

# **VISA** First Data. Visa Claims Resolution

Optimizing the Dispute Process for Merchants

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## Agenda

- > What is VCR?
- How VCR Helps Merchants
- > VCR Migration Timeline





## What is VCR?

#### VCR will improve the dispute ecosystem with a new enhanced dispute process that has the following objectives

Objectives	Description	Data	
Prevent and Customize	Visa will block issuer chargebacks if they are not supported by the transaction data	Invalid Chargebacks <sup>1</sup> 14% of Claims	
Automate and Resolve Disputes Quicker	Claims follow one of two paths to completion: Allocation and Collaboration	Existing VROL Automation	
Streamline Existing Workflows	Reason codes will be consolidated into 4 major claim categories and workflows will guide users to provide key data to simplify the process	Existing VROL     Automation <sup>1</sup> Allocation       100% of Claims     60-80% of Claims	
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		Allocation Collaboration	

1. Based off FY 2014 chargeback reason code buckets

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## **How VCR helps merchants**

Dispute optimization is a key driver in the Visa Claims Resolution Initiative; benefits to merchants are being introduced throughout the dispute cycle



## **Visa merchant purchase inquiry (VMPI)**

# VMPI allows merchants to proactively send detailed supplemental information to issuers PRIOR to a dispute being submitted

#### Current Landscape

- Digital goods purchases are on the rise; low dollar and difficult for ecosystem to handle
- "Unrecognized" disputes are increasing, particularly in the digital goods space
- Today, acquirers/merchants are \*reacting\* to financial claims filed by cardholders/issuers
- Impact can be severe for cardholder experience and consumer confidence

Key Reasons for Consumer Complaints

"I did not make this purchase, it must be fraud."

> "I am not sure if I made this purchase because I don't recognize it."

"I made this purchase, but there's a problem."

#### **Opportunity**

- Introduce an Application Programming Interface (API) for issuers to notify merchants before a dispute is raised
- Enable the merchant to provide specific transaction detail, at the beginning of the dispute process, to allow issuers to "talk off" disputes before they occur (Proactive representment)
- Goal is to reduce/eliminate claims BEFORE they become formal disputes, and where possible, reduce dispute timeframes from 45 days to 45 seconds



## Visa merchant purchase inquiry (VMPI) process

# The VMPI process is a real-time data sharing exercise from merchant to issuer through Visa Resolve Online (VROL)





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Issuers can incorporate VMPI data into their talk track with cardholders and use this merchant-provided information to reduce disputes



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Merchant Responses available:

Acknowledged (default)

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- Service Cancelled
- Shipment stopped
- Goods dispatched
- Service redeemed
- Transaction Reversed

#### Steps:

- 1 Cardholder contacts the Call Center
- 2 Representative conducts a VROL Transaction Inquiry
- 3 VROL Recognizes Merchant (as Integrated) and generates a Real-Time Purchase Inquiry to the merchant via an API – Using the original transaction information
- 4 Merchant renders the response within the established schema
- 5 Response is provided to the Issuer
- 6 Cardholder indicates that the purchase is Fraudulent, Fraud report is triggered
- 7 Real Time Fraud Notification is sent to merchant (and listed on FRS with TC40)

8 Response sent by merchant (Optional)



Merchants may use fraud notification information to enable better decisions on delivery of goods/services or future transactions to mitigate losses

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#### 11 – Authorization



- 11.1 Card Recovery Bulletin
- 11.2 Declined Authorization
- 11.3 No Authorization

## 12 – Processing Errors \_\_\_\_\_슈

- 12.1 Late Presentment
- 12.2 Incorrect Transaction Code
- 12.3 Incorrect Currency
- 12.4 Incorrect Account Number
- 12.5 Incorrect Amount
- 12.6.1 Duplicate Processing
- 12.6.2 Paid by Other Means
- 12.7 Invalid Data

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- First Data provides Electronic Dispute tool for management of disputes

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#### **Overview**

- Associated Transactions provides issuers with credits, reversals, and/or adjustments that may be pertinent to decision making on a current dispute. These transactions will be identified using Visa's authorization, clearing and settlement systems looking historically at transactions with similar characteristics.
- The Associated Transactions identification will use a proprietary algorithm to identify transactions that may be related, as well as a scoring mechanism to provide high, medium, or low likelihood matches.

