

Bank of Hawai'i Positive Pay and Accounts  
Reconciliation Conversion:

# **POSITIVE PAY CHECK ISSUES, MAPPING AND MAINTENANCE REFERENCE GUIDE**

## About Positive Pay

Positive Pay helps to prevent check fraud by allowing company users to examine questionable checks and make decisions to pay or return them.

Positive Pay matches posted check information with check issue items like serial number and amount and creates exceptions if discrepancies are found. Positive Pay does not verify funds availability (i.e. account balances) when processing checks.

## About Reverse Positive Pay

Reverse Positive Pay helps to prevent check fraud by allowing company users to examine *every* check and make decisions to pay or return them.

Companies can have Positive Pay and Reverse Positive Pay services entitled but an account can only be entitled to one of the services.

## About Payee Positive Pay

Payee Positive Pay helps to prevent check fraud by comparing the payee names in a company user's check issue file against those stored by the financial organization. When the payees do not match perfectly an exception is created.

Exceptions generated from the payee comparison always appear with a `Payee Mismatch` exception reason.

Payee Positive Pay is available to companies that also use Positive Pay.

## Check Issues

### About Check Issues

Check issues are representations of checks written by company users.

Check issues can be manually added or imported through a file.

Single or a sequence of check issues can be added manually.

Check issues can be imported using a pre-defined or custom file import definition. When a company user imports a check issue file their approval is applied automatically to the file. Each check issue that is successfully imported is audited and available for review in user activity.

### Adding Check Issues

Single check issues can be added manually to the system.

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay > Enter issues**.
2. Complete the following fields:

<b>Account</b>	Entitled accounts.
<b>Check number</b>	The number on the check.
<b>Amount</b>	The amount on the check.

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<b>Issued date</b>	The date on which the check was issued.
<b>Issue type</b>	Issue or Void.
<b>Payee</b>	The name of the payee. Required if using payee matching.
<b>Sequential entry</b>	Click this option if entering a sequence of check issue items. When this option is selected, the account information is pre-filled with the account from the previous entry and the check number is pre-filled with the next incremental check number.

3. If entering sequential check issues, continue adding sequential check issue items until all items have been added.
4. Click **Continue**.
5. Verify the information and click the **Submit for approval** link or click **Add Issues** (depending on your entitlements).

*Verify Issue Page Sample*

### Positive Pay

Manage Exceptions   **Enter Issues/Voids**   Import Issues   Import Decisions

Issue Verification 

 **Almost done. Please confirm the details below.**

[New Entry](#)

Entry Type	Issue
<b>Account Information</b>	
Account:	<div style="background-color: #ccc; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>
<b>Item Details</b>	
Check Number:	<div style="background-color: #ccc; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>
Amount:	\$1.00
Issued Date:	01/15/2025
Payee:	Test

To submit this request without approving, click [Submit for approval](#).

**Add Issues**   Cancel

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## Viewing the Status of Check Issues/Voids

Company users can view the status of manually entered and imported check issues.

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay > Issue/Void status**.
2. Complete the following fields and then click **Generate report**:

**Output to** Screen, CSV, or PDF.

**Accounts** Accounts entitled to Positive Pay.

**Date range** Specific date or From/To.

*Note: Not required if the Check number field is filled in.*

**Date type** Issued date, Posted date, Status updated date, or Void date.

*Note: Not required if the Check number field is filled in.*

**Amount (Optional)** Type a specific dollar amount or range of dollar amounts.

**Check number (Optional)** A specific check number.

### Issue/Void Status Page Sample

Issue/Void Status



Checks that have been converted into an ACH electronic payment are displayed with an ACH indicator beside the check number.

[View Criteria](#) [Modify Search](#)

Check Number	Amount	Issued Date	Void Date	Posted Date	Status	Status Updated	Payee	Read Payee	Payee Match Score
 [Redacted]	\$1.00	01/03/2025	n/a	01/03/2025	Paid	01/04/2025	AuxOnUs 15 digits	AUXANUS 1S DIGIT	91
- Checking -									
 [Redacted]	\$1.00	01/03/2025	n/a	01/03/2025	Paid	01/04/2025	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	100

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## Importing Check Issue Files

Large quantities of check issues can be imported into the system through a file. The company user who imports a check issue file automatically has their approval applied to the file.

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay > Import issues**.
2. Select a file definition and then click **Continue**.
3. Click **Browse** and select the file you want to import.
4. Click **Import file** to import the file and automatically apply your approval.

### *Import Confirmation Page Sample*

#### Import Confirmation

✔ The file has been successfully received and is being processed.

