEPA Routing Directory

This directory maximises the straight-through processing of your SEPA Credit Transfers (and soon of your SEPA Direct Debits, as well). It contains operational information on SEPA participants, their operational readiness for the SEPA schemes and how your payment can reach them.

Financial institutions in SEPA are using this directory to:

Validate the counterparty's BIC

- Validate the counterparty's adherence to the SEPA Credit Transfer Scheme (presence in the European Payments Council's Register of Participants)
- Look up the BIC's operational readiness
- Find the available and preferred payment channels (Clearing and Settlement Mechanisms) for sending a SEPA payment to the receiving bank.

Available as a downloadable, electronic file suited for integration in your applications or for stand-alone look-up using our free BIC Enquiry Tool. The directory is updated monthly. For manual look-up using your Internet browser use the Online Directories. These are updated daily.

Online Directories (available in November 2008)

The comprehensive online look-up tool for consulting all SWIFT directories using your Internet browser. Online Directories include the BIC Directory, the BICPlusIBAN Directory, the SEPA Routing Directory and countries, currencies and holidays. The content is updated daily. It is an ideal tool for international payment message creation, validation and repair, IBAN and BIC validation and cross-referencing, and SEPA readiness validation and to look up routing options.

More information

For prices, ordering, documentation and other information please consult our product web pages on www.swift.com > Solutions > Messaging > Directories.