

The Cashiering function consists of processing employer contribution payments, including the following major tasks:

- Receive employer contribution payments
- Prepare contribution payments for deposit
- Deposit contribution payments into clearing account(s)
- Record all contribution payment deposit information
- Post contribution payments to employer accounts
- Transfer monies to the Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF)

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of Cashiering is the prompt and accurate processing of employer contribution payments. To achieve this, the Cashiering function must:

1. Process all contribution payments accurately and record deposit activities accurately (**Accuracy and Completeness**)
2. Deposit all contribution payments promptly and transfer monies to the UTF timely (**Timeliness**)

***Accuracy
and
Completeness
Timeliness***

To determine the accuracy and completeness of processing employer contribution payments and recording deposit activities, a Program Review will be conducted to determine the existence of necessary internal controls and to determine whether or not such controls are functioning properly. To assess the promptness with which the State deposits contribution payments into the clearing account, an **Estimation Sample** will be conducted. (Timeliness of the transfer of monies from the clearing account into the UTF

will be gauged through another vehicle and will not be assessed through TPS)

REVIEW METHODOLOGIES

Because accuracy of posting of contribution payments will be evident through the Account Maintenance Acceptance Samples for Contribution Report Processing, Debits/Billings and Credits/Refunds, no Acceptance Sampling is required for the Cashiering function.

Program Review

The Program Review for Cashiering has two components: a Systems Review and an Estimation Sample.

The Systems Review covers the following:

Recorded Information and Instructions

Training

Recording of Transactions and Events

Execution by Authorized Individuals

Systems to Assure Execution of Events

Review of Completed Work

Review UI Cashiering activities conducted by Non-State Entities (other State Agency or Lockbox)

REVIEW METHODOLOGIES

The Systems Review will identify the internal controls and quality assurance systems necessary for an effective Cashiering operation, and indicate if such controls are in place. Most questions in the Systems Review require a Verification Source (VS). However, because of the significance of the Cashiering function, some review questions require small, stringent tests to confirm the presence and effectiveness of the internal controls.

Verification Test (VT) instructions are provided when a verification test is needed. If a VT fails, the reviewer must draw the conclusion that a risk exists in that area. (VTs that fail must be repeated the following year.)

In addition to the review of the State Cashiering operation, a section has been designed for the States that employ non-State, State Agencies (e.g. State Departments of Revenue) or banks (lockboxes) to perform Cashiering activities. For States that employ either a non-State agency or a bank lockbox for Cashiering activities, BOTH SYSTEMS REVIEWS ARE NECESSARY because:

Rarely can all contribution payments and documents received at a non-State cashiering site be processed exclusively at the site, and

The State Cashiering Systems Review includes questions dealing with recording deposit information for which States have responsibility.

All references to Non-State State Agencies and Bank Lockbox Operations will be generically referred to as Non-State Entities on all subsequent pages.

NOTE: If NO contribution payments are received by the State, some questions in the State Cashiering Systems Review may not be applicable to your State's operations. The reviewer should carefully examine each question in the State Cashiering Systems Review, document the reason specific questions are not applicable and request Regional Office approval to record N/A answers for those questions.

REVIEW METHODOLOGIES

The Estimation Sample for Cashiering examines :

Employer Contribution Payments

In addition to the Systems Review, a sample of employer contribution payments will be examined to measure the timeliness in which contribution payments are deposited into the State's clearing account. The Estimation Sample will be selected from daily mail receipts during the review period.

PROGRAM REVIEW

COMPONENTS

SYSTEMS REVIEWS

State

Non-State Entities

ESTIMATION SAMPLES

State

Non-State Entities

SYSTEMS REVIEWS

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Recorded Information and Instructions

In the State Cashiering operations, procedures should be set forth for receiving employer contribution payments, preparing contribution payments for deposit, depositing contributions into the clearing account, recording deposit activity, posting contribution payments to the employers' accounts and transferring monies to the UTF.



The reviewer should examine recorded information, instructions and procedures available to the staff and compare them to the laws and written policies of the State to determine if they are current, accurate, and complete. The reviewer should also observe the Cashiering process and talk with employees to learn if the recorded information, instructions and procedures are available to staff.

The operations of a non-State entity to process contribution payments for the State, will **not** be included in this section of the review (See the Non-State Entities Systems Review for a review of non-State State Agencies and bank lockbox operations). However, residual work done by the State will be included, e.g., procedures for sending and receiving work to and from the non-State entity.

In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses, and describe "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section. If there are no recorded instructions, describe in the narrative how the staff becomes aware of the proper procedures to perform the tasks of the Cashiering function.

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PROGRAM REVIEW

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Does the State have recorded information and instructions to assist employees to perform Cashiering functions in accordance with State laws and policies?

Yes ___ No ___

2. If yes, are all recorded information and instructions:

Yes No

- a. Current?
- b. Accurate?
- c. Complete?
- d. Readily available to staff?.....

VS:(Questions 1 and 2 _____)

3. If any of the preceding evaluative questions are answered "no", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions.

VS:(Question 3 _____)

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PROGRAM REVIEW

SYSTEMS REVIEW NARRATIVE

Question Number	Explanation of "N/A" and "Compensating Controls" (when deemed necessary)
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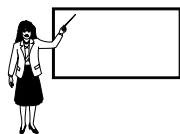
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SYSTEMS REVIEW

Training

The State needs to have systems and procedures to identify training needs and deliver training to employees who perform duties within the Cashiering function. New employees need to learn the procedures for processing and posting employer contribution payments. Experienced employees benefit from periodic refresher courses and additional training when procedures change and/or defects in quality occur at an unacceptably high rate.

The reviewer should become familiar with the methods and procedures the State uses to identify and meet the training needs of employees involved in cashiering activities.



In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses, and describe "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section. If there is no formal training program, then describe how the staff learns of the laws and written policies and the proper procedures to perform the Cashiering duties.