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File Definition Name:  
Description:  
File Name:  
File Type: FixedFormat  
Status:

To view the imported file processing status, go to [File Import Status](#)

## File Transfer Protocol for Check Issue Files

Check issue files can be directly transmitted through File Transfer Protocol (FTP).

FTP transmission is not automatically enabled for companies; some set up by your financial organization is required to enable FTP transmission. Additional fees may apply for FTP transmissions.

Once FTP transmission is enabled and set up, the standard MICASH file format or a custom file import definition can be used.

## Viewing the Status of Imported Check Issue Files

Company users can view the status of check issue files that were imported in the last 40 calendar days to determine if the import was successful.

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay > Import issues**.
2. Click the **View the status of files imported in the last 40 calendar days** link.
3. **Optional:** If available, click the link in the **File Name** column to view the file details.

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## File Status Page Sample

### File Status

Status of imported files in the last 40 calendar days.

All approvals must be received before a file will be fully processed.

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#### Imported Files

(To view the records within a file that were not imported due to invalid data, click on the file name.)

File Name	Total Records	Issues in File	Total Amount for Issues	Voids in File	Total Amount for Voids	Date Imported	↓ Status
	8	8	\$8.00	0	\$0.00	12/16/2024	Completed
	14	14	\$14.00	0	\$0.00	12/09/2024	Completed

## Status Descriptions for Imported Check Issue Files

File Status	Description
Completed	The file imported successfully without issues.
Completed with errors	The file was imported but some records in the file were not because of invalid data, format, and so on.
Completed with notes	The file processed successfully with additional details provided for some records in the file such as, the record was successfully uploaded with a \$0.00 dollar amount or the issue was paid on X date, and so on.
Pending Approvals	The file was imported and needs approval by another user or users in the company. Once all approvals are received for a file, it is validated, and the status is updated.
Rejected	The file was not imported because it had an incorrect file format.
Processing	The file is the process of being imported. This status is typically seen when importing large issue files.

## About File Import Definitions

File import definitions outline the format for imported files.

File import definitions can be delimited or fixed. A delimited file is a flat text file consisting of data items separated by a specific character. A fixed file is a text file consisting of data that have specific lengths and positions.

## Adding a Delimited File Import Definition for Check Issues

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay Import issues**
2. Click the **Add a file definition** link.

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3. Complete the following **Description** fields and then click **Continue**:

<b>Definition name</b>	The name of the definition (up to 20 alphanumeric characters).
<b>Description</b>	Information about the definition (up to 20 alphanumeric characters).
<b>File contents</b>	Issues.
<b>File type</b>	Delimited.

4. Complete the **Characteristics** fields and then click **Continue**:

<b>Field delimiter</b>	The character used to separate the data: comma (,), dash (-), semi-colon (;), or Tab.
<b>Text qualifier</b>	A single or double quote that is placed on either side of the text so that if a data field includes a character such as a comma, it is not considered a field delimiter. For example, if a file includes a company name like "Sample Company, Inc." the text qualifier ensures that the company name is not separated by the comma during the import process.
<b>Amount format (if applicable)</b>	Decimal included (i.e. 123.00) or Decimal not included (i.e. 123). An applied decimal format is required if decimals are not included.
<b>Date format (if applicable)</b>	MMDDYY, MMDDYYYY, MM/DD/YY, MM/DD/YYYY, MM-DD-YY, MM-DD-YYYY, YYMMDD, YYYYMMDD, YY/MM/DD, YY-MM-DD, or YYYY-MM-DD.

5. **Optional:** Select the **Default Field Value** options you want applied to all issues in the import file:

- ABA/TRC
- Account
- Issue type: Issue or Void
- Issue action: Add or Delete

6. Click **Continue**.

7. Type the numeric order of the **Position Number** fields as they would appear in the file and then click **Add file definition**.

## File Definition Confirmation Page Sample

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**File Definition Details**
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**Description**

Definition Name: BBC Issue Add  
 Description: BBC Standard Issue  
 File Contents: Issues  
 File Type: Delimited

**Characteristics**

Field Delimiter: Comma (,)  
 Text Qualifier: Double Quote(")  
 Amount Format: Decimal included (i.e. 123.00)  
 Date Format: MMDDYYYY

**Default Field Values (Optional)**

ABA/TRC:   
 Issue Type: Issue  
 Issue Action: Add

**Field Properties**

The field properties below describe the relative locations for the data in the record. "Not used" indicates that the field will not be present in the uploaded file.

