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# Wholesale lockbox

Specifications User Guide



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#### Introduction

National Bank offers a suite of solutions to simplify your payment collection activities. Our customized wholesale lockbox service efficiently processes payments you receive by mail, allowing you to better manage your company's cash inflows and accounts receivable.

This guide describes the wholesale lockbox service, which is ideal for companies that receive a small number of high-value cheques by mail.

#### Description

With the wholesale lockbox service, the Bank will empty your lockbox **at the sites served by National Bank** and proceed with the automated envelope opening. We deposit the funds to your National Bank account and provide online reports to assist with payment reconciliation.

The service includes access to an online portal, where you can view various reports, cheque and stub images and the correspondence associated with each payment. You can also look up, save, download and print images of these items.

#### How it works

#### Lockbox pick-up

National Bank uses a courier service to empty your company's lockbox at the sites served by National Bank, every business day during the agreed-upon processing periods.

#### **Processing centres**

The wholesale lockbox service is available in all our processing centres across Canada (Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver).

#### Online record of images

Users of the service can retrieve lockbox data and images of their lockbox items (cheques, stubs and correspondence) online.

They can look up, view, print and download data, reports and images related to previous transactions for the duration set out in their user profile.

Main features:

- Search postdated items
- Search through multiple user profiles
- Handle exceptions
- Add transaction notices<sup>1</sup>
- Set up email alerts<sup>2</sup>

#### Handling exceptions

Depending on the procedure established at integration, some transactions may appear in the "exception" module.

Transactions pending a decision will be shown as exceptions when viewing lockbox images. Authorized users must accept or reject transactions before 2:00 p.m. for them to be processed the same day.

For more details, please refer to the User Guide under

Online-access-to-Lockbox-service-user-guide.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Depends on the chosen package and extra fees may apply

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#### Lockbox processing

The contents of the lockbox are sent to the appropriate regional processing centre (Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary or Vancouver).

Transactions are all processed in the same batch, regardless of the payment type (postdated, partial, full, single and multiple payments). An image of the document will then be entered and stored for three (3) or ten (10) years, depending on the archive period you select when setting up the service.

#### Payments processed and imaged

- Cheques with one or multiple invoice payment stubs
- Cheques without payment stubs, if payor can be identified
- Postdated cheques with a deposit due date in 30 business days or more
- CAD cheques
- USD cheques (deposited to a USD account)

#### Items in exception

- Multiple payments that do not balance: more than one stub and cheque(s)
- Payments without a payment stub or valid reference number
- Payments with the mention "Paid in full"
- Unacceptable beneficiary
- Postdated cheque outside the established period

#### Items not processed

- Payments in foreign currencies (other than US\$)
- Payment with stale-dated cheque
- Cheque with no signature

#### Cheques cashed and account credited daily

On the day the transactions are processed, National Bank will credit the amounts processed in CAD or USD to your bank account(s).

A mechanical identifier will be stamped on the back of cheques and stubs when they are processed and include the following information:

| Sequence No.          |
|-----------------------|
| Client's name         |
| Processing date       |
| Bank account number   |
| Branch transit number |

National Bank client No. Batch reference number Processing region National Bank/department Client No. (processing centre)

#### Lockbox location

National Bank will establish your lockbox **at the sites served by National Bank** near our processing centre and inform you of the chosen location.

#### Verified legal names

You must provide us with a copy of your company's charter or an amending declaration when we set up the service. This document is required to confirm which legal names can be accepted when depositing cheques to the bank account linked to your lockbox. You must notify us of any changes by sending us the relevant legal documentation.

#### Setting up the service

Contact a National Bank representative if you need information and support in setting up this service. They will help you fill out the technical sheet with all the information required by our implementation team and provide a copy of the agreement outlining the terms and conditions. You will be asked to attach the list of legal names accepted for payments (copy of the charter or an amending declaration).

A representative will then set up the service and validate the documents and information received. They will open the lockbox, set up the courier service **at the sites served by National Bank** also they will contact you to schedule the start date of the service.

# Appendix A - Customer Service

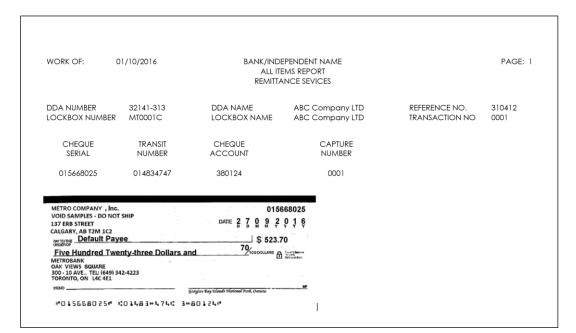
#### Support

To obtain information or notify us of any issue or irregularity, please contact our customer service team.