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PROGRAM REVIEW

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Does the State have methods or procedures to provide training for newly hired employees?

Yes ___ No ___

*If yes, identify the type of training:

Yes No

- a. *Formal Classroom Training?
- b. *On the Job Training?.....
- c. *One-on-One Training?
- d. *Individual Self-guided Training?.....
- e. *Other?.....

Describe the type and frequency of training in the narrative.

2. Does the State have methods or procedures to provide refresher training for experienced employees?

Yes ___ No ___

*If yes, identify the type of training:

Yes No

- a. *Formal Classroom (e.g., refresher courses)?
- b. *On the Job Training?.....
- c. *One-on-One Training?
- d. *Individual Self-guided Training?
- e. *Other?.....

Describe the type and frequency of training in the narrative.

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SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

3. Does the State provide training when there are:

Yes No N/A

- a. State law changes?
- b. Policy/procedure changes?
- c. Needs identified from review of finished work
(e.g., supervision, quality assurance review)?
- d. Hardware/software changes?
- e. Peak processing periods?
- f. *Other?.....

4. Does the State have processes (e.g., back-up training or organizational flexibility) to assure that staff absences will not disrupt operations?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions.

VS: (Questions 1-4 _____)

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PROGRAM REVIEW

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

5. *In the opinion of the supervisor or manager, does the training meet the needs of the Cashiering function? (e.g., Are sufficient resources available--training packages, facilities, staff, etc.?)

Yes ___ No ___

6. If any of the preceding evaluative questions were answered "No", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions

VS:(Question 6 _____)

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PROGRAM REVIEW

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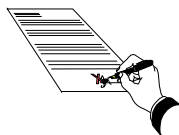
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SYSTEMS REVIEW

Recording of Transactions and Events

The Cashiering function should have procedures and controls to assure that employer contribution payments are accurately accounted for and that bank deposits are accurate and reconciled. Whether the State system is automated or manual, an audit trail should lead from source documents to State accounting records of receipts and to the transfer of monies into the UI Trust Fund.



The reviewer must determine whether there are systems to assure that records of receipt and processing of employer contribution payments are kept accurately, completely, and up-to-date. An audit trail should be in place leading to support documentation.

In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses, and describe "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section. If there is no recording or reconciliation of the General Ledger Account, then explain how the State is assured that the accounts are accurate.

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PROGRAM REVIEW

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Does the State maintain an audit trail for the following types of transactions:

Yes No N/A

- a. Receipt of employer contribution payments?
- b. Preparation of contribution payments for deposit? . . .
- c. Deposits to the clearing account?
- d. Deposit discrepancies?
- e. Posting to employer accounts?
- f. Transfer monies to the UI Trust Fund?
- g. Balancing of contribution payments?
- h. Information received via electronic media
- i. Dishonored contribution payments (NSFs)?

2. Does the State have a means to identify the source of discrepancies?

Yes ___ No ___

*If yes, which are used:

Yes No

- a. *Deposit list/calculator tapes?
- b. *Batch lists/batch reconciliation?
- c. *Bank statements?
- d. *Debit or credit notices from bank? (Dishonored checks
or discrepancies)
- e. *Bank Statement Trial Balance?.....
- f. *State Treasurer's Report?
- g. *Other?.....

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

3. Are the information sources retained and accessible for State use?

Yes ___ No ___

VS:(Questions 1 – 3 _____)

4. If any of the preceding evaluative questions were answered "No", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions.

VS:(Question 4 _____)

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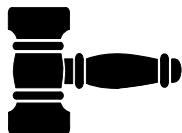
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SYSTEMS REVIEW

Execution by Authorized Individuals

The Cashiering unit handles negotiable items and cash. Access to these contribution payments should be limited to authorized, assigned staff. This requirement provides security for the contribution payments and assures that the cashiering functions are performed by authorized, assigned individuals only.



The reviewer must examine the flow of contribution payments through the State and identify the internal controls limiting access to and providing accountability for the contribution payments. The reviewer must also examine the authorizations and procedures governing the flow of contribution payments from field offices and other sources to the Central Cashiering unit.

In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses, and describe "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section.

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PROGRAM REVIEW

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Does the State have the following controls to assure that the processing of contribution payments is limited to assigned staff in the Central Office:
 - a. Specific individual(s) assigned to assure that all mail is picked up or delivered daily?
Yes ___ No ___
 - b. Specific individual(s) assigned to open and handle checks?
Yes ___ No ___
 - c. Area for opening and handling checks restricted to assigned individuals?
Yes ___ No ___
 - d. Specific individual(s) assigned to receive and prepare contribution payments for deposit?
Yes ___ No ___
 - e. Area for preparing contribution payments for deposit restricted to assigned individuals?
Yes ___ No ___
 - f. Specific individual(s) assigned to account for and forward contribution payments to bank for deposit?
Yes ___ No ___

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SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. g. Area for accounting of contribution payments to forward to the bank for deposit restricted to assigned individual(s)?

Yes ___ No ___
- h. Specific individual(s) assigned to deliver contribution payments to bank?

Yes ___ No ___
- i. * Controls for receiving and depositing contribution payments other than those listed above? (If yes, describe in the narrative).

Yes ___ No ___

VS:(Question 1 _____)

2. Does the State have the following internal controls to provide accountability for all employer contribution payments received in other units in the Central Office and/or the field:
 - a. Specific individual(s) assigned and responsible for receiving and accounting for contribution payments?

