

MERCHANT CATEGORY CODE (MCC) BLOCKING

The Department of Defense has instituted a policy restricting purchases of items/services from merchants coded in certain categories. This policy does not restrict "what" is purchased, but rather restricts purchases from merchants who have identified themselves within the below listed merchant category codes:

- 4829 Wire Transfer - Money Orders
- 5932 Antique Shops
- 5933 Pawn Shops
- 5937 Antique Reproductions
- 5944 Jewelry Stores
- 5960 Direct Marketing Insurance
- 6010 Financial Institutions Manual Cash Advance
- 6011 Financial Institutions Automatic Cash Advance
- 6012 Financial Institutions Merchandise and Services
- 6051 Non-Financial Institutions
(Foreign Currency, Money Orders, Travelers Checks)
- 6211 Security Brokers/Dealers
- 6760 Savings Bonds
- 7012 Timeshares
- 7273 Dating & Escort Services
- 7995 Betting, Casino Gaming Chips, Off-Track Betting
- 8651 Political Organizations
- 9211 Court Costs, Alimony, Child
Support
- 9222 Fines
- 9223 Bail and Bond Payments
- 9311 Tax Payments
- 9700 Automated Referral Service

Cardholders attempting to make purchases from any vendors listed with the above MCCs will be declined/rejected. Department of the Army is the **ONLY** level which can approve purchases from vendors with the above MCCs.