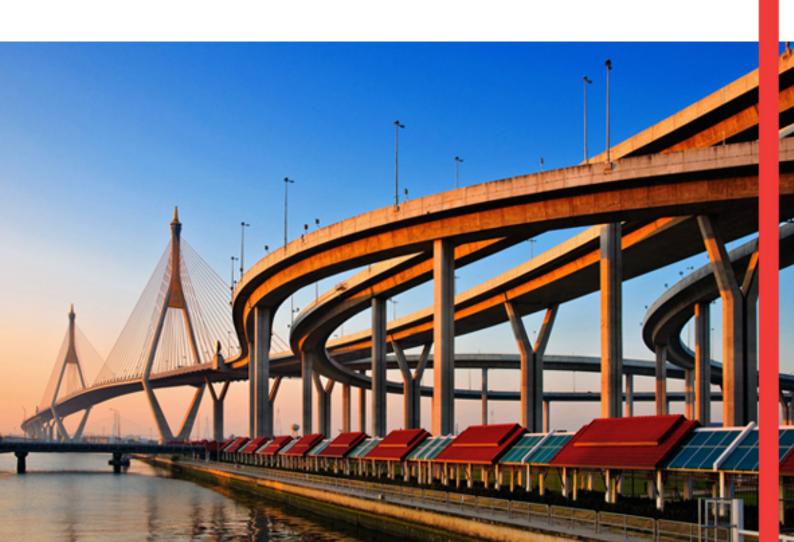


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About User Authentication

Types of Authentication Profiles

Depending on their location/institution, all HSBC*net* customers are allowed to choose one of two authentication profiles:

- Mixed Security profile
- One-time-password/Security Device profile

Customers with **Mixed Security** profile have the option to assign one of three authentication types to their Users during the initial setup – **One Time Password** (also called Security Device), **Smart Card**, or **Password Only**. Under this profile, Users who are entitled to transactional tools must be assigned a Smart Card or Security Device. If the User is only entitled to enquiry tools (such as Balance and Transaction Reporting, Reports and Files Download etc.) they are set up as Password Only Users. They can log on to HSBC*net* only using their password and memorable answer.

Customers with **One-time-Password** (Security Device) profile must assign a Security Device to all their Users even if they are only entitled to conduct enquiries.

HSBCnet security

HSBCnet offers a reliable and secure online environment by adopting best-in-class technologies, proven best practice IT policies and procedures and the dedication of expert resources. HSBCnet employs industry-standard solutions to authenticate your identity when you log on to ensure that your data is transmitted securely and reliably and that the customer data the Bank holds is protected. HSBCnet has backup and contingency plans to ensure interruptions to the service, for whatever reason, are minimised.

Drawing on the Bank's considerable experience as providers of secure electronic banking systems, HSBC*net* also operates a control and support structure designed to ensure that the Bank addresses all aspects of the risks faced in providing transactional banking online.

Key features

- Robust authentication processes
- Two-factor authentication using one-time-password generating Security Devices or Smart Cards, ensuring identification integrity and mitigating key-logging and denial-of-service risks on user credentials
- Encrypted sessions between customer and the Bank (SSL v3 128 bit)
- Protection of sensitive information in transit and storage to ensure confidentiality of customer data
- Industry-standard security mechanisms to protect the infrastructure
- · Regular independent reviews of system security
- Robust and regularly reviewed information security policies covering systems and installation development and management
- Comprehensive contingency and backup arrangements
- 24/7 security monitoring and centralized incident management team



Audit trails for administrative and transactional activities

Two-factor authentication

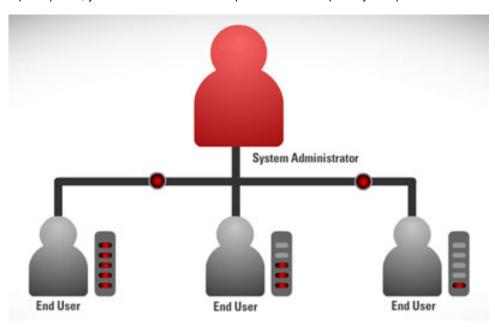
HSBCnet uses a two-factor authentication approach to help ensure your banking security:

- 1. A username and password combination chosen by the User at Registration
- 2. a. Smart Card with a microchip that identifies the User when the card is inserted in a Smart Card reader, or
 - b. Security Device token that generates unique passcodes as the User requires them

Access control

Most importantly, HSBC*net* puts you in control of your internal security with flexible administration tools to make your online experience efficient and secure. Whether your organisation is large or small, you have the opportunity to tailor the system to align with your corporate, compliance and audit needs.

At the heart of HSBC*net* are the actions of your designated System Administrators, who determine what each staff member is allowed to see and do on HSBC*net*. From payment clerks to senior accountants, your System Administrators decide who receives specific functionality. By managing access to tools and report options, you can streamline internal processes and improve your operational efficiency.



Adding new Users to HSBC*net* is easy. System Administrators provide them with a quick step-by-step registration process. HSBC*net* features flexible options for adding new Users, including copying specific access entitlements from existing Users.

You can also access information on who is using the system, at what time and for what activity. These details are time and date stamped to help simplify your audit process.

HSBCnet security levels

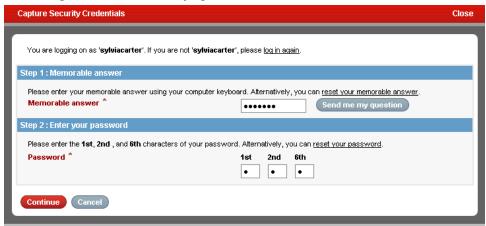
In order to protect your banking information, HSBC net provides the following levels of security.

Initial log on: At this security level, you must enter your username on the HSBC*net* home page, including:



- Your memorable answer, and
- Three requested characters of your current password

Initial Logon Authentication page



Session validation: At this level of security, you must enter the combination of:

- Your username
- Your memorable answer and the three requested characters of your current password (only for Smart Card Users or Password only Users)
- Your Security Device PIN (only for Security Device Users)

Authorise transactions and administrative changes: At this security level, you must enter your Smart Card or Security Device personal identification number (PIN) and select **OK**.

The following are some HSBCnet User tools and services that require authentication.