Yes ___ No ___

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SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

- b. Procedures for controlling and forwarding contribution payments from collections units, field units or other similar units to the Central Cashiering Unit?
Yes ___ No ___
- c. Procedures to verify that contribution payments forwarded from collections units, field units or other similar units were received by Central Cashiering Unit?
Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 2 _____)

- 3. Does the State have the following internal controls providing accountability for handling currency (actual cash) received:
 - a. Pre-numbered receipt books?
Yes ___ No ___
 - (1) If yes, is an internal audit (e.g., verifies who assigns the books, who possesses them, that the proper number sequence is used, etc.) performed?
Yes ___ No ___
 - (2) *If yes to (1) above, indicate frequency of audit by checking all that apply:
 - (a) *Monthly
 - (b) *Quarterly
 - (c) *Annually
 - (d) *Other

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SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

VT: (Verification Test) Conduct the following test and annotate your findings in the space below. Pull either the completed receipt books from the last four quarters or the records of completed receipts for the last four quarters. Verify and track the use of pre-numbered receipt books, correct numbering of the receipt books and that the receipts are used in sequence from the books.

Verify that the currency received was deposited and accurately posted to the employer account for 12 receipts. If the total number of receipts written is less than 12, verify the deposit activity and accuracy of posting to the employer's account for all of them.

NOTE: If no receipt books were issued and/or no receipts were written during the review period, contact your Regional Office for instructions.

4. Are specific individual(s) assigned to transfer monies from the clearing account to the UTF? Yes ___ No ___

VS:(Question 4 _____)

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SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

5. If any of the preceding evaluative questions were answered "No", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions.

VS:(Question 5 _____)

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SYSTEMS REVIEW

Systems to Assure Execution of Events

For Cashiering, controls are needed to reconcile balances of transactions and to identify areas where exceptions are encountered.



The reviewer will determine if such controls have been built into the Cashiering operations. It is beyond the scope of TPS to actually validate balances in the general accounting system. The reviewers will only verify that the State maintains a general accounting system and performs reconciliations of all accounts (i.e., Accounts Receivables, Clearing, Solvency Fund, Penalty and Interest).

A section has been designed for States that employ the services of Non-State Entities to perform cashiering activities. Both sections must be completed by States that use the services of Non-State Entities because not all cashiering activities can be processed through the Non-State Entities' operation.

In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses, and describe "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section.

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Does the State verify that the amount shown on the daily deposit records agrees with the amount credited by the bank?

Yes ___ No ___
2. Does the State verify that the amount credited by the bank agrees with the amount recorded in the State's accounting system (i.e., general ledger account)?

Yes ___ No ___
3. Does the State have internal controls in place to assure that discrepancies between its deposit records and bank deposit records are routinely reconciled?

Yes ___ No ___
4. Does the State have internal controls that assure that adjustments are made to the accounting system to reflect discrepancies reported by the bank?

Yes ___ No ___
5. Does the State have internal controls that assure that adjustments are made to employer accounts to reflect the discrepancies reported by the bank?

Yes ___ No ___

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PROGRAM REVIEW

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

6. Does the State have internal controls to assure that the State accounting system is adjusted to reflect dishonored-check contribution payments?
Yes ___ No ___
7. Does the State have internal controls to assure that the employer's account is adjusted to reflect dishonored-check contribution payments?
Yes ___ No ___

VT: (Verification Test) Conduct the following test and annotate your findings in the space below. For each bank used by the State, select a bank reconciliation statement(s) (or statement from comptroller's office citing State banking activities) for one month from the past 12 months. Track all entries (e.g., deposits, debit for dishonored checks, credit memorandums resulting from coding errors, or other adjustments to deposits) back to the deposit record to assure that all appropriate action was taken. Exclude from this test transfer of funds, employer refund activity or any benefit payment activity.

***NOTE:** If the State does not receive a traditional bank statement, determine the means by which the State acquires a record of banking transactions. Consult with your Regional Office to develop an approach to conducting the VT using the documents available to you.*

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SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

8. Does the State have procedures to assure timely deposit of all contribution payments?
Yes ___ No ___

VS:(Question 8 _____)

9. *Does the State sort contribution payments and source documents as follows?
Yes No

- a. *Timely reports
- b. *Untimely reports
- c. *Reports with liability reported, payment enclosed
- d. *Reports with liability reported, no payment enclosed
- e. *Reports with no wages, no liability due.....
- f. *Reports with excess wage only, no liability due.....
- g. *Other items that can not be processed immediately
(e.g., Correspondence, etc.)

10. *Does the State have procedures to give priority to depositing high dollar contribution payments?
Yes ___ No ___

If yes, describe in the narrative at the end of this section.

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

11. Does the State have a procedure for problem items that require special handling (e.g., reports received with no employer account number, irregular contribution payments, etc.), that assures prompt follow-up and deposit of payments? (Example: process to place items in a suspense account/exception file for follow-up).

Yes ___ No ___

a. If yes, does the State have procedures to assure that items placed in the above accounts/files are ultimately handled and posted as appropriate?

Yes ___ No ___

VT: (Verification Test) Conduct the following test and note your findings in the space below. At the beginning of the quarter, identify 12-15 employer contribution payments in the "suspense account/exception file". At the end of the quarter, review the records to determine the disposition of the items.

If an item has not yet been cleared, determine whether or not procedures have been followed thus far.

For items that have been cleared, determine if procedures were followed correctly and timely (e.g., payments were posted to the proper employers' accounts within the time frame required by the State, or money was correctly refunded or transferred to the proper State agency).

NOTE: Reviewers who cannot conduct this test because the State does not use exception files/suspense accounts must contact their Regional Office for further instructions.

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SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

12. Does the State have a procedure to assure prompt transfer of monies from the Clearing Account into the UTF?

Yes___ No___

VS: (Question 12 _____)

13. *Does the State accept Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) for contribution payments?

Yes___ No___

14. Does the State have system procedures or internal controls to assure that employer accounts are properly posted to reflect:

Yes No N/A

a. Payments received in paper form (checks/cash)?

b. Payments received via EFT?.....

(N/A is only appropriate if Question #13 is answered "No").

VS: (Question 14 _____)

15. *What is the estimated average time to credit (apply) monies to the appropriate employer account?

Number of days _____

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

16. If procedures are automated, is a systems check performed every time a program is changed?

Yes ___ No ___

17. If any of the preceding evaluative questions were answered "No", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions.

