Bank Directory Plus

Worldwide reference data and financial information to support global payments processing

Rely on SWIFT, the ISO Registry for BIC and IBANs and Prime Issuer of LEIs

Whether you are a financial institution or a corporate, for your payments professionals it is still a challenge today to collect accurate reference data from many sources, uniform it, standardise it and maintain it up to date. This is particularly the case if you are operating and making payments worldwide.

The dynamic payments landscape sees many business reorganizations, mergers, acquisitions etc which cause bank details to change frequently. In addition, different format requirements across countries for reference data and the language barriers can prove difficult to overcome. Errors can be made easily, causing payments to fail, reducing straight-through processing rates and increasing costs and operational risks.

SWIFTRef Bank Directory Plus is the solution to your challenges. It contains all the accurate and up-to-date bank reference data you require to prepare, validate and process payments to any bank, anywhere and at any time.

In which format is the directory available?

Bank Directory Plus is provided to you securely via a monthly or daily file, in TXT or XML format, through the channel of your choice. It can be delivered via SWIFT FileAct directly to your SWIFT environment or may be downloaded manually or automatically from www.swiftrefdata.com. You can also access certain parts of its content through online lookups and SWIFTRef APIs.

Benefits

- Automate your validation process
- Increase operational efficiency and payments STP
- Stay competitive and maintain your reputation through timely processing
- Decrease costs due to failed transactions
- No SWIFT connectivity required

What does Bank Directory Plus provide?

Bank Directory Plus provides easy access to accurate, up-to-date worldwide bank reference data:

- All BIC codes, sources directly from the ISO Registry
- National clearing codes (200+ countries)
- Bank hierarchy information
- Membership identification for domestic/regional market infrastructures, such as TARGET, CHIPS, EBA
- ISO country, currency codes and bank holidays
- Timezone information
- BIC to LEI mapping
- Names and addresses of banks in their local language
- Bank SWIFT connectivity information (FA, IA, FIN)
About SWIFT

SWIFT is a global member-owned cooperative and the world’s leading provider of secure financial messaging services. We provide our community with a platform for messaging, standards for communicating and we offer products and services to facilitate access and integration; identification, analysis and financial crime compliance. Our messaging platform, products and services connect more than 11,000 banking and securities organisations, market infrastructures and corporate customers in more than 200 countries and territories, enabling them to communicate securely and exchange standardised financial messages in a reliable way. As their trusted provider, we facilitate global and local financial flows, support trade and commerce all around the world; we relentlessly pursue operational excellence and continually seek ways to lower costs, reduce risks and eliminate operational inefficiencies.

Why rely on SWIFTRef data?

**SWIFT, the ISO registration authority for BIC and IBAN formats and prime issuer of LEIs.**

SWIFT is the member-owned cooperative through which the financial world conducts its business. Because of its industry role and established relationships, SWIFT is uniquely placed to deliver accurate and comprehensive reference data and financial information.

**Up-to-date and quality data**

SWIFTRef sources data directly from data originators, including central banks, code issuers, banking associations and financial institutions.

We provide standardised data collection tools and, with the help of a vast data collection team, we make it easy for issuers and originators to maintain data regularly and thoroughly. The SWIFTRef utility constantly validates and cross-checks data across the different data sets.

**The way you need it**

SWIFTRef has all the payments reference data you need, in one place.

Data sets are available in a range of packages to suit your specific business needs. SWIFT connectivity is not a prerequisite to benefit from access to these packages.

The SWIFTRef portfolio is delivered to you via a choice of delivery channels:

- online
- downloadable from the internet
- via SWIFTRef APIs
- via FileAct directly into your SWIFT environment

Expert support is available through our specialised data teams, who research and resolve data queries at source.

For more information, please visit www.swift.com/SWIFTRef or contact us directly at swiftref@swift.com