- HSBCnet log on
- Payment creation and authorisation
- · Administrative setup and change approval
- File Upload
- Internet Trade Services (ITS)
- e-Securities (Transaction Entry)

User-level Security guidelines

Basic common sense and adherence to the following security guidelines can help ensure that your information remains safe and secure.

- Keep your password, memorable answer, security answers and PIN secure and secret at all times
- Never write or otherwise record these credentials or reveal them to anyone else
- Promptly destroy any PIN advice from the Bank or other parties
- Avoid passwords, PIN or memorable question and answer combinations that may be easy for others to guess



- Never record passwords, memorable answer, security answers or Smart Card/Security
 Device PIN on any software that can store it automatically (for example, computer screen
 prompts or save password features on internet browsers)
- Ensure that others are unable to read your screen or that you are not being monitored by closed circuit TV while logging on to the system
- Change your initial PIN upon receipt. Change your password and PIN on a regular basis.
 Do not alternate between the same pair of passwords
- Never disclose your password, memorable answer or PIN to HSBC staff. Be cautious of any correspondence or communication requesting the disclosure of your passwords or any bank account details. Report any suspicious correspondence or communication to HSBC
- Never leave your Smart Card or Security Device unattended. Always keep it securely locked up when not in use
- Never share your authentication device with other colleagues.

Organisation-level Security guidelines

At your organisational level, consider the following security guidelines.

1. Enhance the security of your computer and networks to protect against malicious software.

Minimize the number of, and restrict the functions for, computer workstations and laptops that are used for online banking and payments. A workstation used for online banking should not be used for general web browsing, e-mailing, and social networking. Conduct online banking and payments activity from at least one dedicated computer that is not used for other online activity.

2. Install and maintain real-time anti-virus and anti-spyware desktop firewall and malware detection and removal software.

Use these tools regularly to scan your computer. Allow for automatic updates and scheduled scans.

- Install security updates to operating systems and all applications, as they become available. These updates may appear as weekly, monthly, or even daily for zero-day attacks.
- · Block pop-ups.
- Keep operating systems, browsers, and all other software and hardware up-to-date.
- Do not use public Internet access points (e.g., Internet cafes, public wi-fi hotspots (airports), etc.) to access accounts or personal information. If using such an access point, employ a Virtual Private Network (VPN).

3. Enhance the security of your corporate banking processes and protocols

Initiate payments under dual control using two separate computers. For example: one person authorizes the creation of the payment file and a second person authorizes the release of the file from a different computer system.

4. Monitor and reconcile accounts at least once a day

Reviewing accounts regularly enhances the ability to quickly detect unauthorized activity and allows the business

5. Note any changes in the performance of your computer such as:



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- A dramatic loss of speed.
- Changes in the way things appear.
- Computer locks up so the user is unable to perform any functions.
- Unexpected rebooting or restarting of your computer.
- An unexpected request for a one time password (or token) in the middle of an online session.
- Unusual pop-up messages.
- New or unexpected toolbars and/or icons.



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Smart Card Guide

About Smart Cards

Your company provides Smart Cards in order to securely set up Users and authenticate their transactions on HSBC*net*.

HSBC*net* System Administrators are responsible for ordering, setting up and managing Smart Cards for all Users in their company.

Note: Images in the Smart Card Guide may not be exactly as you see them on HSBCnet.

Before you begin

When setting you up as a User, your HSBCnet System Administrator must entitle you with access to tools and services, and order a Smart Card. The Smart Card is required to validate your username in certain circumstances such as initiating and authorising administrative changes, creating and authorising payments, etc. Depending on the setup at the User access level, you may be entitled to different roles as a User.

PIN-protected Smart Card



Using Smart Cards

This section is intended for Smart Card users. The following are some of the HSBC*net* tools and services requiring Smart Card authentication:

- User Management
- User Authorisation Summary
- Managing HSBCnet Accounts
- Payment creation and authorisation
- · Initiating and authorising entitlement changes
- File Upload
- Internet Trade Services (ITS)
- e-Securities (Transaction Entry)



Note: For customers with Mixed Security Profiles, if any of their Users are only entitled to enquiry tools such as Balance and Transaction Reporting, Reports and Files Download, etc. they do not need a Smart Card to log on to HSBC*net*.

Using your Smart Card

To authenticate yourself on HSBC*net*, insert your Smart Card into the reader and enter your PIN. If your Smart Card is inserted correctly, the light on the reader displays solid green (not blinking).

Smart Card inserted in reader

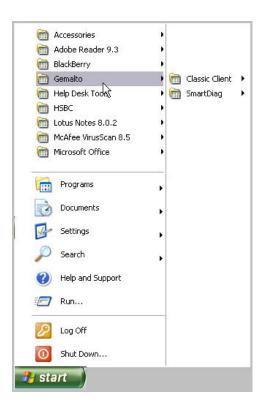


Changing your Smart Card PIN

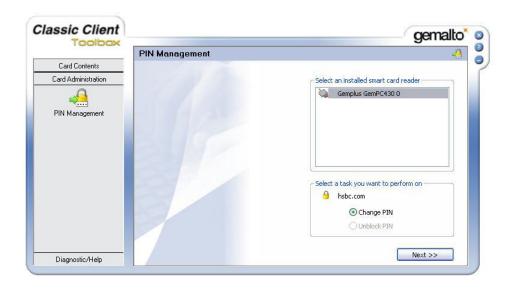
To change your Smart Card PIN, complete the following steps:

- 1. Insert your Smart Card into the reader.
- 2. Open Classic Client Toolbox in your start or programs menu.





3. In the Classic Client Toolbox, under Card Administration, select PIN Management.
Under Select an installed Smart Card reader, select the name of your card reader.
Under Select the task you want to perform on. Select Change PIN. Then select Next.



4. Enter the old new PIN and confirm the new PIN.



- 5. For the new PIN, review the PIN Policy Rules for any unchecked rules. All rules must be checked (

 ✓) in order to proceed. Enter the new PIN as necessary.
- 6. Select Change PIN.

Important: If you lose or forget your PIN, you will need a new Smart Card.