VS: (Question 16 _____)

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SYSTEMS REVIEW NARRATIVE

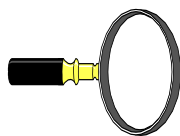
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SYSTEMS REVIEW

Review of Completed Work

For Cashiering function, the State should be conducting systematic reviews of completed work to assure accuracy and timeliness. The review should include contribution payments posted to employer accounts as well as deposit activity.



The reviewer will consider the kind of supervisory program and/or quality assurance review the State uses to assess the Cashiering function. The review procedure may differ for new employees.

In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses, and describe "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section. If there is no supervisory and/or quality assurance review, describe how quality is assured in the Cashiering unit.

For staff members involved in the Cashiering function, are the following components subject to some form of systematic review?
 For Yes answers, enter a "Y" in the appropriate column(s). For Yes answers, also enter "Y" in column 6. If there are no reviews, answer "N" for No in column 6. Column 6 is the only evaluative question.

Component	Type of review					
	*1 Supv	*2 Peer	*3 QR (Qual. Rev)	*4 Support Clerical	*5 Other	6 Review ConductedY/N
a. Timeliness of deposit of contribution payments.						
b. Reconciliation of bank statements and resolution of discrepancies.						
c. Proper handling of NSF checks, including adjustments to State deposit records and individual employer accounts.						
d. Timely and accurate clearance of items from suspense/exception files.						
e. Accounting of TAX cash receipt books.						

VS: (Question 6 _____)

*Informational

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PROGRAM REVIEW

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

7. If any of the preceding evaluative questions are answered "No", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions.

VS: (Question 7 _____)

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SYSTEMS REVIEW NARRATIVE

Question Explanation of "N/A", and "Compensating Controls"
Number (when deemed necessary)

Question Answers to "If yes, describe" and "Other":
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SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

Additional Controls

1. *Does the State have internal controls or quality assurance systems in the Cashiering function which this review failed to identify?

Yes___ No___

If yes, describe below.

2. * Are there any exemplary practices for the Cashiering function?

Yes___ No___

If yes, describe below.

CASHIERING

Non-State Entities

PROGRAM REVIEW

*Review of Non-State Cashiering Activities
(Bank Lockbox or non-State Agency)*

***THE STATE USES A BANK LOCKBOX OR NON-STATE AGENCY TO PERFORM CASHIERING ACTIVITIES:**

YES ___ NO ___

If yes, continue to the next page. If no, this concludes the Systems Review.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Recorded Information and Instructions

The State should have a contract with the bank or non-State agency that performs its Cashiering activities. The contract should specify all the procedures and controls that are needed to assure that contribution payments are processed timely and accurately, that information and unprocessed contribution payments and documents are forwarded to the State, that deposits are made to the Clearing Account in a timely manner, and that transfers are made to the UTF timely. The State should also have methods to verify that the contractual requirements are being met.

The reviewer should review the contract and visit the location(s) where the Cashiering activity takes place (bank or other agency) to determine that the operation is fulfilling the contract requirements. The reviewer should also review the process to assure that contribution payments are being processed timely and accurately and that information, unprocessed contribution payments and documents are forwarded to the State.

In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses and "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section.

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CHAPTER FOUR

CASHIERING

Non-State Entities

PROGRAM REVIEW

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *Cashiering activities are performed by:
 - a. * Bank
 - b. * Non-State AGENCY (e.g., Dept. of Revenue)

2. Does the Contract and/or related document(s) that detail services to be provided, contain provisions for the following:

Yes No

 - a. Frequency of deposit?
 - b. Security?
 - c. Accuracy of data provided to State?
 - d. Promptness of data provided to State?
 - e. Accessibility of records?
 - f. On-site review by State?
 - g. Frequency of mail pick-up?
 - h. *Disaster Recovery?

VS: (Question 2 _____)

3. If any of the preceding evaluative questions were answered "No", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions

VS:(Question 3 _____)

SYSTEMS REVIEW NARRATIVE

Question Explanation of "N/A" and "Compensating Controls"
Number (when deemed necessary)

Question Answers to "If yes, describe" and "Other":
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SYSTEMS REVIEW

Recording of Transactions and Events

The contract should specify procedures and controls to assure that employer contribution payments are accurately accounted for and that bank deposits are accurate and reconciled. Whether the Non-State Entity system is automated or manual, it should provide an audit trail that leads from source documents to records of receipts and to the deposit of monies into the UTF.

The reviewer must determine whether there are systems to assure that records of receipt and processing of employer contribution payments are accurately and promptly recorded. An audit trail should be in place leading to support documentation.



In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses, and describe "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section. If the Non-State Entity does not provide a record of monies received by employers and a record of deposit activities, explain how the State is assured that the accounts are accurately maintained and how the State is assured that the Non-State Entity is adhering to the contract requirements.

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Does the Non-State Entity have a method to prove untimely employer reporting, such as retaining untimely envelopes or filming/imaging of the envelopes to document untimely reports and payments?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 1 _____)

2. Does the State have procedures to verify that items forwarded to the State from the Non-State Entity are received?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 2 _____)

3. Does the endorsement or other documentation on the checks contain information that assists State staff with an audit trail for payments?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 3 _____)

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

4. Are copies of the contribution payments available to the State staff?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 4 _____)

5. Are controls in place to assure the accuracy of report and payment data?

Yes ___ No ___

*If yes, which controls are used?

Yes No

- *a. Calculator Tapes
- *b. Control Totals
- *c. Key Verification
- *d. On-line Edits
- *e. Batch Machine Printouts.....
- *f. Other

If other describe

VS: (Question 5 _____)

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

6. *Does State receive magnetic media output of information from the Non-State Entity?

Yes ___ No ___

a. If yes, does the State have a method to verify the accuracy of the information?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 6a _____.)

7. *If the State permits contribution payments via EFT, is the associated contribution report required to be submitted to the Non-State Entity?

