



# ISO® 2022 Messages Overview

The FedNow Service uses the internationally accepted messaging standard for the financial industry, ISO 2022, which provides a common language for participants of global systems and networks to communicate with each other. This messaging format enables rich data exchanges, automated end-to-end processing and can help facilitate interoperability with other instant payment services. These messages help create a strong foundation for future growth and innovation around the FedNow Service.

This document describes the ISO 2022 messages the FedNow Service uses.

## Additional Resources on MyStandards®

The [MyStandards platform](#) houses current ISO 2022 message specifications, an implementation guide and message flows for the FedNow Service.

The FedNow ISO 2022 Readiness Portal on MyStandards offers a place to test compliance of messages.

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## Quick Guide to ISO 2022 Messages Supported by the FedNow Service

Customer Credit Transfers	
<b>pacs.008</b> – <i>Customer Credit Transfer</i>	Sender financial institution (FI) initiates it to instruct a customer credit transfer (i.e., send a payment order).
<b>pacs.002</b> – <i>Payment Status Report</i>	Used by the FedNow Service <sup>1</sup> and participant FIs to indicate the processing status of a previously sent customer credit transfer message or payment return message (e.g., accepted or rejected) and used by the FedNow Service to send advices of credit and acknowledgments in connection with payment orders the Federal Reserve Banks have settled. Either the FedNow Service or the participant FI may send this in response to a pacs.028 payment status request regarding a credit transfer.
<b>pacs.028</b> – <i>Payment Status Request</i>	Sender FI or Receiver FI requests the processing status of a previously sent credit transfer or request for payment message (pacs.008, pacs.004, pacs.009, pain.013).
Liquidity Management Transfers	
<b>pacs.009</b> – <i>Financial Institution Credit Transfer</i>	Instructs payment between financial institutions in support of instant payment liquidity needs. Also serves as advice of credit to the Receiver FI.

<sup>1</sup> In this document references to the FedNow Service sending or receiving messages are references to the Federal Reserve Banks sending or receiving those message through the FedNow Service.

Payment Returns	
<b>camt.056</b> – <i>Return Request</i>	Sender FI requests a refund of a previously sent credit transfer.
<b>camt.029</b> – <i>Return Request Response</i>	Receiver FI response to a return request.
<b>pacs.004</b> – <i>Payment Return</i>	Used by Receiver FI when initiating a credit transfer to return funds associated with a previously sent credit transfer.
Requests for Payment	
<b>pain.013</b> – <i>Request for Payment (RFP)</i>	End customer or FI initiates a request for funds from another party.
<b>pain.014</b> – <i>RFP Response</i>	Receiver FI response to an RFP or to a payment status request (pacs.028) on an RFP. This is a non-value message, not a credit transfer message.
<b>camt.055</b> – <i>RFP Cancellation Request</i>	Sender FI, on behalf of itself or its customer, requests to cancel a previously sent RFP message.
<b>camt.029</b> – <i>RFP Cancellation Request Response</i>	Receiver FI response to an RFP cancellation request.
Information Requests	
<b>camt.026</b> – <i>Information Request</i>	Participant requests information on a previously received customer credit transfer or RFP.
<b>camt.029</b> – <i>Information Request Response</i>	Sender FI response to an information request.
<b>camt.028</b> – <i>Additional Payment Information</i>	Sender FI (or their end customer who initiated the transfer or RFP) provides additional information on a previously sent customer credit transfer or RFP.
Account Reporting	
<b>camt.060</b> – <i>Account Reporting Request</i>	Participants request an account balance, activity totals or activity details report.
<b>camt.052</b> – <i>Account Balance Report</i>	FedNow Service provides account balance information to requesting FI.
<b>camt.052</b> – <i>Account Activity Totals Report</i>	FedNow Service provides summary account activity information by RTN to requesting FI and/or at the end of each cycle date. Available for direct participant or its correspondent.
<b>camt.052</b> – <i>Account Activity Details Report</i>	FedNow Service provides detailed account activity information to requesting FI and/or at the end of each cycle date, if enabled. Available for direct participant or its correspondent.
<b>camt.054</b> – <i>Account Debit/Credit Notification</i>	FedNow Service provides a correspondent, if enabled for these messages, with a notification of respondent debit or credit entries to the correspondent's master account.
System Messages	
<b>admi.002</b> – <i>Message Reject</i>	FedNow Service or Receiver FI indicates a message was rejected for technical reasons (e.g., invalid XML, exceeds allowable file size, digital signature issues).
<b>admi.007</b> – <i>Receipt Acknowledgement</i>	The receipt acknowledgement indicates successful processing and forwarding by the FedNow Service or successful delivery and receipt by a Receiver FI of a nonvalue message exchanged between FedNow participants.
<b>admi.004</b> – <i>FedNow Broadcast</i>	FedNow Service network notification to participants of system events (e.g., cycle date changes or RTNs that are signed off of the service).

