



PCC OTC Bulletin

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PCC OTC Upgrade Scheduled for May 20th Conversion

The Release 5.1 update for the ELVIS website (pccotc.gov) will occur on May 20th. During the conversion, the system will be unavailable from 6:30am ET to 4:15pm ET on May 20th. An email message will be sent to all Agencies once the conversion is complete. Once the email is received, all Agencies will access ELVIS Release 5.1 upon signing on to the ELVIS system. Your POS computer will not require a change at this time. The ELVIS chapter for the Standard Operating Procedures will be available on May 21st, on the PCC OTC static website at: <https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/Downloads/r51downloads.htm>

What's New for ELVIS?

Floating Menu Bar

The ELVIS menu bar has moved from the top of the screen to the left side of the screen and is 'floating'. This means that it can be displayed or hidden with the click of a mouse. This enhancement increases the workspace area in ELVIS with less use of horizontal scroll bars. The top picture of the ELVIS home page shows how the page appears with the menu displayed, and the bottom picture shows the page with the menu hidden. The menu appears on all ELVIS screens and can be displayed or hidden by clicking the arrow as displayed below.

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- Logout

Floating Menu

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WARNING: Information Protection

You are using an Official United States Government System, which may be used for authorized purposes only. Unauthorized modification of any information stored on this system may result in criminal prosecution. The Government may monitor and audit the usage of this system, and all persons are hereby notified that the use of this system constitutes consent to such monitoring and auditing. Unauthorized attempts to upload information and/or change information on these web sites are prohibited and may be subject to prosecution under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 and Title 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3303.

Online Rules of Behavior

Online acceptance of the Rules of Behavior eliminates the need for the Rules of Behavior paper form. Each user will be prompted upon their first sign-on to the upgraded application to read and accept the Rules of Behavior, and once a year, thereafter. Forms to add new users can be obtained from <https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/Downloads/securityforms.htm>.

Support for Browser's 'Back' Button in Reports

Release 5.1 supports the use of the browser's 'back' button in reports to increase the speed and ease of use.

Date Fields can be Typed

Users now have the option to use the calendar tool or the date can be typed into the field.

Additional Fields Added to the CSV Report

The check number, batch ID, settlement date, debit voucher number and deposit ticket number fields have been added to the CSV report. Please call the PCC OTC Customer Support to obtain a new CSV file layout, which will also be included in the SOP ELVIS chapter.

What's New for POS?

The POS Release 5.1 software will be ready for distribution shortly after the ELVIS 5.1 conversion. The conversion to the POS software will be a controlled rollout. Expect more detailed information on the POS conversion within the next couple of weeks, or you can contact the PCC OTC representative for your Agency to discuss a specific implementation date. Some of the enhancements you should expect to find with POS Release 5.1 are:

Batch Scanning

The EC6000i and EC7000i scanners will be capable of batch scanning by allowing a group of checks to be scanned continuously. Data entry occurs after all of the checks within the batch have been scanned. The EC7000i scanner is recommended for batch scanning since it scans both the front and the back of the check in one pass.

Batch Control/Balancing Options

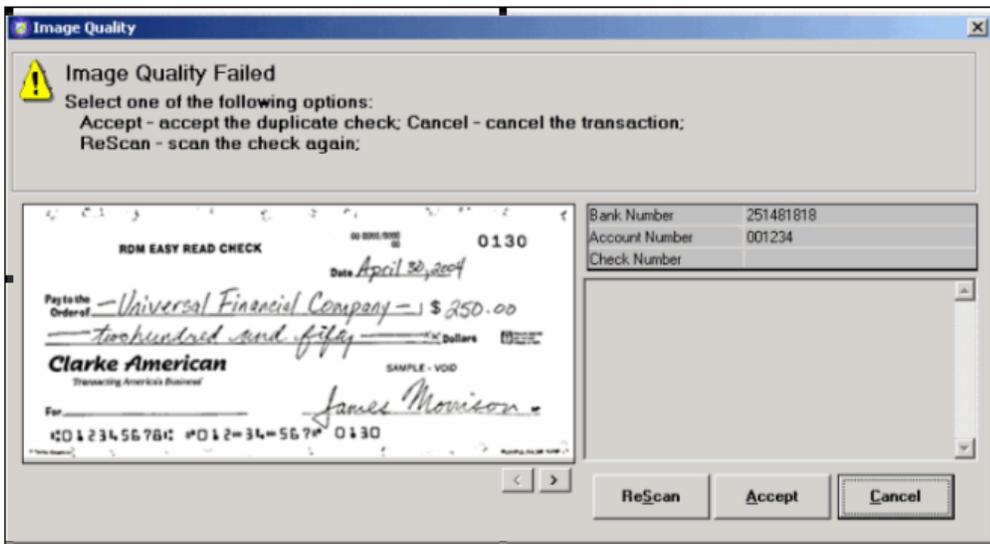
Batch Control is a balancing tool that can be used to perform validation on the item count and dollar amount of checks that have been scanned. Authorized individuals can choose configuration settings to make batch control optional or mandatory at either the start of the batch, or at batch close.

