

PCard

Introduction

A procurement card (also known as a “pcard”) is a credit card issued by a financial institution to an organization to make direct purchases from vendors. The card is issued in an employee’s name and may be used for certain low-dollar, business-related purchases, where the good or service is not available through e-SHOP. There are per transaction and monthly dollar limits on the cards, as well as certain good and services that are prohibited from payment by pcard. Since the pcard is a university liability, the bill is paid centrally by Cornell for all balances; no purchase order or reimbursement process is necessary.

All pcard purchases must be for business purposes only and in full compliance with other university policies, particularly [University Policy 3.14, Business Expenses](#). The cardholder is responsible for providing documentation of all purchases on the card and for ensuring that any expense paid by pcard is not otherwise submitted for reimbursement or used for any inappropriate purpose.

A file of pcard transactions is provided by our issuing bank each day. When the transactions in this file are uploaded to Cornell’s financial system (Kuali Financial System or KFS), one email notification is sent to the cardholder for each transaction on his/her pcard. The cardholder will respond to this email within 10 days by selecting a link within the email to access the PCard Receipt Processing System. This system makes it easy for cardholders to submit documentation electronically. Cardholders will upload an electronic version of the receipt and enter the business purpose and account(s) to be charged.

◆ **Caution:** Failure to use the pcard in compliance with university policy, including the terms outlined in this manual, can result in the suspension or revocation of the pcard and possible disciplinary action. Fraudulent use of the pcard can result in employee termination, expulsion from school (for students), and criminal charges.

◆ **Note:** The terms and conditions associated with a purchase order provide certain legal protection to the university and therefore, there may be instances where the cardholder chooses to request a purchase order rather than utilizing a pcard. Consult your Financial Transaction Center or Business Service Center if you believe a purchase order may be the best method of procurement for your intended purchase.