Registering your Smart Card

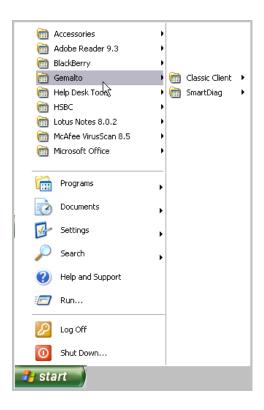
Before you can use HSBC*net*, the system requires that you register your new Smart Card. To register Smart Cards, you will need:

- Smart Card software and card reader installed on your computer (software CD and reader are shipped with the Smart Card)
- Smart Card PIN (sent separately to you by mail/courier). If you did not receive your PIN, contact your System Administrator

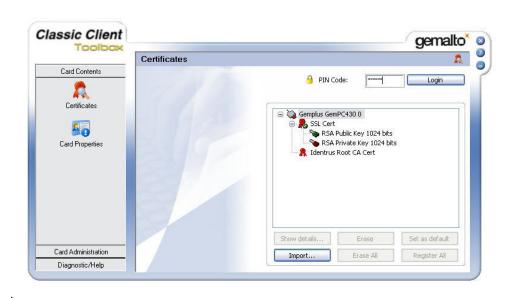
To register your Smart Card on your computer, complete the following steps:

- 1. Insert your Smart Card into the reader.
- 2. Open Gemalto, Classic Client Toolbox in your start or programs menu.

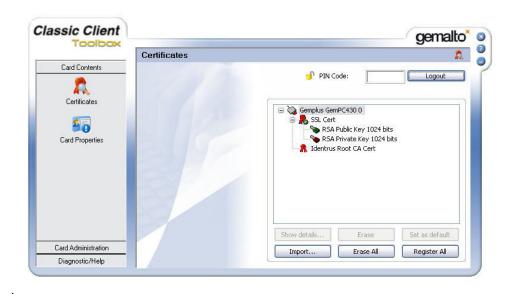




- 3. In Classic Client Toolbox, under Card Contents, select Certificates.
- 4. In the Card Contents Certificates page, enter the PIN that was mailed to you and select Login.



When your PIN is accepted, select Register All (this option is not available until your PIN is accepted).

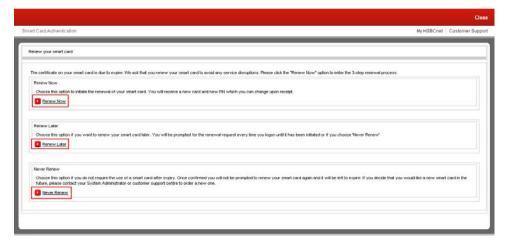


You have successfully registered your Smart Card.

Renewing Your Smart Card

This section applies to all types of Users. For security reasons, HSBC*net* Smart Card certificates have three-year validity. Forty-five days before your card expires, a Smart Card renewal window appears when you log on to HSBC*net*. This window offers the following options to the reader:

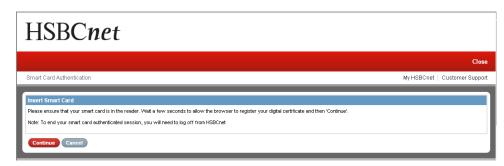
- Renew now—select to initiate the renewal process and a new Smart Card and PIN will be ordered
- Renew later—select to have HSBCnet prompt you to renew your Smart Card every time you log on
- Never renew—select when you no longer need a Smart Card when using HSBCnet (e.g.
 if you are only checking account balances and not authorising transactions or making
 administrative changes)



Renew now

Select **Renew now** to initiate the renewal of your Smart Card. You will receive a new Smart Card and new PIN.

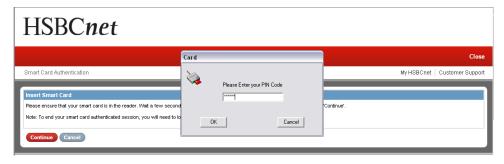
1. Insert your Smart Card and complete the authentication process.



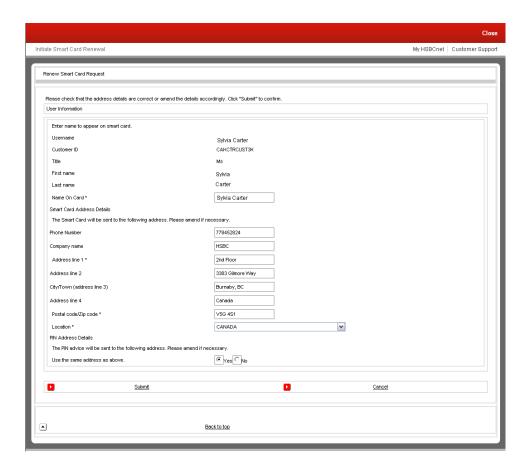
2. Select your Smart Card certificate and select **OK** to proceed.



3. Enter your PIN and select **OK** to access the Renew Smart Card request page.



4. Complete the mandatory fields marked with an asterisk (*). Ensure that your mailing address is correct, as the new Smart Card ships to this address.



5. An acknowledgement confirms that the Smart Card renewal has been initiated.

Note: Your Smart Card is not renewed until you actually receive the new Smart Card in the mail and activate it. Upon activating the new Smart Card, your old Smart Card is automatically cancelled.

Renew later

If you selected **Renew later** on the Smart Card renewal page, the system prompts you to renew your Smart Card every time you log on to HSBC*net* for up to 14 days prior to expiry. At this time, you must select either **Renew now** or **Never renew**.

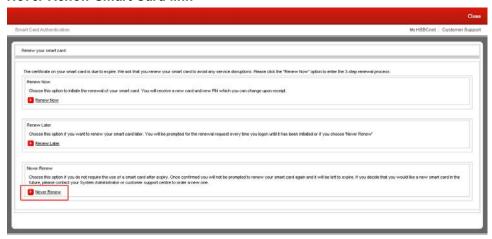


Never renew

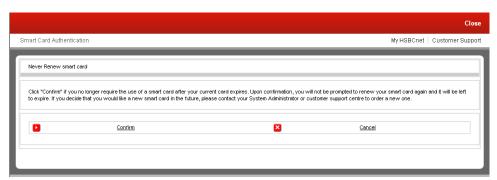
Only select **Never renew** if you no longer need your Smart Card after the expiry date. Once the Never renew process is initiated, it cannot be cancelled or reversed. Order a new Smart Card if you require a replacement in the future.