#### **Business Objective**

The Associated Transactions is being introduced into the dispute process to proactively identify an action like a credit, reversal or adjustment that render the dispute invalid. If the merchant has already credited the cardholder for the transaction the issuer is disputing, all parties benefit from that never becoming a dispute as less work will be required for both acquirers and issuers.

#### **Usage Conditions and Details**

 If Associated Transactions are found, the issuer must review and confirm the relationship for each transaction.

Associated		Transaction Date/Time	CPD/Settled Date
Selected Transaction		06/10/17 07:13:47	06/10/17
• Yes	🔘 No	06/10/17 07:13:06	06/10/17
• Yes	🔘 No	06/10/17 07:14:06	06/10/17
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## **Rule changes**

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#### **Fraud Dispute Limit**

- Place a limit on the number of card absent fraud disputes that can be processed on a single account number
- Issuer may charge back a maximum of 35 transactions on a single account number within a 120 day timeframe
- A new edit will block disputes after the limit has been reached

#### **Fraud Disputes – Account Status**

- Block claims initiated for original transactions that occurred on a date after the first fraud report or first fraud chargeback for the same account number
- Remove requirement for issuers to list the account number on the exception file and close account prior to initiating a fraud dispute
- As part of proper fraud management, issuers are still required to properly manage a fraudulent account. Issuers should continue to close the account
- This new edit will prevent issuers from passing liability to the acquirer when they have not taken the necessary steps to prevent future fraud on the same account number



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## **Migration timeline**



#### **First Data Client Touchpoints**

- April/October 2017: Client Release Communications include VCR
- January 2018: FirstData.com updated with VCR details
- February 2018: Live Webinar to share VCR Details/Q&A session

February 2018 recording of Webinar posted to FirstData.com

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April 2018: System Enhancements to support VCR live

## **Summary of merchant benefits**

#### Reduction in Dispute Volume

- VCR comprehensively evaluates VisaNet and dispute data, reducing dispute volume by blocking invalid disputes from entering the system
- New rules to limit fraud disputes on a single PAN

#### **Pro-active Dispute Resolution**

- Through a series of new products and services, VCR gives merchants a proactive way to resolve disputes through Visa Merchant Purchase Inquiry
- Proactively identify remediating transactions such as credits, reversals and adjustments through Associated Transactions
- Receive notification of Visa fraud reports to enable better decisions on delivery of goods/services or future transactions to mitigate losses

# Identify, Track & Monitor Abuse

 Indices provide Visa a mechanism to proactively identify training opportunities or abuse prompting quicker troubleshooting and resolution

#### Better Customer Experience

 Quicker timelines provide a better customer experience and faster resolution



## **Dispute Manager**

Ten Core Areas of Functionality		
1. Welcome Screen	displays links to user guide, merchant dispute guide, OnLine Help, demo, and bulletins	
2. Queues	displays count and oldest due date of Retrieval and Chargeback cases (by card type) with sorting and download functionality	
3. Work Tracker	records all cases that were responded to for the current processing date	
4. User Notes	allows user to enter 1000 characters of free form text to send to the backoffice	
5. Cases	provides detailed case information and issuing bank documentation	
6. Actions	allows user to electronically respond and upload documentation	
7. Search	access cases by cardholder number, case number, merchant number, reference number, dispute amount , and transaction locator	
8. OnLine Help	available to answer product navigational and dispute processing inquiries	
9. Self-Enrollment	merchants can enroll themselves online	
10. Approval Database	RMs & AEs manage the enrollment process for their merchants	