<b>admi.004</b> – <i>Participant Broadcast</i>	Participant request to sign off or sign on, or to ping the service to ensure connectivity is working as expected.
<b>admi.011</b> – <i>FedNow System Response</i>	FedNow Service response to a participant requesting to sign off or sign on or ping.
<b>admi.006</b> – <i>Retrieval Request</i>	Participant FI requests a copy of previously sent or received credit transfer or LMT messages from the FedNow Service.
<b>admi.998</b> – <i>FedNow Participant File</i>	FedNow Service informs participants of RTNs enabled for capabilities associated with customer credit transfer message, payment return message, and/or requests for payment message.
<b>Business Application Header</b>	
<b>head.001</b> – <i>Business Application Header</i>	Message accompanying all ISO 20022 messages sent through the FedNow Service.

## More Details on the ISO 20022 Messages

### Customer Credit Transfers:

#### *Customer Credit Transfer (pacs.008)*

A customer credit transfer message is used to transfer funds between end users who maintain accounts with FedNow Service participants or between a FedNow Service participant and an account holder at another FI. Please refer to the **Customer Payment Flow** topic for details on a standard payment flow.

Within the customer credit transfer message, optional remittance information may be provided via a short free form text field, or detailed with designated elements, such as specific fields for invoice number, amount due, due date and others. The FedNow Service also supports reference remittance information that has been made available separately, e.g., including a hyperlink to a document posted on a web portal.

#### *Payment Status Report (pacs.002)*

An FI or the FedNow Service sends a status report in response to:

- Credit transfers (pacs.008, pacs.004 or pacs.009)
- Payment status request (pacs.028) of a credit transfer

Here are examples of when this message is used:

- The FedNow Service rejects a credit transfer due to business validation failures, such as a message that is future-dated or exceeds the maximum amount.
- A Receiver FI indicates it intends to accept or reject a credit transfer. In case of rejection, the pacs.002 message indicates the reason, such as an invalid or closed account.
- The FedNow Service sends an advice or acknowledgement to the Receiver FI and Sender FI, respectively, after the FedNow Service settles credit transfer message (pacs.008, pacs.004), and acknowledgement to the Sender FI for a financial institution credit transfer (pacs.009).
- The FedNow Service or FedNow participant uses the pacs.002 in response to a payment status request (pacs.028) for a credit transfer (pacs.004, pacs.008, pacs.009). Multiple payment status report messages may be sent regarding a single credit transfer. For example, pacs.002 messages are used when a Receiver FI initially responds to a request for confirmation with an “accept without post” response and then with a final confirmation of posting to the recipient’s account, if applicable.

Please refer to the **Funds Availability** topic for more details on payment statuses.

### ***Payment Status Request (pacs.028)***

Once a transaction has been initiated through the FedNow Service, a payment status request message may be used to get updates on credit transfers (pacs.004, pacs.008, pacs.009). It may also be used to get updates on a previously sent RFP (pain.013). This request may be made of either the FedNow Service or another participant.

Examples of when a payment status request would be used:

- An FI does not receive an acknowledgement or advice of credit from the FedNow Service.
- A FedNow Receiver FI received a credit transfer by responding with an “accept without posting” response and the original Sender FI wanted an update on the status.
- There was no response to the RFP (pain.013).

The payment status report (pacs.002) is the response to the payment status request for a credit transfer. Similarly, a pain.014 would be used to respond to a payment status request related to an RFP (pain.013).

## **Payment Returns:**

### ***Return Request (camt.056)***

While FedNow credit transfers are final and irrevocable, there may be situations when a Sender FI requests funds to be returned (e.g., in case of a duplicate or fraudulent payment).

In these situations, the Sender FI of the credit transfer message sends a return request to the Receiver FI to return the funds. This request might be triggered by the customer or on the Sender FI’s own behalf. The ISO 20022 message supports specific codes to indicate the reason for the return request.

### ***Return Request Response (camt.029)***

In response to the return request, the Receiver FI of the original credit transfer message sends a return request response message indicating whether or not they will return funds. If it decides to effect the return, this Receiver FI must also initiate a return of funds (pacs.004) message for the amount.