Field Name	Position Number	Valid Field Properties
Account	4	Numeric only (0-9), 17 characters max
Check Number	2	Numeric only (0-9), 15 characters max
Amount	3	Numeric only (0-9), greater than 0.00 and less than 100,000,000.00

## Adding a Fixed File Import Definition for Check Issues

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay Import issues**.
2. Click the **Add a file definition** link.
3. Complete the following **Description** fields and then click **Continue**:

<b>Definition name</b>	The name of the definition (up to 20 alphanumeric characters).
<b>Description</b>	Information about the definition (up to 20 alphanumeric characters).
<b>File contents</b>	Issues.
<b>File type</b>	Fixed.

4. Complete the **Characteristics** fields and then click **Continue**:

<b>Amount format (if applicable)</b>	Decimal included (i.e. 123.00) or Decimal not included (i.e. 123). An applied decimal format is required if decimals are not included.
<b>Date format (if applicable)</b>	MMDDYY, MMDDYYYY, MM/DD/YY, MM/DD/YYYY, MM-DD-YY, MM-DD-YYYY, YYMMDD, YYYYMMDD, YY/MM/DD, YY-MM-DD, or YYYY-MM-DD.

5. **Optional:** Select the **Default Field Value** options you want applied to all issues in the import file:

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- ABA/TRC
- Account
- Issue type: Issue or Void
- Issue action: Add or Delete

6. Click **Continue**.

7. Complete the following **Field Properties** fields and then click **Add file definition**:

**Position Number**            The numeric location of the field in the file.

**Length**                      The numeric length of the field in the file.

*File Definition Confirmation Page Sample*

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**File Definition Details**
[Add another file definition](#)

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**Description**

Definition Name: BOH Issue File 06  
 Description: BOH Existing Positive Pay Issue 06  
 File Contents: Issues  
 File Type: Fixed

**Characteristics**

Amount Format: Decimal not included (i.e. 123)  
 Applied Decimal Format: Implied decimal (123 = 1.23)  
 Date Format: MMDDYY

**Default Field Values (Optional)**

ABA/TRC:

**Field Properties**

The field properties below describe the relative locations for the data in the record. "Not used" indicates that the field will not be present in the uploaded file.

Field Name	Position Number	Valid Field Properties
Account	30 to 39	Numeric only (0-9), 17 characters max
Check Number	2 to 11	Numeric only (0-9), 15 characters max
Amount	14 to 23	Numeric only (0-9), greater than 0.00 and less than 100,000,000.00
Issued Date	24 to 29	Numeric date in specified format (for example, MMDDYY)

## Changing Delimited and Fixed File Import Definitions for Check Issues

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay > Import issues**.
2. Click the link in the **Name** column for the file you want to change.

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3. Change the file import definition as needed by clicking the **Edit description**, **Edit characteristics**, **Edit default field values**, or **Edit field properties** link.

*File Definition Details Page Sample*

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**File Definition Details**
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Description

Definition Name: BOH Issue File 06  
 Description: BOH Existing Positive Pay Issue 06  
 File Contents: Issues  
 File Type: Fixed

Characteristics

Amount Format: Decimal not included (i.e. 123)  
 Applied Decimal Format: Implied decimal (123 = 1.23)  
 Date Format: MMDDYY

Default Field Values (Optional)

ABA/TRC:

Field Properties

The field properties below describe the relative locations for the data in the record. "Not used" indicates that the field will not be present in the uploaded file.

Field Name	Position Number	Valid Field Properties
Account	30 to 39	Numeric only (0-9), 17 characters max
Check Number	2 to 11	Numeric only (0-9), 15 characters max
Amount	14 to 23	Numeric only (0-9), greater than 0.00 and less than 100,000,000.00
Issued Date	24 to 29	Numeric date in specified format (for example, MMDDYY)

## Deleting Delimited and Fixed File Import Definitions for Check Issues

File import definitions cannot be recovered once deleted.

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay > Import issues**.
2. Click the link in the **Name** column for the file you want to delete.
3. Click the **Delete file import definition** link.
4. Verify the definition as needed and then click **Delete**.

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## Verify File Definition Deletion Page Sample

### Verify File Definition Deletion

**ⓘ Are you sure you want to delete this File Definition?**  
Once deleted, the file import definition cannot be recovered.

#### Description

Definition Name: BOH Issue File 06  
Description: BOH Existing Positive Pay Issue 06  
File Contents: Issues  
File Type: Fixed

#### Characteristics

Amount Format: Decimal not included (i.e. 123)  
Applied Decimal Format: Implied decimal (123 = 1.23)  
Date Format: MMDDYY

#### Default Field Values (Optional)

ABA/TRC:

#### Field Properties

The field properties below describe the relative locations for the data in the record. "Not used" indicates that the field will not be present in the uploaded file.

