

Preparing for the eight-digit issuing bin

Processor Quick Start Guide

Where is the best place to start your planning to be sure your processing operations are ready to support the industry change to the eight-digit issuing BIN? This guide includes a list of critical areas to put at the top of your planning. This guide is intended only as a starting point; all processors must develop their own comprehensive plan across their internal systems, reports and processes.

Where to begin

- Review the April and July 2021 Technical Letter and Implementation Guide, Article 4.4, *Changes to Support the Mandate for Eight-Digit Issuing BIN*.
- Review the recommendations indicated within the August 2020 published *Numerics Initiative: Acquiring and Issuing Impacts—Discovery Interview Findings*.
- Use the Impact Questionnaire to start the planning process.
- Take the following training courses:
 - [Visa Numerics Initiative, Basic Numerics Overview](#)
 - [Preparing for the 8-Digit BIN: Correct Table Usage for Transaction Routing](#)
 - [For Issuer Processors, Smart BIN Management, Policies and Resources](#)
- Review your front and backend processing to look for applications, systems, tools and reports that may include a six-digit issuing BIN.
- Determine if the adoption of the eight-digit standard is a simple change to the length of the impacted areas or if it will require additional changes throughout your systems.

Resources to help you plan

Visa will continue to communicate regularly with payment industry stakeholders regarding the migration to the eight-digit issuing BIN. Check the following channels for updates.



Numerics Initiative Page on Visa Online

Visa has developed a set of tools leveraging our deep subject matter knowledge to drive your analysis, planning and transition to the new eight-digit issuing BIN standard. Please go to the [Numerics Initiative page](#) to review the Numerics Initiative Impact Questionnaires, Frequently Asked Questions, take the most recent trainings on issuing BIN impacts, and much more.



Questions?

If you have questions on how the eight-digit issuing BIN changes may affect your business or have questions specific to Visa's approach to the new 8-digit issuing BIN standard, reach out to your Visa Representative or e-mail us at NumericsSupport@Visa.com.