

VMS Cash Discount Program

Sales Resource Guide – ISO Partners



WHY CASH DISCOUNTING?



Increase in costs associated with running a business

Merchants have become more cost conscious



Merchants have greater knowledge about interchange rates

 Understand more about the layers of costs involved in their processing rates



Merchants carry the burden for expensive rewards cards

- They do not share the burden of these programs with the issuer



WHAT IS CASH DISCOUNTING?

- Merchants add a customizable service fee to all credit and debit card transactions
- Reward customers who pay with cash or check by automatically giving them a discount
- Helps the business owner reduce their processing costs
- Made possibly by the Durbin Amendment, which was part of the 2010 Dodd-Frank legislation
 - Made it legal for businesses in every state to offer a discount to customers as an incentive and to encourage them to pay by cash, check or store gift card, instead of with credit or debit cards



CASH DISCOUNTS VS. SURCHARGES

Cash discounts are NOT surcharges

Cash Discount	Surcharge	
When a business owner offers a <i>discount</i> to a customer who pays by cash or check.	When a business adds an additional fee to purchases made with a credit card.	

- Surcharges have additional stipulations
 - Prohibited on all debit card transactions (PIN & signature)
 - Surcharging is prohibited or limited in 10 states
 - Requires special forms be sent to the associations and the processor
 - And more…



MERCHANT BENEFITS

- Legally share processing fees with their customers.
 Keep more money in their pocket to help their business grow.
- Customize the service fee amount based on their average ticket. Choose a flat fee between \$0.30-\$.60 or a percentage ranging from 3%-3.99%.
- Clearly list all service charges and discounts on receipts.
 Our software does this for merchants automatically.
- Build customer loyalty.
 Customers who appreciate the discount are more likely to return to the merchants business.
- Get free signage.
 We provide customizable signage to post at the entrance of their business and the point of sale.



MERCHANT PRICING BASICS

SERVICE FEE AS A PERCENTAGE

For average ticket of \$15+

- A fee of 3.00%-3.99% (for example) is added to every card transaction
- BETA feedback: In Michigan we are doing 3.99% almost across the board except in some cases where there was either an extremely large opportunity or when competing for an existing "cash discount" merchant. We are using \$15+ as a threshold for this service fee.

SERVICE FEE AS A TRANSACTION FEE

For average ticket under \$15+

- A fee of \$0.30-\$0.60 (for example) is added to every card transaction
- BETA feedback: In Michigan we have reps who have done a flat \$0.59/transaction for merchants with an average ticket under \$15.



MERCHANT PRICING GUIDELINES

SERVICE FEE (% TO CUSTOMER)	MERCHANT PRICING	SERVICE FEE (\$ TO CUSTOMER)	MERCHANT PRICING
3.99%	3.83%* 3.84%**	\$0.60	\$0.60
3.75%	3.61%* 3.62%**	\$0.50	\$0.50
3.5%	3.38%* 3.39%**	\$0.40	\$0.40
3.25%	3.14%* 3.15%**	\$0.35	\$0.35
3.00%	2.91%* 2.92%**	\$0.30	\$0.30

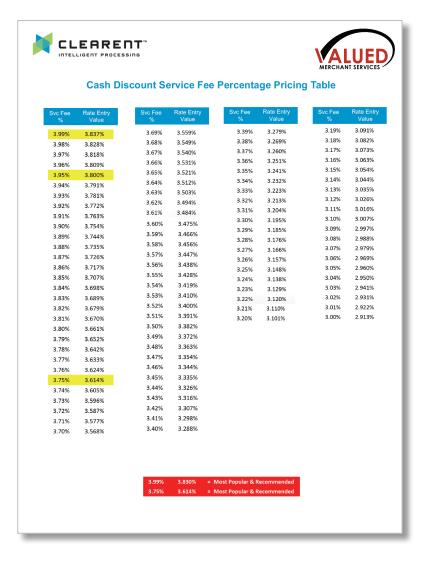
^{*}IF VMS ROUNDS UP

^{**}IF VMS ROUNDS DOWN



MERCHANT PRICING TABLE

- Have a merchant who wants to charge a different service fee percentage?
- Consult the Cash Discount Service Fee Percentage Pricing Table
- See what you need to charge the merchant to get their processing fees as close to zero as possible





TARGET MERCHANTS



Retail – In most retail scenarios there is the possibility of eliminating up to 100% of total processing fees.



Restaurant – In the restaurant/service (tip) environment, the current structure* will allow for a 80%+ reduction in total processing fees.

 Here's why: The service fee can only be added to the original authorization and cannot be added to the gratuity that is added post-authorization.



TARGET MERCHANTS

Here are some scenarios based on average tip sizes for a \$100k restaurant:

15% AVG TIP	18% AVG TIP	20% AVG TIP
\$86,956.52 IN PRE-AUTH VOLUME	\$84,745.76 IN PRE-AUTH VOLUME	\$83,333.33 IN PRE-AUTH VOLUME
\$13,043.48 IN TIPS	\$15,254.24 IN TIPS	\$16,666.67 IN TIPS
FEE ON PRE-AUTH = WASH*	FEE ON PRE-AUTH = WASH*	FEE ON PRE-AUTH = WASH*
FEE ON TIPS @ 3.83% = \$499.57 EFFECTIVE RATE OF 0.5%	FEE ON TIPS @ 3.83% = \$584.24 EFFECTIVE RATE OF 0.58%	FEE ON TIPS @ 3.83% = \$638.33 EFFECTIVE RATE OF 0.64%



SUPPORTED DEVICES

Make	Model	Description	Retail Price
Dejavoo	Z8	Ethernet & WiFi, Contactless, Quick Chip for EMV, P2PE	\$240
Dejavoo	Z 9	WiFi & Wireless, Contactless, Touchscreen, EMV, P2PE	\$427
Dejavoo	Z11	Ethernet & WiFi, Contactless, Touchscreen, Quick Chip for EMV, P2PE	\$278

Cash Discount is also available for major POS systems, including Aloha, MICROS, POSitouch, etc.