1. Select **Never renew** on the Smart Card renewal page.

Never Renew Smart Card link



2. Select Confirm to proceed.



- 3. An acknowledgement confirms your action.
- 4. Select Proceed.

Never Renew Smart Card—confirmation page



5. Select **Continue** to proceed to your personal page.

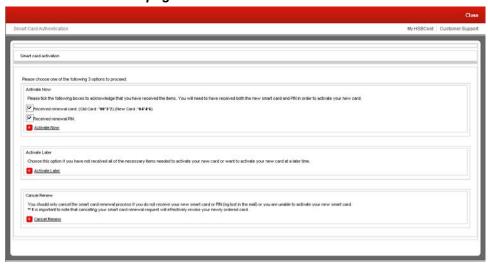


Activating renewed Smart Cards

Once you complete the Smart Card renewal process, a new Smart Card and PIN is automatically ordered and delivered to you within three to four business days. Every time you log on to *HSBCnet*, you will be presented three options on the Smart Card Activation page:

- Activate now—will revoke the existing card and activate the new card
- Activate later—to defer activation until the card and PIN are received
- Cancel renew—select if either the card or PIN is lost

Smart Card activation page



Activate now

You can activate your new Smart Card using this option.

Confirm receipt of the new Smart Card and PIN by selecting the relevant checkboxes. Select
 Activate now to initiate the activation process.

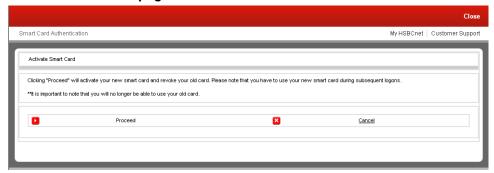
Smart Card—Activate now option



In the Activate Smart Card page, select **Proceed** to activate the new card. This also irreversibly cancels the old Smart Card.



Activate Smart Card page



3. An acknowledgement confirms your action. Select Proceed to display your personal page.

Activate Smart Card—confirmation page



Activate later

Select **Activate later** if you have not yet received your new Smart Card and PIN. You will be directed to your personal page. You can continue to use your old Smart Card and PIN until you receive and activate the new Smart Card and PIN.

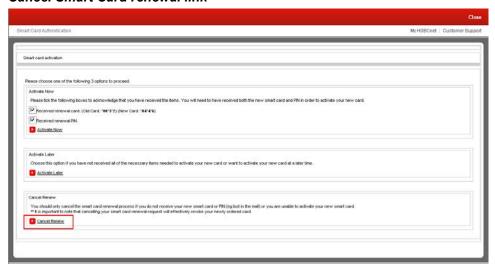
Cancel renew

Cancel the Smart Card renewal process only if you do not receive your Smart Card or PIN (for example, if the package is lost in the mail) or if you are unable to activate your new Smart Card. Cancelling your Smart Card renewal effectively revokes your newly ordered card.

1. To cancel the Smart Card renewal process, select Cancel renew.

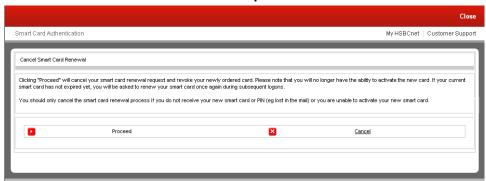


Cancel Smart Card renewal link



2. Select **Proceed** to confirm the cancellation.

Cancel Smart Card renewal—Proceed option



3. An acknowledgement confirms your action.

Smart Card Renewal Cancelled



If your Smart Card expires

If you have not logged on during the 45 days prior to the Smart Card expiry date, an error message appears after logging on notifying you that your Smart Card has expired. This message appears every time you log on to your account for a total of three times, after which there are no further reminders. If you try to access any of the tools requiring Smart Card authentication, the page warns you that the page cannot be displayed. You must contact your System Administrator to order a new card and PIN.

Smart Card expired notification page



Troubleshooting Smart Cards

Problems with Smart Cards typically fall into one of the following categories.

SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSES	ACTION REQUIRED
PC does not detect Smart Card reader	Wrong Smart Card reader selected for installation	Order correct Smart Card reader
No Smart Card icon shown in the system tray	Computer was not restarted after installation	Close all programs and restart computer
'You did not present a valid certificate' error message	Smart Card not inserted properly (upside down, or not all the way in)	Insert Smart Card face up with red arrow facing forward. If inserted correctly, the blinking green light will turn solid green
'The page cannot be displayed' error message	Wrong PIN input or did not allow five seconds before selecting Continue	Log off, close browser and log on again to HSBC <i>net</i>
'No Smart Card reader found. CertReg will not work' error message	Installation problem	Uninstall the software and reinstall again
Smart card locked	Smart card has been revoked/replaced Incorrect PIN entered more than three times when using GemSafe utility	Request System Administrator to replace Smart Card
PIN not received	Courier problems	Traceable with a tracking number through the DHL website
Lost PIN	Courier problems	Request a new Smart Card



Security Device Guide

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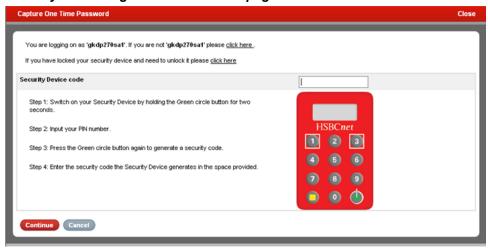
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- · Logging on to the system
- · Initiating and authorising administrative changes
- Creating and authorising payments

Depending on the setup at the User access level, you may be entitled to different roles as a User.

Security Device log on authentication page



The following are some HSBC*net* User tools and services requiring authentication:

- HSBCnet log on
- Payment creation and authorisation
- · Administrative setup and change approval
- File Upload
- Internet Trade Services (ITS)
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Using Security Devices

You can use your Security Device to do the following operations:

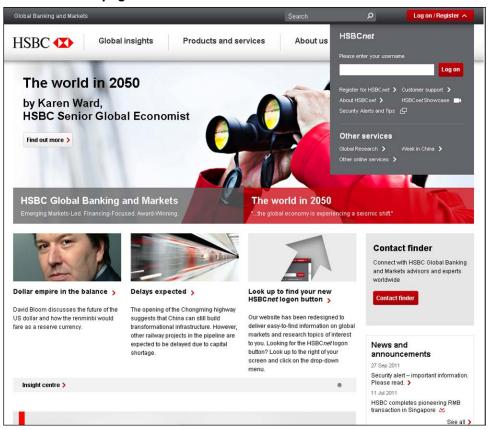
- Activating your Security Device
- Changing your Security Device PIN
- Resetting your Security Device PIN
- Security Device authentication

Activating your Security Device

If you are a System Administrator or End User and are logging on to HSBC*net* to activate your new Security Device, you must complete the following steps:

- On the top right corner of the HSBC*net* home page, select **Log on/Register**. A drop-down window appears.
- Enter your username and select Log on.

