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Simplified International Airline Program Registration

Global Acquirers
Visa Network; Europe Processing

Overview: Visa has simplified the registration process for the International Airline Program, expanded program registration requirements to domestic airlines and updated the *Visa International Airline Program Guide*.

Visa's International Airline Program (IAP) allows acquirers to acquire qualifying airline merchants and on-board service providers in any jurisdiction. This helps airline merchants consolidate their acquiring relationships and meet the unique needs of airlines for a comprehensive global acquiring service in all countries where they sell tickets.

As part of a new, simplified registration process, Visa has updated the IAP Business Plan form. **Effective immediately**, acquirers must email their completed IAP Business Pan for review and approval to InternationalAirlineProgram@visa.com with the word "International" or "Domestic" in the subject line, as applicable. A business plan is required in each of the following cases:

- For each new international airline that will submit transactions for acceptance and processing through IAP
- For each currently registered international airline expanding acceptance into new countries
- Any newly acquired domestic airline

Acquirers are required to attest in their business plans that they are lawfully entitled to acquire transactions in said countries.

Visa has also updated the *Visa International Airline Program Guide*, a reference manual for acquirers and merchants that provides eligibility criteria, program requirements and other program participation considerations.

For More Information

Merchants and third party agents should contact their acquirer.

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