• Dejavoo devices are preferred. They allow the service fee to be separated on the batch report, which is a key feature for some merchants.



RECEIPT EXAMPLES

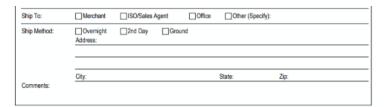


	Joe's Pizza
	4100 Royal Lane Irving, Texas 75063
	Tel: 2148831881
	pt@flattest.com
Order# 16924338 Order Date: 20.07.2017 5:06 Pf	M
Large Pepperoni Pie \$17.95 x 1 Sku: 125446	\$18.00
Subtotal	\$18.0
SVC	\$.7
Discount	\$0.0
Total	\$18.7
Amount paid via Credit/Debi	it Card \$18.70
Large Pepperoni Pie \$17.95 x 1 Sku: 125446	Card number: AMEX XXXXXXXXXXXXX2098 Payment date: 20 Jul 2017 17:06:32 Authorization code: 828386 Transaction ld:



ONBOARDING STEPS FOR NEW MERCHANTS

 Request Cash Discount in the Comments section of the boarding form



2. And in the notes section of the order form

Total Detail All/Both	Please indicate time:	Offline:	Refund:	Reports:	
NOTES AND SPE	CIAL INSTRUCTIONS (If fe	ature needed is not l	isted above, please indic	cate below)	
SHIP EQUIPMENT	TO (If blank, default is DB	A Address)			

 DO NOT check the box on the paper app to pass through association assessments & fees; NOTE: this box is automatically checked in boarding so you will need to uncheck it

Pricing

	Rate	Fee
MasterCard Qualified CheckCard	%	\$
Visa Qualified CheckCard	%	\$
Discover Qualified CheckCard	%	\$
Amex Qualified Prepaid	%	\$
MasterCard Qualified Credit	%	\$
Visa Qualified Credit	%	\$
Discover Qualified Credit	%	\$
Amex Qualified Credit	%	\$
Amex Conveyance Fee	N/A	\$
EBT	N/A	\$
Mid Qualified Surcharge	%	\$
Non Qualified Surcharge	%	\$
Pass Through Card Association Assessment	s & Fees	

Other Important Information

- Make sure you use the Discount application!
- Make sure you specify the Flat Fee or the pricing Percentage.
- The Equipment team will ship signage to the merchant, along with the terminal.



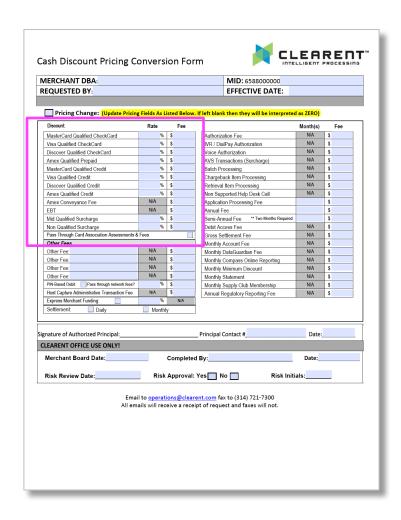
CONVERTING EXISTING MERCHANTS TO CASH DISCOUNT

- Partners must complete the Cash Discount Pricing Conversion Form.
 - Please submit the form 24-48 hours before you want the changes to take place. Be aware that Dejavoo file builds auto update and could be implemented before pricing is effective.
- Make sure you specify the Flat Fee or the pricing Percentage.
- Existing merchants will only be switched on the first of the month.

Other Important Information

Do you have a small ticket merchant charging the service fee as a transaction fee and who wants to be on daily discount?

- The transaction fee must be placed on the left side of the form under the Fee column, next to each card type (i.e., MasterCard Qualified, Visa Qualified, etc.).
- You must also zero out the Mid-Qualified and Non-Qualified fields by placing a zero or dash in those areas.





MANDATORY SIGNAGE: POST AT ENTRANCE AND POS

Signage is Required

 In order to legally participate in a Cash Discount Program, merchants MUST display signage at the entrance of their business AND at the point of sale

Fully Customizable

- Because service fees can either be a flat fee between \$0.30-\$.60 or a percentage ranging from 3.00%-3.99%, all pieces are fully customizable
 - Include a space where merchants can write in the amount with a pen or permanent marker

Multiple Options

Window decals, table tents & adhesive hangers

Free & Easy to Order

- Merchants participating in our program get FREE signage
- Signage orders for new merchants will be handled by the Equipment team



SIGNAGE

Door/Window Decal

5" x 7.75"



Table Tent 5" x 7"



Adhesive Hanger

3" x 4"





IN SUMMARY

- Merchants can *legally share processing fees* with their customers
- Cash discounts are NOT surcharges
- Merchants can charge a flat fee or a percentage
- Service fees/charges and cash discounts are clearly displayed on receipts
- Get free signage to post at the entrance and at the point of sale







Need More Information?

For more information, please contact the VMS Sales Support team at 800.531.8575 x 0 or support@valuedmerchants.com