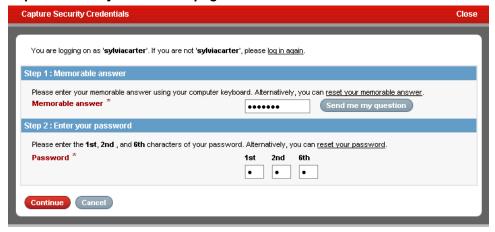
HSBCnet home page



3. The Capture Security Credentials page appears. Enter your memorable answer. Next, enter the three requested characters of your current password (Follow the on-screen instructions).

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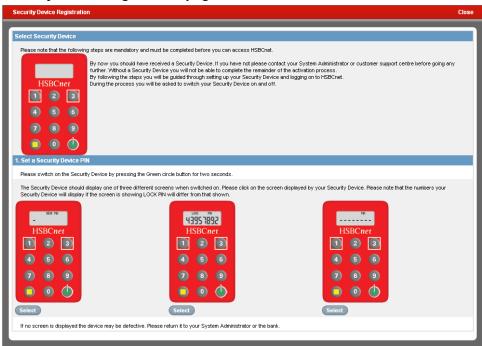
Capture Security Credentials page



Select Continue to proceed.

4. The Security Device Registration page appears. Choose **Select** under the image that displays **New PIN** message to proceed. The Security Device Activation page appears.

Security Device Registration page



- 5. Setting your PIN: Complete the following steps to select and set a new PIN for your Device.
 - a. To power on your device, press and hold the Green circle button on your device for **two** seconds.





b. The **New PIN** message appears in the device window. Select and enter a new 4 to 8 digit PIN using the device key pad.



c. To submit your PIN, press the Yellow square button on the bottom row of the device key pad.



d. If your PIN is accepted, a **PIN CONF** message appears in the device window.



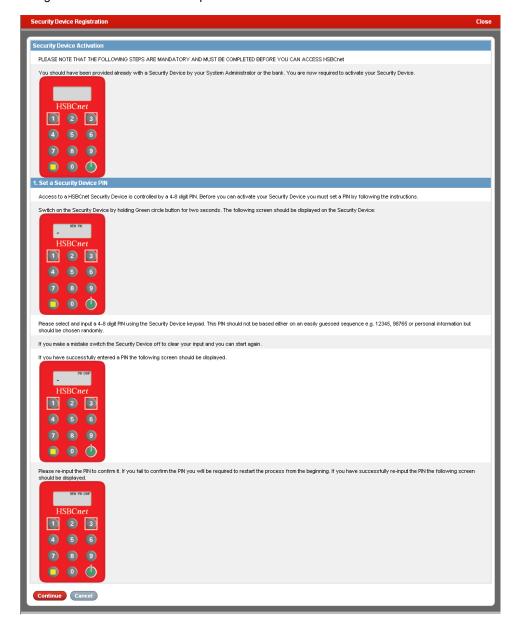
e. Key in the same 4 to 8 digit PIN again using the device key pad to confirm your PIN.

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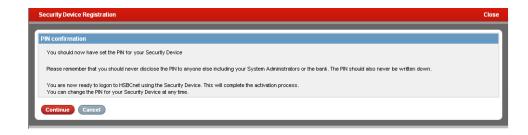
f. The **NEW PIN CONF** message appears briefly in the device window before displaying two dashes. You have successfully set your PIN.



g. Next select Continue to proceed.



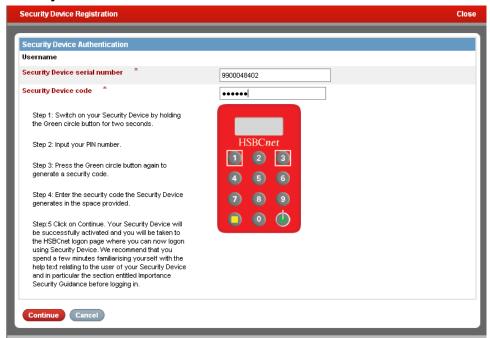
6. On the PIN Confirmation page, select **Continue**. The Security Device authentication page appears.



7. On the Security Device Authentication page, the Security Device serial number field is already populated with the number of the device assigned to you. Ensure that this on-screen serial number matches with the serial number on the back of your device.

Press and hold the Green circle button on your Security Device for two seconds. Enter the PIN number you selected earlier. Next, enter the six-digit security code that appears in the Security Device window into the Security code field on your computer screen. Select **Continue** to proceed and you will be directed to the HSBC*net* home page. You can confirm the Security Device has been successfully activated by logging on to HSBC*net*.

Security Device Authentication





Changing your Security Device PIN

If for any reason you wish to change your PIN on the (already activated) new Security Device, complete the following steps:

 Power on your device by pressing and holding the Green circle button on your device for two seconds.



- 2. Key in your existing 4 to 8 digit PIN using the device key pad. The device window displays two dashes.
- 3. To change your PIN, press and hold the **number 8 button** on the device key pad for **two seconds**.



4. The **NEW PIN** message appears in the device window. Select and enter a new 4 to 8 digit PIN using the device key pad.



5. To submit your PIN, press the Yellow square button on the bottom row of the key pad.





6. The **PIN CONF** message appears in the device window.



- 7. Confirm your PIN by keying in your new 4 to 8 digit PIN again using the device key pad.
- 8. The **NEW PIN CONF** message appears briefly in the device window before displaying two dashes. You have successfully changed your PIN.



Note: The device will require you to select a strong PIN. A weak PIN (example 11111 or 12345) will be rejected by the device and will display a **not SAFE** message briefly before reverting to the NEW PIN message. Resume selecting a strong PIN until accepted.