### ***Payment Return (pacs.004)***

Payment return messages are used to refund the amount of a payment previously sent. This may occur when the Receiver FI either cannot apply the funds from the original credit transfer or chooses to return the amount to the Sender FI.

## **Liquidity Management Transfers:**

### ***Financial Institution Credit Transfer (pacs.009)***

The FedNow Service offers a funds transfer mechanism to support the instant payment liquidity needs of FIs and help them avoid shortfalls. These messages may be used to effect transfers between two FedNow participants’ master accounts, or between a FedNow participant’s master account and a joint account held at a Federal Reserve Bank that backs another private-sector instant payment service. Upon settlement, the FedNow Service sends the pacs.009 to the Receiver FI as advice of credit.

Please review the **Liquidity Management** topic for more information on these transfers.

## Requests for Payment:

### *Request for Payment (pain.013)*

These messages allow one party to request a payment from another, such as for bill payment or reimbursement. These requests may include an expiry date, indicating by when the recipient must accept or reject the request for payment (RFP). As with customer credit transfers (pacs.008), the FedNow Service supports several options for remittance information within an RFP message, allowing senders to choose the desired level of detail.

### *RFP Response (pain.014)*

The Receiver FI of an RFP responds to the Sender FI with this message to indicate the RFP was received or accepted. It does not include all details from the original RFP; rather, it includes a reference to the original message.

The FedNow participant uses the pain.014 to respond to a payment status (pacs.028) for a request for payment message (pain.013).

### *RFP Cancellation Request (camt.055)*

The Sender FI of an RFP may request that a Receiver FI cancel an RFP (pain.013), perhaps because of a duplicate request or an incorrect amount.

### *RFP Cancellation Request Response (camt.029)*

In response to the RFP cancellation request (camt.055), the Receiver FI uses this message to indicate whether the cancellation request will be honored.

## Information Requests:

Information request messages can be used to request additional details about a previously exchanged payment or RFP message.

### *Information Request (camt.026)*

When the Receiver FI requires additional information from the Sender FI regarding a previously sent payment (pacs.008, pacs.004) or RFP (pain.013) message, it can initiate a camt.026 message to request additional information or missing information (such as to clear an anti-money laundering investigation).

### *Information Request Response (camt.029)*

In response to an information request (camt.026), an FI sends this message to indicate whether additional information is available.

### *Additional Payment Information (camt.028)*

Where more information is to be provided in response to an information request (camt.026), an additional payment information message is sent by a participant. The camt.028 may provide clarification, correction or information that was missing from a previously sent payment (pacs.008, pacs.004) or RFP (pain.013). This message is sent in addition to the information request response (camt.029).

## Account Reporting:

The FedNow Service provides reports for reconciliation purposes:

- Account balances
- Account activity details
- Account activity totals
- Account debit/credit notifications (for correspondents)

Participating FIs and their service providers can get these reports by sending an account reporting request (camt.060) or by accessing the FedNow interface via FedLine® Solutions.

Correspondent FIs which establish a FedNow Service profile can request reports for their respondents' routing transit numbers (RTNs), as well as real-time notifications of respondent transactions (camt.054). These correspondent reports and notifications reflect settlement activity only.

Refer to the **Reporting and Reconciliation** topic for more information about reports and FedNow cycle dates.

### **Account Reporting Request (camt.060)**

This message is used to solicit any of the FedNow Service accounting reports. The FedNow Service responds with a camt.052 message specific to the report requested.

### **Account Balance Report (camt.052)**

This report provides a report of a participant's master account balance, or for reports generated at the subaccount RTN level, a report of a subset of debit and credit transactions processed using the subaccount RTN. It also includes summary information for the FedNow Service, Fedwire® Funds Service, Fedwire Securities Service, National Settlement Service and prefunded ACH. Participants can request it using the camt.060 message.

### **Account Activity Details Report (camt.052)**

The Account Activity Details report provides participants with specific information associated to each RTN for all value and non-value messages the FedNow Service processed for a given cycle date. Participants can get this report automatically at end of day or request it for prior cycle dates using the camt.060 message.

The correspondent activity details report provides details for settled transactions for each respondent RTN enabled on the service, with each RTN's activity on an individual report.

### **Account Activity Totals Report (camt.052)**

The Account Activity Totals Report provides summary totals of messages sent and received across the FedNow Service for a given cycle date and associated with a given RTN. Participants can receive this report automatically at end of day or request it intra-day using the camt.060 message.

