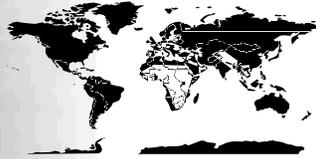


# PCC Scanner

## Paper Check Conversion

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## PCC Upgrade - Version 5

## Version 5's Impact on CSV files

The PCC project team is actively working on the next version of software to better serve your needs. The release date is scheduled for the March/April 2005 timeframe. The upgraded software will have the following additional functionality:

The next version of PCC, scheduled to be released in March/April, 2005, might have an impact on the CSV (Comma Separated Value) file feature that you may be using. If you are saving your reports in the CSV format they can be imported into most spreadsheet software.

The next version of PCC software will allow you to use up to 24 configurable fields. Each of these fields allows for up to 256 characters. You may choose to use this new functionality or you may keep your setup as you have it today. Either way, only four of the 24 fields will be searchable in the CIRA.

If you decide to use the additional fields, you will also need to modify some of the back-end steps that you use with the CSV file. The additional 20 fields will follow the four fields for which you are using today.

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- ◆ Check 21 processing: The system will allow for the processing of all checks, with the exception of foreign checks, including but not limited to the following:  
Treasury Checks, money orders, travelers checks, cashier/certified checks and business checks.

Please note that you **cannot** process these additional items until **after** your location has been informed to do so.

- ◆ For locations that process over-the counter and mail in lockbox transactions, there will be the ability to combine both transactions into a single batch.
- ◆ Twenty additional Agency configurable fields have been added for a total of twenty four fields. Four of the fields can be used to search for data in the Central Image and Research Archive (CIRA). Each of the potential twenty four fields will be allowed up to 256 characters as the field length.
- ◆ Enhanced reporting functionality. A detailed list of reports will be available at a later date.
- ◆ Addition of batch management functionality.
- ◆ Ability to service multiple Agency Location Codes on a single POS device.
- ◆ Ability to print receipts.
- ◆ Ability to electronically receive software upgrades and/or patches at the POS devices.
- ◆ Ability to use image copy software to back up your PCC computer's hard drive and copy those images to other PC's for backup purposes or for multiple installations.

Please look for additional information on the new release of software in our next release of ECP Scanner.

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## USB Becoming a Standard

If you've looked into the purchase of a new laptop or computer in the past six months or so, you may have noticed a new trend in the external connection ports on the computers. The trusty old serial and parallel ports that have been around for years are becoming obsolete. USB (Universal Serial Bus), a new and much quicker connection, is becoming a standard for new computers as the older, slower ports are phased out. This may cause some problems with connecting your existing devices to the machine. The USB port can easily be identified on your computer by the symbol that you see circled in the picture above.



The check scanner that is used by the PCC software uses a serial connection. With the new trend of USB only machines,

our vendor has designed a new cable that connects the scanner via the USB port. Before you upgrade or replace your PCC computer with a new PC or laptop, you may want to check the hardware specifications of the new PC for the type of ports that are included. If the new computer does not have a serial port for connecting your scanner, you need to contact the PCC Customer Service to request a USB cable for your scanner. The serial port can be identified on your computer by the symbol that you see circled in the picture above.



The same can be said about the older printers. Many of these printers are still in use and are connected to the computer via the parallel port. If you are purchasing a new computer to replace your existing PCC computer (or any other computer for that matter), you may need to consider the ports that will be included on the new computer. The parallel port can be identified on your computer by the symbol that you see circled in the picture above.



If the new computer has USB only connectivity, you may need to purchase a parallel to USB cable. These cables are designed to allow a printer that uses a parallel connection to utilize the USB port via this specially designed cable. The cables are designed to work with most, but not all printers, so the type of printer you are using may not work with these cables.

If you have any PC port connectivity questions, please call the PCC Customer Service team.

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## PCC Access Forms Now on the Internet

If you need to change your PCC Security Contact, add or delete a user, or change a user's access to the CIRA/MVD, you can now access those forms on the PCC website. Print out the forms, fill them out and fax or mail as instructed on the forms. The URL is: <http://www.pcc.gov/Downloads/download.htm>.

In the past, there have been many questions with regard to completing these forms. We will soon have step by step instructions included on the site to assist you with completing the forms. Look for the instructions to be posted within the next several weeks.

## The Legal Check Amount

What do you do if there is a difference between the handwritten (or typed) amount and the numbers? According to U.C.C., Article 3, the handwritten terms prevail over the written numbers.