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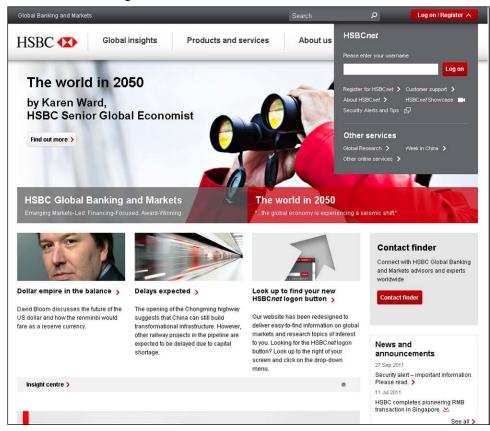


Resetting your Security Device PIN

If after a number of unsuccessful attempts to enter your PIN into the device and your Security Device is locked, you can reset the PIN using the online PIN reset function. To do so, complete the following steps:

- On the top right corner of the HSBC*net* home page, select **Log on/Register**. A drop-down window appears.
- 2. Enter your username and select Log on.

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3. On the Capture One Time Password page that appears, choose the **click here** link as shown in the image below.



Capture One Time Password



4. A window appears requiring you to answer the first of two security questions selected by you during your registration process. Answer the first question correctly and select **Continue** to proceed to the second question.

First Security Question



5. Answer the second security question correctly and select **Continue** to complete the verification process

Note: If you have forgotten either of your security questions, and have entered the incorrect answer three times, you will be directed to the Security Information Reset process. For more information on how to complete a Security Information Reset (SIR) refer to the section on Resetting Security Information.

6. After correctly answering both security questions, enter the LOCK PIN code from your Security Device into the Lock Code field on-screen. Select **Continue** again to proceed.





7. The Security Device PIN Reset page that appears displays the Security Device unlock code. Security Device PIN Reset page



8. Turn on your Security Device by pressing the Green circle button for two seconds. The LOCK PIN message appears displaying the 8-digit lock pin in the device window.



 Press the Green circle button again. The device window displays a series of dashes. Key in the onscreen unlock code (see step 6) into your Security Device and press the Yellow square button. The LOCK NEW PIN message appears in the device window.

Note: If you enter the unlock code incorrectly three times your device will display a FAIL 3 message for an hour preventing any further input. For more information, refer to the Troubleshooting Security Devices section in this User Guide.



10. Key in a new 4 to 8 digit PIN using the device key pad and press the Yellow square button again. The LOCK PIN CONF message appears.





11. Key in the same 4 to 8 digit PIN again. The NEW PIN CONF message appears in the device window briefly before displaying two dashes. You have successfully unlocked your Security Device and reset the PIN.



Security Device authentication

You authenticate yourself on HSBC*net* by entering a dynamically generated security code (one-time password) whenever a Security Device authentication page appears. The procedure to authenticate yourself depends on your role in the company in one of the following stages:

- Initial log on by Initial System Administrators
- Initial log on by new System Administrators and new End Users
- Subsequent log on by all Users
- · Authorising transactions and administrative changes

Initial log on by Initial System Administrator

If you are an Initial System Administrator (usually a signatory to your company's documentation filed with the Bank), you need to complete the following steps during your initial log on to activate your Security Device.

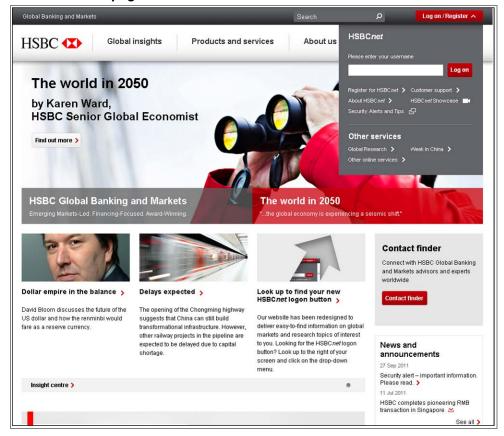
 On the top right corner of the HSBC*net* home page, select **Log on/Register**. A drop-down window appears.

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2. Enter your username and select **Log on**.

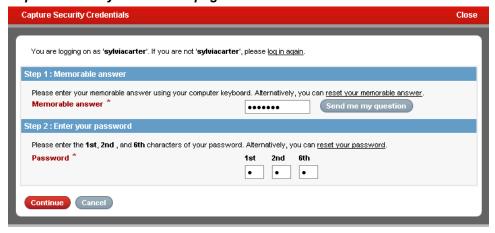


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3. The Capture Security Credentials page appears. Enter your memorable answer. Enter the three requested characters of your current password. Select **Continue** to proceed.

Capture Security Credentials page



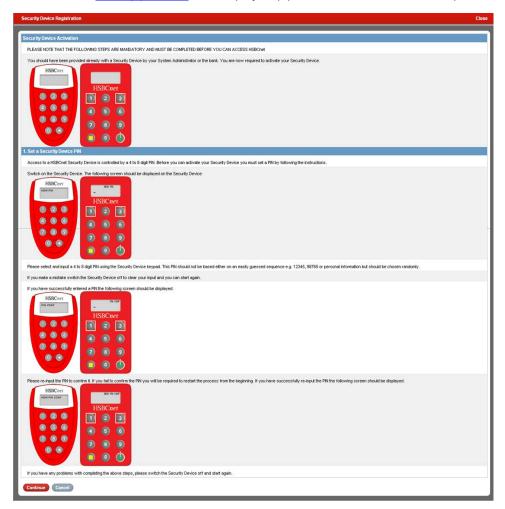
4. The Security Device Registration page appears. Choose the **Select** button under the image that displays the **NEW PIN** message.

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Security Device activation page



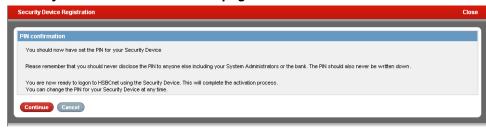
5. The Security Device Activation page appears. Set up your PIN using your new device. Refer to the section on <u>Setting your PIN</u> for a step by step procedure. Select **Continue** to proceed.