The correspondent activity totals report provides summary totals for settled transactions for each respondent's RTN and includes all respondents' RTNs associated to the correspondent in a single report.

### **Account Debit/Credit Notification (camt.054)**

Correspondent financial institutions that have a FedNow participant profile may receive real-time notifications of debit and credit entries that settle on their master account as a result of respondent activity.



## System Messages:

Both the FedNow Service and FedNow participants use system messages to communicate system or FI operational statuses, changes to FedNow Service parameters, or message rejections due to technical issues.

### **Message Reject (admi.002)**

The FedNow Service or FedNow participants use this message to reject an incoming ISO 20022 message for a technical reason (e.g., invalid XML, message signature issues).

### **Receipt Acknowledgement (admi.007)**

In response to a non-value message, the FedNow Service sends an acknowledgement to inform the Sender FI that its message was successfully processed by the FedNow Service and forwarded to the Receiver FI. On its turn the Receiver FI sends an acknowledgement to inform the Sender FI that its message was successfully received. Messages for which the admi.007 is sent include payment status request (pacs.028), return request (camt.056) and return request response (camt.029), request for payment (pain.013), request for payment response (pain.014), RFP cancellation request (camt.055) and RFP cancellation request response (camt.029), information request (camt.026), information request response (camt.029) and additional payment information (camt.028) messages.

In response to industry feedback, the Federal Reserve Banks require all Send or Receive FedNow participants to support the ability to send the admi.007 in response to non-value messages. The purpose of this is for the FI who sent the non-value message to have confidence the Receiver FI received the message.

### **FedNow Broadcast (admi.004)**

The FedNow Service uses a broadcast message to notify participants of a FedNow Service or participant event (e.g., to advise of a participant sign-on or sign-off, a FedNow Service change to transaction limits, or to notify that the FedNow Service has rolled over to the next cycle date).

### **Participant Broadcast (admi.004)**

FedNow participants use this administrative message to notify the FedNow Service of a participant event (e.g., sign-on or sign-off of the FedNow Service, or to check their connection status, also known as a “ping”). For more information, please refer to the **Participant Availability** topic.

The FedNow Service responds to participant status request changes and connection status queries with a FedNow System Response (admi.011).

### **FedNow System Response (admi.011)**

The FedNow Service sends this message to a participant to acknowledge the occurrence of a participant event, such as a participant request to sign on to or off of the FedNow Service. The FedNow Service responds to a participant's query regarding their connection to the FedNow Service (i.e., a ping (admi.004)).

### **Retrieval Request (admi.006)**

A participant uses the retrieval request for the FedNow Service to send a copy of one or more credit transfer messages (pacs.004, pacs.008, pacs.009) or non-value messages (e.g., pain.013, camt.056, etc.) the participant previously sent or received.

### ***FedNow Participant File (admi.998)***

Each day, the FedNow Service automatically distributes to all participants and service providers a complete list of RTNs enabled for customer credit transfer and payment return messages with indicators of each's enabled participation type (receive customer credit transfers, send and receive credit transfers, or receive requests for payment). Participants may also access the list through the FedNow interface via FedLine Solutions.

## **Business Application Header Message:**

### ***Business Application Header (head.001)***

The business application header message is required for all ISO 20022 messages sent across the FedNow Service, whether sent by FedNow participants or by the FedNow Service application. It includes, for example, the connection party identifier of the sender and receiver of the message, message identifier, and the message creation Date/Timestamp.

## **ISO 20022 Business Areas**

The Federal Reserve Banks have identified the ISO 20022 messages that are in scope for the FedNow Service. Each message begins with four letters that identify its business area or functional domain.

<b>BUSINESS AREA CODE</b>	<b>FUNCTIONAL DOMAIN</b>	<b>USES</b>
<b>pacs</b>	Payments clearing and settlement	Interbank clearing and settlement of credit transfers (e.g., customer or FI credit transfers).
<b>pain</b>	Payment initiation	Support initiation of payments in the customer to bank space, including relay of these messages in the interbank space, e.g., request for payment.
<b>camt</b>	Cash management	Ancillary functions for payment processing, such as reconciliation or investigations (e.g., account reports, statements or information requests).
<b>admi</b>	Administrative	Communication between a system and its participants (e.g., network broadcasts, participant sign on or sign off).
<b>head</b>	Business application header	The exchange of business messages between applications.

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