Field Name	Position Number	Valid Field Properties
Account	30 to 39	Numeric only (0-9), 17 characters max
Check Number	2 to 11	Numeric only (0-9), 15 characters max
Amount	14 to 23	Numeric only (0-9), greater than 0.00 and less than 100,000,000.00
Issued Date	24 to 29	Numeric date in specified format (for example, MMDDYY)
Issue Type	55 to 55	Issue, I, Void, V
Issue Action	1 to 1	Add, A, Delete, D
Debit/Credit (Optional)		Debit, D, Credit, C
Payee	56 to 135	Alpha (a-z, A-Z), numeric (0-9), special characters (including spaces), 128
Additional Payee Information (Optional)		Alpha (a-z, A-Z), numeric (0-9), special characters (including spaces), 128

Delete

Cancel

## Correcting Check Issues

Company users can update the amount, issued, date, or payee on check issues that do not match the information on the corresponding checks. When a check issue is updated to match the exception, the exception is removed from the **Manage Exceptions** page.

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay > Update Issues/Voids**.
2. Complete the following fields and then click **Continue**:

**Account** Entitled accounts.

**Date range** Specific date, From/To, or Previous business day.

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**Include** Exception issue items, Outstanding issue items, Outstanding void items.

**Check number (optional)** Type a specific check number.

3. Click the link in the **Check** column for the issue you want to correct.
4. Correct the selected exception or outstanding issue:

Issue Type	Description
Exception issue	Change the <b>Item Details</b> options as needed and then click <b>Continue</b> .
Outstanding issue	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Click the <b>Edit issue</b> link.</li><li>2. Change the <b>Item Details</b> options as needed and then click <b>Continue</b>.</li></ol>

5. Verify the information as needed and then click **Save changes**.

*Verify Issue Page Sample*

**Positive Pay**

Manage Exceptions   Enter Issues/Voids   Import Issues   Import Decisions   **Update Issues/Voids**

Issue Verification

**Account Information**

Account:

**Item Details**

Check Number:

Amount: \$2.00

Issued Date: 11/04/2024

Void Date: n/a

Payee: SFTP IMPORT TEST 85-1028

Additional Payee Information:

**Save Changes**   **Cancel**

## Deleting Outstanding Check Issues

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay > Update Issues/Voids**.
2. Complete the following fields and then click **Search**:

**Account** Entitled accounts.

**Date range** Specific date, From/To, or Previous business day.

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**Include** Outstanding issue items.

**Check number (optional)** Type a specific check number.

3. Click the **Delete** link beside the issue to delete.
4. Verify the issue as needed and then click **Yes, Delete**.

*Verify Issue Deletion Page Sample*

**Verify Issue Deletion**

 **Are you sure you want to delete this issue item?**  
Once deleted, the item cannot be recovered.

[New selection](#)

Entry Type:	Issue
Account:	
Check Number:	
Amount:	\$1.00
Issued Date:	11/04/2024
Void Date:	n/a
Payee:	SFTP IMPORT TEST 85-1028

## Viewing/Downloading Check Issue File Content

Company users responsible for approving check issue files can view and/or download the content of files before approving them.

1. Click **Account Services > Approve issues**.
2. In the **Issue Files Pending Approval** section, click the link in the **Filename** column of file you want to view/download.
3. On the Approve File page, click the link beside the **File name** to be prompted by an internet browser message to open or save the file.

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### Approve File Page Sample

#### Approve File [Print this page](#)

To approve this file, click "Approve." To delete this file, click "Delete this file." To view details for a different file, return to [Issue Approval - Selection](#).

#### File Information [Delete this file](#)

Status: Pending Approval  
File Name: [MICASH\\_Test\\_File](#)  
Total records: 2  
Issues in file: 2  
Total amount for issues: \$1,106.17  
Voids in file: 0  
Total amount for voids: \$0.00  
Uploaded by: AUSER  
Upload date: 10/11/2016 06:28:49 PM (ET)

#### Approval History Information

Approval status: 0 of 2 received

Action	User ID	Date	Time
Enter Request	AUSER	10/11/2016	06:28:49 PM (ET)

## Approving Check Issues and Check Issue Files

Company users can approve individual outstanding check issues and issue files.

1. Click **Account Services > Approve issues**.
2. Select the issues and/or issue files to approve and then click **Approve**.