Yes ___ No ___

a. If yes, is there a written procedure to properly credit the employer's account with the payment?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, describe the procedure in the narrative.

VS: (Question 7a. _____.)

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8. *Does the Non-State Entity process contribution report data submitted:
- Yes No
- a. *On diskette?
- b. *On magnetic tape
- c. *Via Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)?.....

9. If any of the preceding evaluative questions were answered "No", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?
- Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions

VS:(Question 9 _____)

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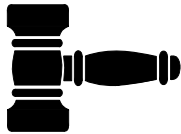
Question Number	Explanation of "N/A", and "Compensating Controls" (when deemed necessary)
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Question Number	Answers to "If yes, describe" and "Other":
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SYSTEMS REVIEW

Execution by Authorized Individuals

Since the Cashiering function requires the handling of negotiable items and cash, access to these items should be limited to authorized, assigned staff. This requirement provides security for the contribution payments and assures that the cashiering functions are performed only by authorized individuals.



The reviewer should examine the contract and the handling of contribution payments by the Non-State Entity to identify the internal controls limiting access to and providing accountability for the contribution payments.

In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses, and describe "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section.

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Is the mail opened in an area that is restricted to authorized individuals?
Yes ___ No ___
2. Is the mail sorted in an area that is restricted to authorized individuals?
Yes ___ No ___
3. Are deposits prepared in an area that is restricted to authorized individuals?
Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Questions 1, 2 & 3 _____)

4. Are specific individuals assigned and authorized to credit a deposit to the State's clearing account?
Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 4 _____)

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

5. Are specific individuals assigned and authorized to make adjustments to the State's account (e.g., debit and credit memoranda, encoding errors and dishonored contribution payments)?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 5 _____)

6. *Does the contract authorize bank or non-State personnel to transfer funds to the UTF?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, are specific individuals authorized to make the transfer of money to the UTF?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 6a. _____)

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

7. If any of the preceding evaluative questions were answered "No", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions

VS:(Question 7 _____)

SYSTEMS REVIEW NARRATIVE

Question Number	Explanation of "N/A", and "Compensating Controls" (when deemed necessary)
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Question Number	Answers to "If yes, describe" and "Other":
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SYSTEMS REVIEW

Systems to Assure Execution of Events

For Cashiering, controls are needed to assure that the Non-State Entity provides the services detailed in the contract and that specific instructions are followed.

The reviewer will determine if such controls have been built into the contract and if the Non-State Entity is adhering to the conditions of the contract.



In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses, and describe "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section.

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Does the Non-State Entity record the amount of mail received (e.g., 20 trays) and the time the mail is received so that workload may be monitored?

Yes ___ No___

VS: (Question 1 _____)

2. *Is the mail: Yes No
- a. *delivered by the postal service?
- b. *picked up from the post office ?

3. *Once opened, is the mail sorted in the following manner:

Yes No

- a. *Timely reports?
- b. *Untimely reports?
- c. *Reports with liability reported, payments enclosed? ...
- d. *Reports with liability reported, no payment enclosed? ...
- e. *Reports with no wages, no liability due?
- f. *Reports with excess wage only, no liability due?
- g. *Contribution payments that can't be processed?
- h. *Reports that can't be processed?
- i. *Other items that can't be processed?
(e.g., Correspondence, etc.)

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

4. *Does the Non-State Entity perform any other sorts in the operation?

Yes ___ No ___

a. If yes, describe

5. *Are large dollar contribution payments identified and given priority handling for deposit?

Yes ___ No ___

a. If yes, describe how (e.g., color coded envelopes, separate lockbox).

6. Are envelopes examined to assure that the entire contents of the envelope are removed?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 6 _____)

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

7. Is there a procedure for assuring that items that cannot be processed by the Non-State Entity are forwarded to the State in a timely manner?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 7 _____)

8. *Are reports reviewed for completeness (e.g., employer identification, a comparison of amount shown to the amount remitted, etc.)?

Yes ___ No ___

9. *Do the reports remain with the contribution payments until the batches are balanced?

Yes ___ No ___

10. Is the clearing account credited on the day of deposit?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 10 _____)

11. Is the State able to determine the available balance (checks deposited that have cleared) and the book balance (available balance plus uncleared checks) at any given time during the course of a business day?

Yes ___ No ___

VS: (Question 11 _____)

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SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

12. If procedures are automated, is a systems check performed every time a program is changed?

Yes ___ No ___

13. If any of the preceding evaluative questions were answered "No", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions

VS:(Question 12 _____)

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Question Number	Explanation of "N/A", and "Compensating Controls" (when deemed necessary)
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Question Number	Answers to "If yes, describe" and "Other":
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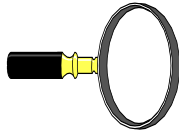
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Review of Completed Work

For States that use the services of Non-State Entities to perform Cashiering functions, a review of completed work would include monitoring contract provisions. The State should conduct systematic reviews of completed work by the Non-State Entity to assure accuracy and timeliness of the information. The contract should specify the quality of work expected by the State.



The reviewer will consider the kind of quality assurance review the State uses to assess the quality of work completed for it by the Non-State Entity.

In the Narrative Section following the questions, explain "Other" responses, and describe "Compensating Controls". Identify the question being explained by referencing the number and section. If there is no quality assurance review, describe how quality is assured by the State in the Cashiering function.

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Does the State monitor the performance of the contract?

Yes ___ No ___

a. *If yes, identify which provisions are monitored in the narrative following these questions.

VS: (Question 1 _____)

2. *Does State management consider the provisions of the contract adequate for the State's payment processing needs?

Yes ___ No ___

a. *If No, how is the contract deficient?

3. *Is the contract procured through a competitive bid process?

Yes ___ No ___

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

4. If any of the preceding evaluative questions were answered "No", does the State have a substitute or compensating control?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If yes, describe in the narrative following these questions.

