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Please contact Support@senior-systems.com if you have any questions about any of these new features.

EFT Payments for Vendors in Accounts Payable

In order to pay vendors via EFT, you will need to setup the Checking Account(s) with the EFT details, setup the Vendors EFT information, and then generate and validate an EFT Pre-Note file with your bank. Once the setup is completed, you will be able to mark invoices to be paid via EFT and generate the EFT transactions file.

Follow the steps below to setup your Checking Account(s) and Vendor Records:

Bank Accounts Setup for EFT

To setup the bank checking account for EFT payments, go to the Checking Account Maintenance screen (from the Accounts Payable Administration screen) and setup the EFT details for the bank account:

Vendors Payment Method Setup

Open the Vendor records that will be paid via EFT and enter the Bank Account information on the Info tab:

When setting up a vendor for EFT for the first time or when you modify the Bank account information for a Vendor, the record will be marked as "EFT Pre-Note". This will trigger the record to be included in the EFT Pre-Note test file that you can then validate with your bank (see the "Generate EFT Pre-Note files" step below).

Note: Setting the Vendor payment method as "EFT" will allow you to pay the vendor using EFT **or** paper checks. The payment method can be changed when entering the invoice.

Generate EFT Pre-Note files

Before you can pay a vendor via EFT, you have to verify the EFT details by generating the EFT Pre-Note file and validating it with your bank.

In order to generate the Pre-Test file, go to the Checks -> Create Electronic Files -> ACH/EFT Pre-Note File menu. All the Vendors that are setup for EFT payments and are still in the "EFT Pre-Note status will be in this list. You can select the vendors you want, set the file location and create the file by clicking the "Generate File" button:

After the file is validated with the bank, from the same screen select the Vendors that were validated and click the "Update" button. This will clear the "EFT Pre-Note" status and you will be able to pay the Vendor via EFT.

Pay Invoices via EFT

Once the Vendor EFT settings are completed, you will be able to mark Invoices to be paid via EFT:

The Payment method for the invoice can also be changed **after** the Batch is posted, when the Invoice is selected for payment in Cash Disbursements:

Once the Invoices are selected for payment, you can print the checks for the ones that will be paid via paper checks and generate the EFT file for the invoices that will be paid via EFT.

To generate the EFT transactions file, select the "Generate EFT Transactions" menu item:

After the checks are printed and/or the EFT file is generated, you have to complete the payments process by executing the "Cash Disbursements Update" step.

View Financial Aid Award Information in AR

In Accounts Receivable, in the Student Maintenance screen, you can now view the details for Financial Aid Awards granted. This will only display information if you are using the *Senior Systems*, Financial Aid application:

Clicking the "View Award Detail" button, will open the "Students Grants Maintenance" window from the Financial Aid application, where you can see the Award details: