



EMV Fleet Migration

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EMV Fleet Migration Stakeholder Update Q1 2023

Dear EMV Fleet Migration Stakeholders

The first quarter of 2023 has seen renewed vigour and activity on the EMV Fleet Migration project as we progress through the execution phase. Despite a few delays in achieving some deliverables for Quarter 4 of 2022, the project has since picked up pace and is building momentum once again.



Much of the focus for Quarter 1 has been on driving development and internal testing within the participating banks. Ongoing engagement intensified over the period as technical teams raised questions for clarification on implementation specifications, with the PASA and PSO teams providing clarity and guidance.

The progress noted for the quarter can be attributed to the intense efforts and collaboration displayed by all participating parties. It is with huge thanks and gratitude that we share the latest stakeholder update. We commend all participants for their involvement and efforts as we set our sights on the next important milestone on the radar – the **industry interoperability testing phase currently scheduled to commence on 1 June 2023.**



Highlights for Quarter 1

The following key activities are noted for the period:

- All PSOs announced that their system releases to accommodate the EMV 4-party model based on Chip and PIN card technology were completed and available in their respective testing environments from 1 March 2023.
- The certification process for banks with their preferred scheme, and the certification of the white plastic is in progress for the participating issuing banks.
- Industry sessions have been held where the tollgate transactions, chargeback processes and rules, product codes translations between Conexus and the PSOs' product codes and the BIN registration process through BankservAfrica were discussed, and clarity provided through supporting documentation.
- The proposed industry change management plan from PASA has been defined and the stakeholder project teams are in the process of defining their business change and communication plans to their stakeholders.

Upcoming milestones

The following key milestones are planned for the next phase:

- **Issuing of white plastic cards for testing purposes – 21 April 2023**
 - Manufacturing and issuing of the white plastic cards for testing purposes (7 cards per acquiring bank).
 - Certification of white plastic cards with the relevant schemes.
- **Systems development and internal testing to be completed – 31 May 2023**
 - Finalisation of the internal development and testing by all participating stakeholders on their systems' components.
- **Interoperability testing activities to commence – 1 June 2023**
 - The majority of the participating bank project teams have indicated high confidence in commencing with their testing on 1 June 2023.
 - There will be four months of interoperability testing allowed.
 - The final month of testing - September 2023 - will be the final check-in and testing with the latest release of SAMOS, with a week reserved for error-free testing.

Looking ahead

As we move towards the next set of deliverables, we encourage all our participants to stay focused on the journey ahead. Collaboration and engagement remain key as we work towards achieving our ambition to modernise and migrate the current magstripe fleet card to a standard EMV Scheme Chip and PIN solution.

A huge thank you to everyone involved as we wish you well for the months ahead.

For more information, please send an email to our dedicated mailbox at emvfleet@pasa.org.za.

Kind regards
EMV Fleet Migration Project Team