### Issue Approval Confirmation Page Sample

#### Issue Approval Confirmation [Print this page](#)

[New selection](#)

#### Issues Approved

Account	Check	Amount	Issued Date	Issue Type	Payee	Approval Status
- Main Account		\$25.00	05/30/2014	Issue	bob	2 of 2 received

#### Issue Files Approved

Filename	Uploaded Date	Uploaded By	Approval Status
customer delimited	07/09/2014 10:56:24 AM (ET)	ADMIN	2 of 2 received Ready to transmit

## Deleting Unapproved Check Issues and Check Issue Files

1. Click **Account Services > Approve issues**.

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2. Do one of the following:
  - For single check issues, click the link in the **Check** column.
  - For check issue files, click the link in the **Filename** column.
3. Do one of the following:
  - For single check issues, click the **Delete this issue** link.
  - For check issue files, click the **Delete this file** link.
4. Verify the information as needed and then click **Delete**.

*Verify Deletion Page Sample*

**Verify Deletion** [Print this page](#)

You have requested to delete the following issue item. Once deleted, the following issue cannot be recovered.

[View issue details](#)

**Account Information**

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Account: \*3456 - I      account

**Item Details**

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Check number: 90099  
 Amount: \$250.00  
 Issued date: 7/11/2014  
 Issue type: Issue  
 Payee: Sally S

**Approval History Information**

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Approval status: 0 of 2 received

Action	User ID	Date	Time
Enter Request	ADMIN	07/11/2014	03:41:21 PM (ET)

## Searching for Outstanding Check Issues

Search for outstanding check issue items that have not yet passed the stale date for entitled accounts.

1. Click **Account Services > Positive Pay > Outstanding Issues/Voids**.
2. Complete the following fields and then click **Generate report**:

**Output to**                      Screen, CSV, or PDF

**Account**                        Accounts entitled to Positive Pay.

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**Issued date range** All, Specific date, From/To, Previous business day

**Include** Issues and voids, Issues only, or Voids only

*Outstanding Issues Page Sample*

Outstanding Issues/Voids  

[View Criteria](#) [Modify Search](#)

Check Number	Amount	Issued Date	Void Date	Payee	Entry Type	Read Payee	Payee Match Score
	\$1.00	12/16/2024	n/a		Issue	n/a	0
	\$1.00	12/16/2024	n/a		Issue	n/a	0
	\$1.00	12/17/2024	n/a		Issue	n/a	0
	\$1.00	12/19/2024	n/a		Issue	n/a	0
	\$1.00	12/19/2024	n/a		Issue	n/a	0

## Searching for Stale Check Issues

- 1 Click **Account Services > Positive Pay > Stale issues.**
- 2 Complete the following fields and then click **Generate report:**

**Output to** Screen, CSV, or PDF

**Accounts** Accounts entitled to Positive Pay.

**Issued date range** All, Specific date, From/To, or Previous business day

*Stale Issues Page Sample*

Stale Issues  

[View Criteria](#) [Modify Search](#)

Check Number	Amount	Issued Date	Payee	Stale Date	Entry Type	Read Payee	Payee Match Score
	\$1.00	01/18/2024		07/17/2024	Issue		97

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## File Formats & Requirements

### Custom File Definition Field Requirements

Field requirements and formats for delimited and fixed file definitions.

Field	Required	Supported Formats/Characters
Amount	Yes	Dollar amounts with or without a decimal (.) or dollar sign (\$). If the decimal is not included, the customer needs to select an applied decimal format, Whole Dollar (123 =123.00) or Implied (123 =1.23).
Issue Date	Yes	MMDDYY, MMDDYYYY, MM/DD/YY, YYMMDD, YYYYMMDD, YY/MM/DD, MM/DD/YYYY, MM-DD-YY, MM-DD-YYYY, YYYY/MM/DD, YY-MM-DD, YYYY-MM-DD
ABA/TRC	No, if default is value defined.	Numbers 0 - 9. Must match the routing number (ABA/TRC) set up with your financial organization.
Account	No, if default is value defined.	Numbers 0 - 9. Must match the account number setup with your financial organization.
Check Number	Yes	Numbers 0 - 9. Up to 15 characters allowed.
Issue Type	No, if default is value defined.	I for issue or V for void (not case sensitive). If this field is undefined or has characters other than I or V, it defaults to I for issue.
Debit/Credit	No	Not a required field and not required in file or mapped in field definition.
Issue Action	No, if default is value defined.	A for add or D for delete. If this field is left blank or has characters other than A or D, it defaults to A for add. This field must be mapped, however you do not need to include it within the actual file.
Payee Name	Only required for Payee Positive Pay.	Letters A - Z and numbers 0 - 9. Up to 96 characters allowed for non-payee positive pay accounts. Up to 80 characters allowed for payee positive pay accounts.

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