VS:(Question 4 _____)

SYSTEMS REVIEW QUESTIONS

Additional Controls

1. *Are there additional internal controls or quality assurance systems exercised by the Non-State Entity that this review failed to identify?

Yes___ No ___

If yes, describe below.

2. * Are there any exemplary practices by the Non-State Entity or by the State in the dealing with the Non-State Entity?

Yes___ No ___

If yes, describe below.

ESTIMATION SAMPLE

DEPOSIT PROMPTNESS OF CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS

ESTIMATION SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONS

Purpose/Intent

To measure the timeliness in which States deposit contribution payments into the Clearing Account.

Scope

The scope of the review will be the contribution payments received during the second quarter review period.

Universe

The universe for the Estimation Sample should include all paper payments (e.g., cash, checks) received during the review period. A sample will be drawn from the universe of paper payments to determine deposit promptness. A sample size GOAL of 500 payments (see the Sampling Table on page 113) will be selected from the paper payment universe and listed on the TPS Cashiering Sample Coding Sheet.

NOTE: In States that accept **ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS (EFTs)**, the reviewer must determine the percent of contributions received via EFT. Sampling the EFT universe is not necessary since all EFTs are deposited timely. A formula has been developed that combines the measurements from the Estimation Sample (paper payment sample) and the entire EFT universe to reflect overall deposit promptness (see Step 11).

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Timing/Frequency

The sample will be selected once per calendar year.

The sample selection period will cover the time during which the state receives the "peak" or "bulk" mail for the second quarter reports. (Typically, reports and payments will be due on or around July 31).

Sampling Procedures



The following are steps for selecting sample items.

STEP 1. * The reviewer will estimate the time period during which 90% of the receipts for the quarter are anticipated. This could be as long as five weeks in some states. From that time period, the reviewer should determine the five days during which the greatest amount of mail receipt is anticipated. The five days selected should be based on historical mail receipt data and the reporting due date. Reviewers must be able to support their decision. Sample items are to be selected from each of these five days. The samples may be chosen from five consecutive days or from five days chosen at random over the course of the mail receipt period. If the cashiering function is performed at a lock box, or other agency site, or located one or more hours from the state agency, the number of sampling days may be reduced to three days (with RO approval). The sample size will remain at 500 items, increasing the number of sample items to be selected each day to 167 items. (Although this modification will be accepted, it is not preferable because it reduces the representativeness of the sample items.) Note: If 90% or more of the receipts for the quarter are expected to arrive within five days or less, samples must be taken each day.

* Please refer to last page of Estimation Sample Instructions if lockbox is used.

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Sampling Procedures contd. **STEP 2.** Notify Regional Office of Sample Period.

Reviewers must apprise the Regional Office of the days selected for sampling and provide information to support the selection, including an estimate of the percentage of total dollar amount that will be received during the selected period.

STEP 3. Determine if mail is presorted.

Determine if checks are sorted for special handling prior to opening the envelopes based on predetermined indicators such as color coded envelopes or a separate mailing address for large employers.

- a. If yes, see instructions and explanation in Appendix A for adjustment required before going to step 4.
- b. If no, go to step 4.

STEP 4. Determine which sample selection method will be used. The state may use either one of the following sampling methodologies: a. **Check Interval**, b. **Mail Tray**.

For either method, the goal is to select 100 sample items in each of the 5 days. This requires the reviewer to estimate the number of mail trays or amount of mail to be received per day and to establish a sample interval or the number of sample items to be selected per tray for that day. Either method can be used for selecting samples; however, the Mail Tray Method may be easiest to estimate. Once a method is selected, it should be used for all of the 5 days. Do not switch back and forth between methods. At the end of the first day, 100 sample items should have been selected, at the end of the second day, a total of 200 items should have been selected, etc.

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When less than 100 items are selected on any given day, the difference between the number of sample items actually selected and 100 must be added to the goal for the following day. For example, if 90 sample items are selected on Day 1, 110 items should be selected on Day 2, for a total of 200 items within 2 days. Sample selection should be discontinued at the end of the 5th day, even if less than 500 total items have been selected.

When more than 100 items are pulled on a day and there is still more mail from which samples could be selected, the reviewer should continue to pull samples using the same sampling interval, and then reduce the number of samples selected the following day. For example, if 120 items are selected on Day 1, only 80 items should be selected on Day 2, for a total of 200 sample items within 2 days. If the 500 items target is reached during the 5th day and more mail remains, the reviewer should continue to select sample items at the same interval, until all mail received for the day has been sampled.

In some state agencies, mail is received round the clock or is received before or after the reviewer is on site. Under these circumstances, the reviewer must make a “best guess” of how much mail will be received while he or she is available and select 100 sample items from mail incoming during that time period. For example, the reviewer is on site 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The reviewer would select items from each mail delivery between 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, for a total of 100 items for the day. If the number of items selected during the time the reviewer is on site is not 100, the following day’s sample selection would be adjusted to make up the difference.

To use the **Check Interval Method:**

- (1) Project the total number of contribution payments (less EFT payments) to be received during the designated time frame by one of

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the following methods and enter the number in the appropriate place on the Summary Sheet.

- (a) Use last year's total number of receipts (items) for the second quarter, OR
 - (b) Use the number of employers expected to report during the sample period. (Total number of active employers minus anticipated number of late filers).
- (2) Divide the projected number of contribution payments (items) by 500 to determine the Check Interval Number (Nth number).
- (3) Determine the Random Starting Number for the sample. (See instructions in Appendix A, TPS Handbook). This will be the first sample item selected.
- (4) From the Random Starting Number, count the envelopes until the Nth item is selected. Each successive item to be selected is determined by adding the Nth number to the number of the most recently selected item. (NOTE: It is permissible to measure the distance between the random start number item and the Nth item within a mail tray to select each subsequent sample item.)

To use the **Mail Tray Method:**

- (1) Estimate the number of mail trays to be received during the peak period using historical data from the Cashiering Unit and/or the Mail Room.
- (2) Determine the number of sample items to be selected from each tray by dividing 500 by the number of trays that you expect to receive.

