

Postal Code for Ireland Merchants Will Be Required in Authorization Requests

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Overview: For card-present transactions with merchants physically located in the Republic of Ireland, Visa will require acquirers to capture the merchant's Eircode (postal code) and include it in the authorization request message. Additionally, acquirers must provide Eircode updates to the Acquirer Merchant Master File.

To enable more accurate location services for stakeholders, **beginning 17 April 2020**, acquirers should start preparing their systems to capture the Eircode for card-present transactions with merchants physically located in the Republic of Ireland.

Effective 16 October 2020:

- Authorization request messages for card-present transactions must contain the Eircode in Field 59 (National Point-of-Service Geographic Data) for merchants physically located in the Republic of Ireland.
- Issuers must be able to receive Field 59 containing an Eircode in authorization request messages.
- Acquirers must continue to provide Eircode updates to the Acquirer Merchant Master File.

Full technical details on this change will appear in the *October 2020 and January 2021 VisaNet Business Enhancements Global Technical Letter and Implementation Guide, Effective: 16 April 2020*.

For More Information

Merchants and third party agents should contact their acquirer.

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