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The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) Transition to Electronic Payment Collection —What Stakeholders Submitting Payments Paper Checks Need to Know

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) will no longer accept paper checks for payments related to assessment bills¹, penalties (33 U.S.C. §§ 914g, 930e), §944c 1 compensation orders, and improper payment refunds.

On March 25, 2025, the President of the United States issued Executive Order (EO) 14247, [Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account – The White House](#). The EO declared that continued use of paper-based payments payable to the Federal Government “imposes unnecessary costs; delays; and risks of fraud, lost payments, theft, and inefficiencies.” The EO imposes a September 30, 2025, deadline to transition all paper checks to electronic payments.

Claimants

Claimants or Beneficiaries who received payment above their statutory entitlement may submit their refund through [Pay.gov Payment Submission Form](#). This method of electronic payment allows you to submit your refund either through direct deposit, PayPal, Venmo, or Credit/Debit Card. Detailed instructions to use [Pay.gov Payment Submission Form](#).

Employers & Carriers

Authorized insurance carriers and self-insured employers required to pay assessment bills, penalties (33 U.S.C. §§ 914(g), 930(e), or §944(c)(1)) compensation orders, may submit a refund through [Pay.gov Payment Submission Form](#). This method of electronic payment allows your company to submit your payment either through ACH Debit, PayPal, or Venmo (*assessment, penalty, section 944(c)(1) orders*). Detailed instructions to use [Pay.gov Payment Submission Form](#) will be included in a letter alerting you of your assessment, penalty, or section 944(c)(1) order.

How to use [Pay.gov Form Service](#)

1. Copy the following link onto your search bar – <https://www.pay.gov/public/home>
2. Enter DLHWC in the search bar and select 'Continue' when the DLHWC Payment Submission Form appears.
3. Select 'Continue to the Form' button.
4. Complete all required fields designated with a red asterisk.
 - a. Add the claimant's name, OWCP number, to their corresponding boxes.
 - b. The OWCP number consists of an 8-digit number commencing with the district office designation. e.g. – 01-123456, 02-123456, or 40-123456.
 - c. The OWCP number entered will pre-populate the Main Account Code.
 - d. Enter Date of Injury.
 - e. Select payment type. Select Overpayment, Penalty, or Section 44(c).
 - f. Enter payment amount.
 - g. Entering 'Payer Information'.
 - h. Select 'Continue'.

¹ Assessment bills are paid via a separate pay.gov form (DLHWC Annual Assessment Form). Instructions to use this form is embedded in the annual assessment industry notice.

5. Users will be given an option to attach a file. You are encouraged to attach the letter received alerting you of your payment requirement. (e.g. – Improper Payment, Section 14(g) Penalty, etc.)
6. Select your payment option (Bank Account - ACH, PayPal, Venmo, or Credit/Debit Card), then Next.
 - a. If payment is from a business bank account (ACH Debit), contact your bank to ensure there are no ACH blocks on the account.
 - b. If there is an ACH block, contact [Pay.gov](#) Customer Support (800-624-1373) to request the ACH Company ID.
 - c. Provide your bank with the ACH Company ID.
7. Complete entering your payment details.
8. Review and submit your payment. You have successfully submitted your payment. You will receive an email confirmation.

Note: [Pay.gov](#) requires you to have an account with PayPal or Venmo to use these options for payment.

Frequently Asked Questions

The following questions are for stakeholders who have questions concerning the mandate that all federal agencies will discontinue accepting payment of debt by paper check. (Executive Order 14247).

Question: Who is affected by this Executive Order?

- Answer: Everyone obligated to pay assessment bills, penalties (33 U.S.C. §§ 914g, 930e), §944c 1 compensation orders, and refunds for improper payments.

Question: What does the Executive Order - Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account entail?

- Answer: This initiative requires that, to the extent permitted by law, all payments made to the Federal Government must be processed electronically.

Question: When does the Executive Order become effective?

- Answer: All federal agencies must comply by **September 30, 2025**.

Question: Why is the government implementing this initiative?

- Answer: Collection of payment electronically promotes operational efficiency and reliability. Conversely, payment by paper check increases delay in payments; and results in potential fraud, lost payments, theft, and inefficiencies. Thus, the initiative aims to promote the security of financial transactions.

Question: How can we issue payments to the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP)?

- Answer: Acceptable payment methods include:
 - Pay.gov Form Service
 - ACH Debit
 - PayPal
 - Venmo
 - ACH Credit
 - Fedwire
 - Credit/Debit Card

Question: Are there other payment methods available besides Pay.gov, ACH Credit, or Fedwire?

- Answer: OWCP is collaborating with intra-agency partners to explore add *debit/credit card*.

Question: Can we currently pay our assessment, penalty, refund by paper check?

- Answer: Pursuant to Executive Order 14247, OWCP has been directed to collect all payments issued to the federal government electronically.

Question: Who can we contact for additional guidance?

- Answer: Please contact Claims Examiner (CE) Kenneth Ossman for assistance. You may reach him at (202) 354-9681. You may also use email - Ossman.Kenneth@dol.gov; Longshore_Assessment_Questions@dol.gov.