EXAMPLE: If forty (40) trays of mail are expected during the sampling time frame, divide 500 by 40. The result is 12.5 contribution payments per tray. Alternately, make a

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random selection of 12 items from the first tray and 13 from the next tray during the course of the sample selection time frame.

STEP 5. Select sample contribution payments.

On each of the days of the sampling time frame, the TPS reviewer (or alternate) will go to the area where the mail is received, opened (by machine) and transferred to mail trays. The samples for the day will be selected from these trays by the method selected.

NOTE: It is more important to maintain a consistent sampling technique than it is to pull exactly 500 items. Once the sampling technique is established, do not alter it. Example: if you are pulling every 10th item and the 20th item contains no payment, do not record that account as part of the sample, but continue to count to the 30th item which will be the next item recorded as part of the sample. The sampling table on page 113 will adjust the percentage needed to determine the value-to-pass.

STEP 6. Record identifying information for each sampled payment.

For each sample contribution payment, complete Columns B, C, and D on Coding Sheet as follows.

- a. Column B:
Enter the date that the mail was received by the State or Non-State Entity.

- b. Column C:
Enter the employer account number assigned by the State. If an account number is not available, enter the employer's name or business name as shown on the report or payment.

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NOTE: Even when the account number is available, it may be useful to record the employer's name to assure accurate identification. This column may also be used at the discretion of the reviewer to record any other information that would be helpful in identifying the account or tracking the payment.

c. Column D:
Enter the amount of the payment.

STEP 7. Replace sample item.

Return each payment to approximately the same spot from which it was removed. There should be nothing that would indicate which payments are part of the sample except the information recorded on the Coding sheet.

STEP 8. Determine the review date.

Determine the date it is reasonable to assume that all contribution payments received during the selection period are deposited and the information is posted to the employers file. Enter the date in the appropriate blank on the Summary Sheet. Hold the list of sample contribution payments until the sample review date.

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STEP 9. Review sample payments for timeliness.

Each sample payment listed on the Coding Sheet will be reviewed for timeliness of deposit.

Review appropriate records to determine the date that all payments listed were deposited (e.g., deposit slips, batch listings, cash transmittal log, employer's record, etc.).

STEP 10. Complete Coding Sheet.

For each sample contribution payment, complete the Coding Sheet as follows:

- a. Column E:
Enter the date that each payment listed was deposited.
- b. Columns F, G, H and I:
For each payment listed, complete the appropriate column (Columns F through I), using the following process.

(1) Determine the number of banking days between date the payment was received and the date the payment was deposited (do not include weekends and holidays). NOTE: Payments received one day and deposited the next day are considered to be deposited within one day, regardless of the TIME of day received or the TIME of day deposited.

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(2) Based on the number of days between receipt and the date of deposit, enter the dollar amount of the sample payment either column F, G, H, or I, as follows:

Column F represents within 1 day for deposit.

Column G represents within 2 days for deposit.

Column H represents within 3 days for deposit.

Column I represents within 4 or more days for deposit.

c. For each page of the coding sheet, total amounts of each column and enter the total amount of the column on, Total Dollar This Page (line 21). The total amount of Columns F, G, H, and I should equal the total of column D.

d. For each page of coding sheet, count the number of items in each column and enter total on, Total Items This Page (line 22). The Total items of each column should equal the total number of completed lines of the Coding Sheet (cannot exceed 20 per sheet).

Complete the coding sheet for all sample items.

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e. Complete Part II of the Summary page of the Coding Sheet as follows:

(1) Total amounts of Columns D, F, G, H and I from coding sheets used in sample selection.

(2) Enter column total amount on corresponding columns of Summary Coding Sheet on line 1, columns D, F, G, H and I.

(Total amounts of columns F, G, H, and I should equal total of line 1, column D).

(3) Total items for columns D, F, G, H and I for all coding sheets used in the sample selection.

(4) Enter column total items on corresponding columns of Summary Coding Sheet on line 2, columns D, F, G, H and I.

(Total number of items for column F, G, H and I should equal total of line 2, column D).

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f. Complete Part III of the Summary Page. This will give the percentage for timeliness and amounts deposited.

(1) To compute the percent of amounts deposited: Divide the total dollar amounts of each column (F through I) from Part II, line 1 by the total dollars column D, line 1, then Multiply the result by 100 and round to the nearest, one decimal place.

(2) Enter the percentages in Part III, line 3, in corresponding column (F, G, H or I).

(3) To compute the percentage of items deposited: Divide the total item count of each column (F through I) from Part II, line 2 by the total item count from column D, line 2, then Multiply the result by 100 and round to the nearest, one decimal place.

(4) Enter the percentages in Part III, line 4, in corresponding column (F, G, H and I).

NOTE: The percentages of items deposited (f (3) & f (4) above) are only to aid the reviewer and State management in analyzing the level of effort in the deposit activity (items vs. dollars). No Federal requirements pertain to the number of items deposited. Federal requirements relate to dollar amounts only.

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g. Complete Part IV, Summary Recap of the Summary Page. This will demonstrate the percentage of dollars deposited by day.

(1) From Part III, line 3 enter the percentages from the corresponding columns into the percentage line.

(2) From Part II, line 1, columns F, G, H, and I, enter amounts into corresponding column in Part IV.

(3) Add the percentages and amounts deposited within 3 days (lines 5, 6, and 7 of Summary Recap) and enter on line 8.

(4) Total percent column and amount column. Percentage total should be 100%. Total of amount should balance with Part II line 1, Column D total.

h. Enter the actual number of contribution payments received during the designated time frame in the appropriate blank of Part I on the Summary.

i. Subtract the projected number of payments (or trays) from the actual number of payments (or trays) and enter the difference on the designated line in Part I of the Summary Sheet.

