



Do you make high value or time critical payments?

What you need to know...

The Bank of England is implementing ISO 2022

Following an industry-wide consultation, we announced in May 2017 that we will replace the Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system. This is a crucial piece of national infrastructure delivering final and risk-free settlement for the UK's high value and time critical payments.

The new RTGS system will deliver a range of new features and capabilities, including increased resilience, greater access, wider interoperability, improved user functionality and strengthened end-to-end risk management.

As a key part of our vision, we will also be moving to the ISO 2022 messaging standard.

Our vision for the new RTGS service



ISO 2022 consultation

The implementation of ISO 2022 could mean significant change across the payments industry. Getting the right design and approach to implementation is therefore critical to success.

We are engaging with the payments industry in the UK and abroad to develop harmonised standards. The Bank of England and Pay.UK have also established the [Standards Advisory Panel](#) to provide industry advice on the adoption of new payments standards across the UK.

In summer 2018, we consulted on ISO 2022 and our plans to transition to the standard for CHAPS payments. The responses to the consultation were largely supportive of proposals and results [have now been published](#).

We are clear that we need to allow sufficient time for industry-wide change, which is why we are working on this now. The first phase of the migration to ISO 2022 is currently expected to take place in 2022.

For the latest information on ISO 2022 and the RTGS Renewal programme please visit the Bank of England's website: www.bankofengland.co.uk or email RTGSEngagement@bankofengland.co.uk

What is ISO 20022?

The ISO 20022 messaging standard is a globally developed methodology for transmitting data. It is designed to create consistent financial message standards for payments. The migration to ISO 20022 for high value and time critical payments in the UK is happening in parallel with implementation across Faster Payments, Bacs and a wider international migration.

Widespread adoption of ISO 20022 could have significant benefits for individual firms and the financial system as a whole by:

- enriching the data carried in payments messages
- improving compatibility across technology platforms
- creating opportunities for collaboration and innovation

How will ISO 20022 impact you?



If you're a direct member of a payment scheme



You will need to make sure your payment instructions to the central infrastructure are ISO 20022 compliant



If you're an indirect member of a payment scheme



Correspondent banks may require your messages to be sent in the new format



If you're a corporate treasurer or make payments



Banks may require new information which may be in a different format



If you're a technology vendor to any of the above



Customer demand and system functionality requirements may evolve

How will ISO 20022 benefit the UK?