| Customer Service   |
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| Payment of Accounts  |
| 514-394-4494 (Montreal)  |
| 1-844-394-4494 (toll-free)   |
| Fax: 514-394-8773  |
| Tax. 514-574-0775  |
| Email: <a href="mailto:sacperception@nbc.ca">sacperception@nbc.ca</a>                                  |
| Please use the form you received when the service was set up to email or fax us your tracing requests. |
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## Appendix B - Online portal reports

#### Report of all items (available in PDF)



#### Cash detail report (available in TXT/PDF)

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|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|------------------------|---------|
| DDA NUMBER<br>LOCKBOX NUM | 1BER             | 321413<br>MT0003C |                   | DDA NAME<br>LOCKBOX NAME                  | 324<br>ABC Company LTD | L       |
| ITEM<br>NUMBER            | REF.<br>NO.      | CHEQUE<br>SERIAL  | transit<br>NUMBER | CHEQUE<br>ACCOUNT                         | CHECK<br>AMOUNT        |         |
| 1                         | 570014<br>570014 | 415               | 24182001          | 1038126                                   | 41,243.23<br>41,243.23 |         |
| 2                         | 570016           | 011               | 24182001          | 1038126                                   | 3,413.24               |         |
| 3                         | 570016<br>570016 | 008               | 24182001          | 1038126                                   | 13,245.54<br>16,658.78 |         |
|                           |                  |                   |                   |   | 57,902.01              |         |

### Activity report (available in TXT/PDF)

| WORK OF:                               | 01/10/2016   | BANK/INDEPENDENT NAME<br>DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT<br>REMITTANCE SERVICES |  |  | PAGE: 1                                      |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| dda number<br>Lockbox number           |  | 21413<br>T0003C   | dda name<br>Lockbox name   | 324<br>ABC Con                                     | npany LTD                                    |  |  |
| BUSINESS DATE                          |  | LOCK BOX<br>REFERENCE #   | ITEM COUNT   | DEF  | Posit Amount                                 |  |  |
| 01/10/2016<br>01/10/2016<br>01/10/2016 |  | 570014<br>570015<br>570016  | 3<br>2<br>1  |  | 6.00<br>9.00<br>6.00                         |  |  |
| TOTALS                                 |  |   | 6  |  | 21.00  |  |  |
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## Reject report (available in PDF)

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|--|--|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------|---|
| DDA NUMBER<br>LOCKBOX NUMBER<br>REJECT:  | 32141-313<br>MT0001C<br>POST DATED CHE | DDA NAME<br>LOCKBOX NAME<br>QUE (CUSTOMER)      | XYZ Inc.<br>XYZ Inc.                            | REFERENCE NO.<br>TRANSACTION NO | 310412<br>0001 |   |
| CHECK<br>SERIAL  | TRANSIT<br>NUMBER                      | CHEQUE<br>ACCOUNT                               | CAPTURE<br>NUMBER                               |                                 |                |   |
| 015668025  | 014834747                              | 380124  | 0001  |                                 |                |   |
| METRO COMPANY, Inc.<br>VOID SAMPLES - DO NOT S<br>137 ERB STREET<br>CALGARY, AB T2M 1C2<br>MY TOTHE Default Paye<br>OBDROW<br>Five Hundred Twen<br>METROBANK<br>OAK VIEWS SQUARE<br>300 - 10 AVE TEL: (649) 342<br>TORONTO, ON L4C 4E1 | e<br>ty-three Dollars an<br>-4223<br>6 | DATE 2 7 0 9 2<br>5 523.7<br>d 70/100 DOLLARB A | 68025<br>Q 1 6<br>Q<br>Contractor<br>Contractor |                                 |                |   |

#### Unmatched item report (available in PDF)

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|--|----------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| DDA NUMBER<br>LOCKBOX NUMB             | ER                         | 321413<br>MT0003C   |                   | DDA NAME<br>LOCKBOX N, | AME                                | 324<br>ABC Company LTD |         |
| BUSINESS<br>DATE                       | REF<br>NO.                 | trans<br>NO.  | seq<br>NO.        | CHECK<br>AMOUNT        | INVOICE<br>AMOUNT                  | INVOICE NET<br>AMOUNT  |         |
| 01/10/2016<br>01/10/2016<br>01/10/2016 | 310415<br>310415<br>310415 | 47670124<br>47670124<br>47670124                                  | 001<br>001<br>001 | 41,243.23              | 1,234.33<br>12,323.44<br>13,431.12 |                        |         |
| 01/10/2016                             | 310415                     | 46865004  | 002               | 1,234.33               | 1.153.12                           | 14,254.13<br>81.21     |         |
| TOTALS                                 |                            |   |                   | 42,477.56              | 28.142.22                          | 14,335.34              |         |