Check Franking for the EC7000i Scanners

The EC7000i scanners will allow checks to be automatically stamped with the words, "Electronically Presented" at the end of the transaction. Please refer to the EC6000i/EC7000i chapter of the SOP.

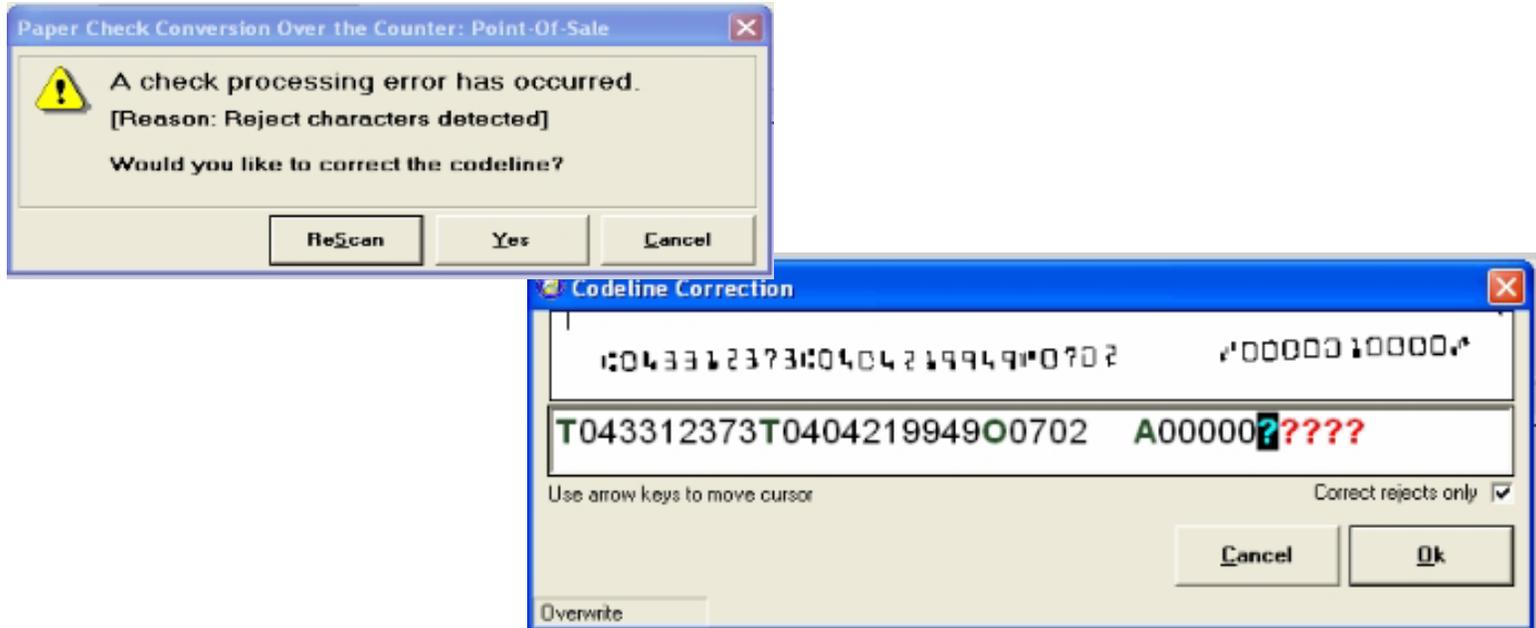
Image Quality Edits

Image quality edits are performed on each check scanned. These edits ensure the check will have a high probability in processing through the payment stream without issues related to image quality. Once the check is scanned, the POS will perform the edit. If the check fails the edit, the operator will receive an error message displayed on the screen. It is recommended that the operator click the 'ReScan' button and attempt to scan the check again. If the check fails a second time, it is recommended to deposit the check using your back up procedures through the Treasury's General Account depository.



MICR Codeline Correction

Release 5.1 incorporates a MICR codeline correction for erroneous scans. For authorized users only, codeline correction allows for characters within the MICR line of the check to be corrected when incorrectly interpreted by the scanner (see below). This feature should allow for most of your items to be processed in PCC OTC, possibly eliminating the need to deposit items through your authorized Treasury's General Account (TGA) depository.



Enhanced Duplicate Check Detection

The POS will detect duplicate checks within a current batch, or in any batch held in the Batch Manager on that POS computer. A prompt appears requesting that the operator resolve the issue. Duplicate checks are determined and detected if the MICR and the check amount match those of another check. The amount of time that a batch is stored on your PC and available for duplicate detection is configurable. Please note that duplicate check detection is PC-specific. It cannot perform duplicate validation searches across other POS PC's at your location, only on the PC at which the check is being scanned.

Usability for ELVIS and POS

Ability to Work with Screen Reader Applications

Both the ELVIS website and the POS Release 5.1 software can operate with screen reader applications. This allows visually impaired persons to access PCC OTC.

Keyboard Navigation

Users can navigate through the ELVIS website and the POS Release 5.1 software screens using only their keyboard, without the need to use a mouse.

Data Entry Screen Enhancement

After May 20th, users will notice clarity enhancements to their Data Entry Screens. Field definitions will be more comprehensive as a step towards making all screens more user friendly.

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