Payment Card Industry (PCI)
PA-DSS Program Guide

Frequently Asked Questions for Transition from v1.2 to v2.0

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Transition from PA-DSS Program Guide v1.2 to PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0

Purpose of this document

The PCI SSC will soon be releasing an updated version of the PA-DSS Program Guide, *PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0*. This document has been compiled to address frequently asked questions about using the new Program Guide and the expiry of applications validated to older versions of PA-DSS.

Terminology

The following terms are used throughout this document to describe payment applications validated to different versions of the PA-DSS:

- Payment applications validated to PA-DSS versions 1.1, 1.2 or 1.2.1 are collectively referred to as ***v1.x applications.***
- Payment applications validated to PA-DSS version 2.0 are referred to as ***v2.0 applications****.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Q 1   What are the effective dates of the PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0?

   A   *The PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0 will be released in February 2012, and will be effective on the date it is released. The date for mandatory use of the new Program Guide is April 1, 2012.*

Q 2   Will there be a transition period for the PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0?

   A   *Yes, we are providing a transition period so that PA-QSAs and software vendors have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the new changes.*

Q 3   What are the biggest changes in the new Program Guide?

   A   *The PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0 contains a number of process improvements. We recommend that application vendors and PA-QSAs fully review the updates to understand how they may impact particular application submissions. Some of the changes to the PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0 include:*

   - *Redefining the minor change process to incorporate No-Impact and Low-Impact Changes*
   - *Streamlining billing cycles*

Q 4   What should I do when the new Program Guide is released?

   A   *We strongly advise that PA-QSAs and payment application vendors use the transition period to familiarize themselves with and prepare for the changes in the new Program Guide, particularly for pricing and processes, before submitting application ROVs, revalidations or changes to the Council for review.*

Q 5   Which Program Guide should I use to submit a Report on Validation (ROV) for a payment application validated to PA-DSS v2.0?

    A   *Between February and March 31, 2012, ROVs for v2.0 payment applications may be submitted using either PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0 or PA-DSS Program Guide v1.2. As of April 1, 2012, all submissions must adhere to PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0. Please be sure you fully understand the differences between the two Program Guides when considering which forms to submit.*

Q 6   Can I submit minor changes for a v1.x payment application after December 31, 2011?

    A   *Yes, minor changes may be submitted for PA-DSS 1.x applications until the application expires (October 28, 2013). Note that change submission processes have been updated in PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0, and these new processes must be followed starting April 1, 2012.*

Q 7   How do minor changes affect an application's expiry date?

    A   *Minor changes do not have any impact on an application's expiry date. Minor changes may be submitted until the date the application expires (October 28, 2013 for v1.x applications); however the application will still expire on its scheduled date. Minor changes that are accepted prior to an application's expiry will be reflected in the expired application's listing (acceptable only for pre-existing deployments).*

Q 8   Which program guide should I use to submit minor changes for 1.x payment applications?

    A   *During the Program Guide transition period (February 2012 – March 31, 2012), changes to v1.x payment applications may be submitted using either PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0 (following the process for No-Impact or Low-Impact Changes) or using PA-DSS Program Guide v1.2 (following the process for Minor Updates).*

        Effective April 1, 2012, all changes to v1.x applications must adhere to PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0.

Q 9   Which program guide should I use to submit minor changes for 2.0 payment applications?

    A   *During the Program Guide transition period (February 2012 – March 31, 2012), changes to v2.0 payment applications may be submitted using either the PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0 (following the process for No-Impact or Low-Impact Changes) or using PA-DSS Program Guide v1.2 (following the process for Minor Updates).*

        Effective April 1, 2012, all changes to v2.0 applications must adhere to PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0.

Q 10   If I wish to submit a Low-Impact Change (per the PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0), which version of the PA-DSS does the PA-QSA assess the change to?

    A   *Low-Impact Changes are to be assessed according to the version of the PA-DSS that application was validated to.*

Q 11   Which program guide should I use to submit revalidations for v1.x payment applications?

A   *During the Program Guide transition period (February 2012 – March 31, 2012), revalidations for v1.x payment applications may be submitted using either PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0 or PA-DSS Program Guide v1.2.*

Effective April 1, 2012, all revalidations for v1.x applications must adhere to PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0.

Q 12   Which program guide should I use to submit revalidations for v2.0 payment applications?

A   *During the Program Guide transition period (February 2012 – March 31, 2012), revalidations for v2.0 payment applications may be submitted using either PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0 or PA-DSS Program Guide v1.2.*

Effective April 1, 2012, all revalidations for v2.0 applications must adhere to PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0.

Q 13   Do I need to revalidate my v1.x payment application after January 1, 2012?

A   *Revalidations for v1.x payment applications may be submitted until the application expires on October 28, 2013. Payment applications are to be revalidated according to their annual revalidation date, which is based on the date the application was originally validated.*

Q 14   Do I need to revalidate my v1.x payment application after it expires on October 28, 2013?

A   *No, revalidations will not be accepted for v1.x applications after they expire on October 28, 2013.*

Q 15   What happens if I do not revalidate my v1.x payment application prior to its expiry date?

A   *Applications not revalidated prior to their expiry date (October 28, 2013, for v1.x applications) will expire upon the date of missed revalidation. Expired applications are listed as "Acceptable only for pre-existing deployments."*

Q 16   Should I revalidate my v1.x application before it expires in October 2013?

A   *Prior to a v1.x application's expiry on October 28, 2013, the vendor may choose to:*

- *Revalidate their application so they can be listed as "Acceptable for new deployments" until October 28, 2013. After October 28, 2013, all v1.x applications will be listed as "Acceptable only for pre-existing deployments."*
- *Not revalidate their application, in which case the application will expire and be listed as "Acceptable only for pre-existing deployments" upon the date of missed revalidation.*

Q 17   How can I extend the expiry date of my v1.x application beyond October 28, 2013?

A   *All v1.x applications will expire on October 28, 2013, and be listed as "Acceptable only for pre-existing deployments" after this date. To extend an application's expiry date, vendors may submit a new PA-DSS v2.0 validation for the application. Applications validated under PA-DSS v2.0 are scheduled to expire in October 2016, and will be listed as "Acceptable for new deployments" until they are expired.*

Q 18 **How can I transition my PA-DSS v1.x application to PA-DSS v2.0?**

    A *The v1.x payment application will need to undergo a full PA-DSS v2.0 assessment by a PA-QSA in order for it to be considered for PA-DSS v2.0 validation.*

Q 19 **Can a Minor Update (per *PA-DSS Program Guide v1.2*) or a No-Impact or Low-Impact Change (*per PA-DSS Program Guide v2.0*) be submitted to transition a PA-DSS 1.x application to PA-DSS 2.0?**

    A *No, PA-DSS 1.x applications will need to undergo a full PA-DSS v2.0 assessment to be considered for listing as a PA-DSS 2.0 application.*