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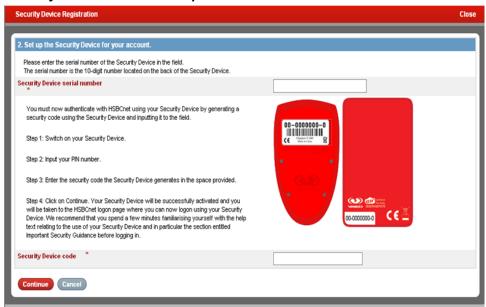
6. On the PIN confirmation page, select **Continue**.

Security Device PIN Confirmation page



- 7. On step 2 of the Security Device setup page, enter the 10-digit serial number located on the back of your Security Device without the dashes.
- 8. Turn on your Security Device by pressing down the Green circle button on your device for two seconds. Using the Device key pad, key in the PIN you selected earlier. Enter the security code that the device generates in the on-screen **Security Device code** field and select **Continue**. If the information you provided is correct, the HSBCnet home page appears. If not, an error message appears requiring you to resubmit the correct information.

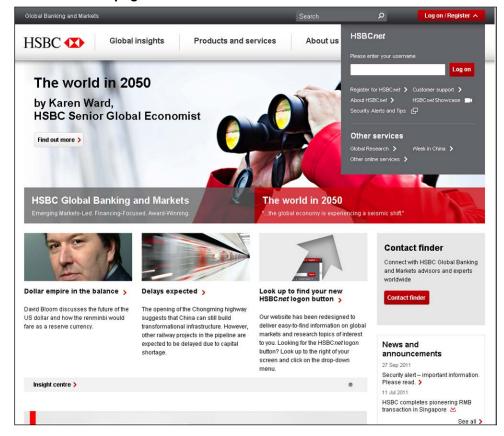
Security Device activation step 2



- On the top right corner of the HSBCnet home page, select Log on/Register. A drop-down window appears.
- 10. Enter your username and select Log on.

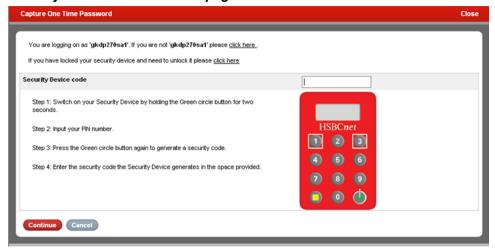


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11. In the future, every time you log on, authenticate yourself using the security code generated by the device. You do not need your memorable answer and password unless you are making changes to your personal profile or security information.

Security Device authentication page



Note: The first time you log on after activating your Security Device, you will be notified of the HSBC*net* Terms and Conditions. Read the document carefully and select **I accept** to display your personal page and begin using the services.

Initial log on by new System Administrators or new End Users

If you are a new System Administrator or End User and are logging on for the first time, you need to complete the following steps to activate your Security Device. Refer to the section on <u>Activating your Security Device</u> for more information.

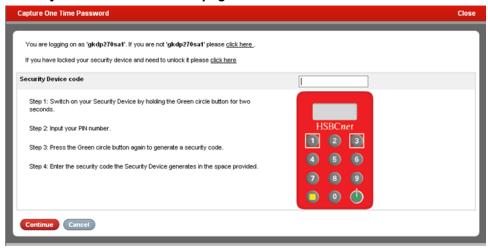
Subsequent log on by all users

Except for the initial log on, complete the following steps to authenticate your Security Device when logging on or authorising transactions and/or administrative changes.

- 1. To turn on your Security Device press and hold the Green circle button in the bottom right corner of the last row of the keypad for two seconds.
- 2. Using the Device key pad, enter your PIN.
- Enter the security code displayed in the window of the device into the on-screen Security code field. Select Continue to proceed.

Note: The security code is only valid for a few seconds. If you get an error message, generate a new security code by repeating steps 1 to 3.

Security Device authentication page



Authorising administrative changes

You are required to authenticate yourself when authorising administrative changes. Follow the same authentication steps as listed in the <u>Subsequent log on by all users</u> section above.



Troubleshooting Security Devices

Use the information and examples in the table below to troubleshoot issues you may encounter when using your new Security Device. This guide only applies to Users with the Security Device shown here.

For detailed information about using Security Devices refer to the relevant sections in this guide. System Administrators can get detailed information about managing Security Devices from the **System Administration: User Management** User Guide.



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Message Displayed	SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSES	ACTION REQUIRED
	bAtt 2 message followed by bAtt1 and bAtt0 messages appear in the device window	This is a low battery message. The low battery counter starts at 2 indicating a battery life of about 2 months. After its first appearance, the bAtt message appears for 2 seconds each time the device is powered on. After 2 seconds the device resumes normal operation.	Request your System Administrator to allocate a new Security Device. Your existing Security Device must first be deactivated before a new device can be allocated. Note: Please dispose of the deactivated device in an environmentally safe manner.
button	button message appears in the device window	This indicates that a button is being pressed and held (accidentally) for a certain time (between 7-9 seconds). It results in the device switching off to preserve battery life.	Ensure that a button is not being accidentally held down.
NEW PIN	When selecting a new PIN a not SAFE message appears briefly in the device window before reverting to NEW PIN message.	The new PIN you have selected is unsafe or weak.	Resume selecting a new PIN and ensure that the PIN you select does not contain numbers that are repetitive or sequential (example 11111 or 123456). Note: The new PIN should be 4 to 8 digits in length