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- j. Divide the difference by the projected number of payments, and multiply the result by 100. Round to the nearest, one decimal place and enter on the space in Part I of the Summary Sheet for % of Deviation. This information should be taken into account for estimating contribution payments for the next Deposit Timeliness sample.

EXAMPLE:

Projected number of payments = 15,000

Actual number of payments = 18,000

Difference = 18,000 - 15,000 = 3,000

Percent Deviation = 3,000/15,000 = 1/5 or .20

.20 * 100 = 20%

STEP 11. Calculating Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTs).
(If no EFTS are received, go to Drawing Conclusions).

All EFTs from employers for contributions (do NOT include penalty and interest payments) received during the quarter, will be counted as being deposited timely. The following formula should be used by States that receive both paper payments and EFTs to determine overall timeliness of deposit.

$$P = (w * 100) + [(1-w)*p]$$

where w is the proportion of funds deposited electronically and p is the percentage of the paper payments received by the agency or sent to the lockbox that were deposited within 3 banking days (line 8 from Summary Recap).

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EXAMPLE: If 10 percent of dollars are deposited electronically and 92 percent of dollars received as paper payments are deposited within 3 banking days, the weighted combined estimate is:

$$P = (.1 * 100) + (.9 * 92)$$

$$P = 10 + 82.8 = 92.8 \text{ percent}$$

If the percent of EFT dollars is expected to be 50% or greater, the sample size and value to pass will change. Reference the Sampling Table under Drawing Conclusions.

NOTE: While the percent of paper payments deposited in a timely manner is based on the Estimation Sample, the percent of contributions received via EFT should be based on actual EFT payments for the quarter.

Drawing Conclusions

To draw conclusions about timeliness, do the following.

Identify the size of the sample from Part II, line 2, column D of the Summary Coding sheet (Total Items).

Refer to the following Sampling Table to determine the value to pass.

TIMELINESS STANDARD: 90% or more dollars deposited within 3 days or less.

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If the percentage of the total dollar amount deposited within 3 banking days (line 8 of Summary Sheet), is equal to or greater than the value to pass percentage, then the reviewer will conclude that 90% of the dollar amount of employer contribution payments have been deposited timely.

If the percentage of the total dollar amount deposited within 3 banking days is less than the "value-to-pass" percentage, then the reviewer must conclude that timely deposit of employer contribution payments cannot be confirmed.

The value to pass figure is lower than the 90% timeliness standard in order to lessen the probability of "Type I Error". Type I Error is the appearance of failure when in fact, the sample passes.

SAMPLING TABLE

<u># of Sample Items</u>	<u>Value to Pass</u>
375 - 405	87.5%
406 - 441	87.6%
442 - 481	87.7%
482 - 527	87.8%
528 - 579	87.9%
580 - 640	88.0%

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Drawing Conclusions, contd.

EFT SAMPLING TABLE

<u>% EFT</u>	<u>Sample Size</u>	<u>Value to Pass</u>
50 – 54.9	400	77.4
55 – 59.9	400	75.1
60 – 64.9	400	72.2
65 – 69.9	300	68.1
70 – 74.9	300	63.2
75 – 79.9	200	55.6
80 – 84.9	200	45.5
85 – 89.9	200	29.1
90 - 100	0	N/A

If the State receives no EFTs, then this conclusion will be based solely on the outcome of the Estimation Sample. If EFTs are accepted by the agency, the conclusion will be based on a combination of the Estimation Sample results and the EFTs received by the agency. (See Step 11).

For all untimely deposits, the reviewer must provide an explanation on the Acceptance Sample Explanation Sheet.

Documentation

All documentation gathered to review samples (which does not include checks) must be kept until review completion and Regional Office approval of the Annual Report. Hard copy documentation should be maintained, unless the State is able to recreate the identical information used in the review.

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Lockboxes

All States should make all reasonable attempts to follow the above instructions. If, however, lockboxes are not in the same geographical location as the reviewer AND it is not possible for the reviewer (or alternate) to pull the sample for the entire "peak" period, OR there are other circumstances that make it impossible to follow the instructions (i.e., around the clock processing), a modified sampling methodology may be used with the advance approval through the Regional Office.

The State must request approval through the Regional Office and give the reason for the request. Based on the information provided, the Regional Office and National Office will develop a modified sampling methodology for the State.

*TAX PERFORMANCE SYSTEM
Cashiering Estimation Sample Explanation Sheet*

State: _____ *Period Covered:* _____ *Date:* _____ *Reviewer:* _____

	<i>Identification Number</i>	<i>Explanation</i>

	TOTAL ITEMS THIS PAGE										
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*Payments received one day and deposited the same day or any time the next day, are considered to be deposited within one day.

TPS CASHIERING SUMMARY SHEET

STATE _____

YEAR AND QUARTER OF REVIEW _____

REVIEWER _____

PART I PREPARATION

CHECK SAMPLE INTERVAL _____	SAMPLE SELECTION START DATE _____
RANDOM STARTING NUMBER _____	SAMPLE SELECTION END DATE _____
EFT(%) _____	

PART II SUMMARY FOR DOLLARS & ITEM COUNT (Sample Data)

		AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS	AMOUNT OF PAYMENT			
			DAY 1 AMOUNT	DAY 2 AMOUNT	DAY 3 AMOUNT	DAY 4+ AMOUNT
1	AL DOLLAR AMOUNT					
2	TOTAL ITEMS					

PART III SUMMARY FOR PERCENTAGES

3	PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY (\$)					
4	OVERALL PERCENTAGE (ITEMS)					

PART IV SUMMARY RECAP

Line 1, Column F) _____% (Line 3, Column F)
Line 1, Column G) _____% (Line 3, Column G)
Line 1, Column H) _____% (Line 3, Column H)
_____ % DEPOSITED WITHIN 3 DAYS _____ % VALUE NEEDED TO PASS (from chart)
Line 1, Column I) _____% (Line 3, Column I)
_____ 100%

