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Print templates at 100% (no scaling). Validate MICR placement using a MICR position gauge before production.

Associated Bank, N.A.

OFFICIAL CHECK

OFFICIAL CASHIER'S CHECK TEMPLATE (S4) - FOR TEST PRINT / CALIBRATION COPY 1 - NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT (TEST TEMPLATE)

DATE: _____ CHECK NO: _____

PAY TO THE ORDER OF: _____

\$ _____ DOLLARS

MEMO: _____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

MICR baseline note: bottoms start ~0.1875" (3/16") above bottom edge (validate with MICR gauge)

MICR CLEAR BAND (0.625") - no magnetic ink except MICR line

MICR ENCODING BAND (0.250") - all MICR characters must fit

T 123456789 T 0123456789 U 0000123456 A 1000 U

MICR PLACEHOLDER (use E-13B MICR font + MICR toner in production) **0.250" MICR band**

CUSTOMER RECEIPT - CASHIER'S CHECK (NON-NEGOTIABLE)

3
Issued Date:

Check No.:

Amount:

\$ _____

2
Payee:

Purchaser:

Funding Method:

Cash Debit Wire Account Transfer

1
Branch / Teller:

Branch ____ Teller ____ Time ____:____

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MICR ENCODING BAND (0.250") - all MICR characters must fit

NON-NEGOTIABLE COPY - DO NOT PRINT MICR TONER ON THIS COPY

BANK CONTROL COPY - CASHIER'S CHECK (INTERNAL)

Required: serial, issued date/time, amount, payee, purchaser, funding source, OFAC result, teller ID, supervisor override.

TCBON hooks: ledger_event_id, sha256_commitment, outbox_message_id, evidence_pack_record_id, void/reissue linkage.

Attach check image or reference image_id / archive pointer here.

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MICR ENCODING BAND (0.250") - all MICR characters must fit

INTERNAL CONTROL COPY - RETAIN PER RECORDS SCHEDULE

Key placement requirements (U.S. style, E-13B)

- **MICR clear band:** must extend the full length of the document and **0.625 inch (5/8") upward from the bottom edge**. No magnetic ink may appear in the clear band except the MICR encoding line.
- **MICR encoding band:** all MICR characters must be printed within a **0.250 inch (1/4") band** located within the clear band (commonly centered).
- **MICR baseline:** many design guides reference MICR character bottoms beginning approximately **3/16 inch (0.1875") above the bottom reference edge**. Always validate using a MICR position gauge and reader testing.

Operational requirement: Test position, skew, signal strength, and print contrast prior to production release.

References

- Elfring Fonts MICR Position Gauge instructions (clear band 0.625" from bottom; encoding band inside clear band).
- NIST FIPS PUB 32-1 (reading head scans 0.625" clear band along bottom edge).
- Wells Fargo MICR Document Design Specifications (clear band must remain clear; trailing edge clearance guidance).

Positive Pay - Issued Check Export Specification

Goal: Provide a daily (or intra-day) issued-check file to the bank Positive Pay service to match paid items.

Required fields (minimum): issued_date, check_number, account_number, amount.

Recommended fields: payee_name (for payee match), issue_type (I/V), void_reason, memo/reference.

Preferred CSV (comma-delimited, UTF-8, header row):

```
issued_date,check_number,account_number,amount,payee_name,issue_type
2026-02-21,0000123456,593129345,2500.00,"NETSPEND EFT OPERATIONS",I
2026-02-21,0000123457,593129345,120.10,"CITY OF MASON",I
2026-02-22,0000123457,593129345,120.10,"CITY OF MASON",V
```

Formatting rules: preserve leading zeros; amount with two decimals; payee must match printed check when payee match is enabled.

Fixed-length option: provide start/end positions per field and a sample file for portal validation.

References

- F&M; Bank Positive Pay Check Issue File Overview (issued date, check number, account number, payee, amount; optional void indicator).
- Synovus Positive Pay File Mapping Requirements (required check number/amount/issued date; payee optional/required for payee match).
- Huntington Business Online Positive Pay Import Mapping Guide (payee matching and formatting constraints).

Postgres - cashier_check registry schema

Design goals: deterministic serial uniqueness per draw account; Positive Pay export-ready; void/reissue lineage; examiner-grade audit fields.

```
CREATE TABLE cashier_check (  
  cashier_check_id UUID PRIMARY KEY DEFAULT gen_random_uuid(),  
  issuing_fi_name TEXT NOT NULL,  
  issuing_fi_routing TEXT,  
  dda_account_no TEXT NOT NULL,  
  check_number TEXT NOT NULL,  
  issue_date DATE NOT NULL,  
  amount_cents BIGINT NOT NULL CHECK (amount_cents >= 0),  
  currency CHAR(3) NOT NULL DEFAULT 'USD',  
  payee_name TEXT NOT NULL,  
  purchaser_name TEXT,  
  memo TEXT,  
  status TEXT NOT NULL DEFAULT 'ISSUED' CHECK (status IN  
  ('ISSUED', 'VOIDED', 'REISSUED', 'CLEARED', 'STOPPED')),  
  voided_at TIMESTAMPTZ,  
  void_reason TEXT,  
  reissue_of_check_id UUID REFERENCES cashier_check(cashier_check_id),  
  ofac_screen_result TEXT,  
  teller_id TEXT,  
  supervisor_id TEXT,  
  branch_id TEXT,  
  ledger_event_id UUID,  
  evidence_pack_record_id TEXT,  
  sha256_commitment TEXT,  
  created_at TIMESTAMPTZ NOT NULL DEFAULT now(),  
  updated_at TIMESTAMPTZ NOT NULL DEFAULT now()  
);  
CREATE UNIQUE INDEX cashier_check_uniq_draw_serial ON cashier_check(dda_account_no,  
  check_number);
```

Trigger recommendation: update updated_at via BEFORE UPDATE trigger; emit outbox events on issue/void/reissue.

WordPress Issuance Module (TCBON) - Design Outline

Plugin: tcbon-cashier-checks

Core: role-based teller/supervisor/auditor console; serial reservation; print authorization; PDF render for Copy 1/2/3 at 100% scale; ledger + evidence pack hooks; Positive Pay export job.

REST endpoints:

```
POST /wp-json/tcbon/v1/cashier-checks/reserve
POST /wp-json/tcbon/v1/cashier-checks/{id}/issue
POST /wp-json/tcbon/v1/cashier-checks/{id}/void
GET /wp-json/tcbon/v1/cashier-checks/{id}/pdf?copy=1|2|3
GET /wp-json/tcbon/v1/positive-pay/export?date=YYYY-MM-DD&format=csv
```

Controls: threshold-based supervisor approval; audit log for every print/download; printer/workstation fingerprint; watermark internal copies; idempotency keys; RLS enforced in bank-core DB.

Notes

For strict conformance, obtain and follow the current ANSI X9 standards applicable to your print environment and clearing channel, and validate using certified MICR tools before production.