Swift

Stop small errors causing big problems

Benefits

Avoid costly investigations

Save time

Keep transactions moving

Deliver a better customer experience

What can you validate?

Beneficiary account information, either via a creditor agent or Swift

Payment purpose code

Amount format

Account format

Category purpose

Instructed institution

Swift Go eligibility

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Why pre-validate your payments?

Payment investigations are time-consuming, expensive, and leave your customers feeling frustrated. But what if you could avoid them altogether?

By checking that payment data is correct before hitting send, you can make sure funds get where they need to and keep your customers happy.

Powered by APIs and supercharged by best-in-class data sources, this collaborative solution ensures your payments meet necessary requirements before they fly from country to country.

How it works
Payment Pre-validation reduces the risk of rejected payments due to missing or incorrect data and helps identify instances of fraud too. It does this in two ways – either relying on other service users to pre-validate key information or a centralised Swift-managed dataset.

When verifying beneficiary account information, users either play the role of data consumers or data providers, while Swift facilitates the process.

Payment Pre-validation in practice

1. The debtor agent (consumer) requests an account number check from the creditor agent (provider). Swift routes this API in milliseconds.

2. The creditor receives the call, performs the requested checks and sends the result back to the debtor.

3. This reply is interpreted by the debtor, who establishes whether there is a need to update any payment information before initiating the transaction.

Note: If the creditor is not a data provider on Payment Pre-validation, Swift responds to the debtor with a result based on historical payment traffic data.

Beneficiary Account Verification

When both the debtor (consumer) and creditor (provider) are users of Payment Pre-validation, they can connect through Swift's APIs to confirm whether an account is able to receive funds.

Central services

Debtors (consumers) can also use Swift's centrally managed datasets to confirm a number of different payment details.

To learn more about the APIs that power Payment Pre-validation, visit our Developers Portal or explore our support page

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