

Circular: NPCI/2020-21/BBPS/017

18th September 2020

To,

All BBPOUs

Bharat Bill Payment System

Dear Sir/Madam,


Subject: Optional service for availing additional BOU Ids to on-board Billers

- A BBPOU (Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit) can be on-boarded as a Consumer BBPOU (for on-boarding of channels) and Biller BBPOU (for on-boarding of biller/s). A unique and separate ID is created for both Consumer BBPOU and Biller BBPOU (BOU) respectively.
- Currently in BBPS one ID per Biller BBPOU and not more than one TSP (Technical Service Provider) for BOU side integration with BBPCU is allowed for efficient operational management.
- With the expansion of new categories, we have started receiving requests from Biller BBPOUs (BOUs) with regard to allowing multiple BOU IDs for their own use cases and for integration with multiple aggregators who on board multiple billers with a single integration.
- This additional service creates a technical and operational overhead for BBPCU which involves creation of Ids, testing, configuration and certification (in case of new TSP) etc.
- In light of the aforesaid to avail this optional service the following measures are being introduced:
 - a) BOU integration with multiple TSPs may be allowed i.e. creation of additional Biller OU IDs, on case to case basis.
 - b) These integrations must conform to BBPS Standards. This will involve separate set of settlement files and invoices for each ID
 - c) The BOU must route all their transactions through the BBPCU in case of tie-up with multiple billers/ TSPs (other than the default BOU ID or first TSP). This is an optional service being offered which entails additional overhead on the BBPCU hence the requirement of 100% routing (i.e. All transactions) through BBPCU.
 - d) BBPCU will ensure settlements and NDC monitoring in this regard
 - e) BBPOU will have to submit an additional BOU ID/TSP Consent form (Annexure-I)
 - f) In this regard contents of Circular number NPCI/2020-21/BBPS/016, dated 17th September 2020 with regard to TSP Guidelines to be complied with.

Note:

1. All Billers enrolled under this arrangement should have "Option-1" as a part of the Biller Consent Form
2. The ON-US transactions pertaining to the BBPOUs will be provided concessional pricing as per the Circular dated NPCI/2020-21/BBPS/015, dated 13th August 2020

Yours sincerely,



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