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Message Displayed	SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSES	ACTION REQUIRED
FILE K ABO PIN LEASE A	PIN FAIL message appears in the device window (for example,	You have entered an invalid PIN.	Press the Green circle button briefly and when prompted, enter the correct PIN again
FRIL I	PIN FAIL 1, PIN FAIL 2, PIN FAIL 3)	2. Lost or forgotten PIN	Reset your Security Device PIN.
PIN PIN			To unlock the device, refer to the section on Resetting your Security Device PIN in this User Guide.
		3. The Security Device may not have been allocated to you.	Check with your System Administrator to ensure the device you are using is allocated
FR IL 3			to you.
LOCK PIN	When entering the unlock code into the device, it displays a LOCK PIN FAIL message. (for example, LOCK PIN FAIL 1, LOCK PIN FAIL 2)	You have entered the incorrect unlock code	Wait for the device to turn off. Press the Green Circle button briefly and, when prompted, enter the correct unlock code again.
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LOCK PIN	When unlocking my Security Device, it displays a LOCK PIN FAIL 3 message which will not go away.	1. You have entered the unlock code incorrectly into the device three times. As a result, for security reasons, you will not be allowed to operate the device for one hour. (also called Unlock Retry Delay period) If after one hour, you again enter the incorrect unlock code, the device will display a LOCK PIN FAIL 4 message preventing you from operating the device for an additional hour (you have to wait for two hours before you can again attempt to enter the unlock code). This will continue to occur for up to 6 hours if you keep entering the incorrect unlock code.	1. Wait till the device turns off after the Unlock Retry Delay period. Press the Green Circle button to turn on the device. Then enter the correct Unlock Code. Note: The Unlock Retry Delay period is determined by the number of unsuccessful attempts to enter the unlock code.
	The Device displays a LOCK PIN FAIL 3 message briefly before displaying an 7-digit code.	2. You have entered the incorrect PIN three times and your device is locked for security reasons	Unlock your device and reset your Security Device PIN. To unlock the device, refer to the section on Resetting your Security Device PIN in this User Guide.
FRIL P in	When entering a new PIN a second time to confirm, my Security Device displays a FAIL Pin message	The PIN you have entered does not match the previous PIN entry.	Ensure that the PIN you have entered matches the previous entry.

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Message Displayed	SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSES	ACTION REQUIRED
LOCK NEW PIN CONF	The Device window displays multiple incoherent messages one after another (see some sample messages on the left)	The device is no longer working.	Ask your System Administrator to deactivate the device and issue a new device. Ask your System Administrator to contact your local HSBC <i>net</i> Support Helpdesk to record this issue.
FPBBBBB	The Device window displays messages with incomplete characters	The device display is no longer working.	Ask your System Administrator to deactivate the device and issue a new device. Ask your System Administrator to contact your local HSBC <i>net</i> Support Helpdesk to record this issue.
This message appears on HSBCnet "Error(s) occurred. The details you have entered do not match our records. We may suspend access to your service if there are too many unsuccessful attempts to log on. (LOG_0010)"	HSBC <i>net</i> does not recognise the security code entered.	The Security Device may not have been allocated to you.	Check with your System Administrator to ensure the device you are using is allocated to you.
		Security code has timed out. Each generated code is only valid for a few seconds.	2. Turn off and turn on the Security Device and generate a new code. Enter this code immediately into the on-screen field.
		Security Device needs re-synchronising	3. System Administrator must resynchronise the Device. For information on how to resynchronise a Security Device, refer to the System Administration: User Management User Guide.
Not applicable	User Security Device has been lost or cannot be accounted for	User has lost or not returned his/her Security Device.	Deactivate the Security Device, and if necessary, set up the User with a new Security Device. For information on how to deactivate a security device, refer to the System Administration: User Management User Guide.

Password only Guide

About Password only authentication

HSBC*net* customers with Mixed Security profile can set up Users with Password Only authentication option. This will allow such Users to log on to HSBC*net* to enquire on the customer's banking information without using a physical device (Smart Card or Security Device). However, these Users will not be able to access any transaction banking tools which require a Smart Card or Security Device.

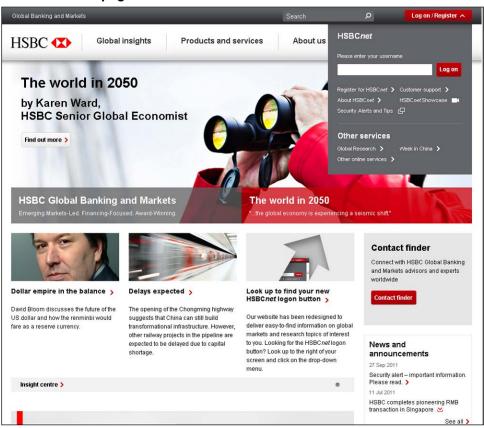
Note: Customers with Security Device profile cannot set up a User with Password Only authentication.

Using Password only to access HSBCnet

To log on to HSBCnet using only your Username and Password, compete the following steps:

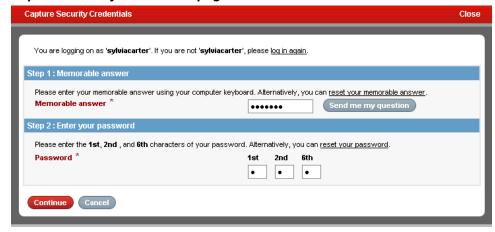
- On the top right corner of the HSBC*net* home page, select **Log on/Register**. A drop-down window appears.
- Enter your username and select Log on.

HSBCnet Home page



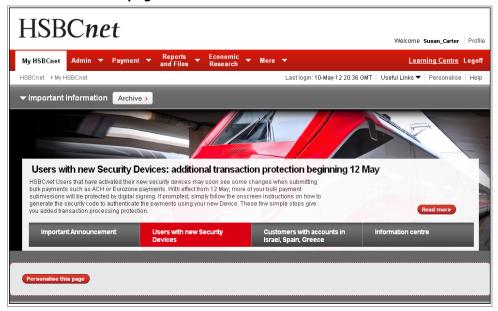
3. On the Capture Security Credentials page, enter your memorable answer. Next, enter the three requested characters of your password. Select **Continue** to proceed.

Capture Security Credentials page



4. If the information you provided is correct, your HSBCnet Personal page appears.

HSBCnet Personal page



Resetting security information

During initial log on, you are required to provide correct security information to authenticate yourself. If your authentication is successful, you are only required to provide your security code to authenticate subsequent log on attempts or allowed to reset your Security Device PIN.

However, if you forget or provide incorrect security information, you are directed to reset your security information. Resetting security information involves two different processes.

- Online Reset (performed by User)
- Offline Reset (performed by System Administrators)

Note: After the initial log on, Security Device Users can update/reset their security information using **Edit My Profile** feature.

Online Reset during Initial Log on

If during log on, you provide incorrect security information such as memorable answer and/or password, you are directed to reset that security information online by answering the security questions selected by you during registration. Such security information reset is immediate and does not require approval by your System Administrator(s). This process of resetting security information is called Online Reset.

To do an Online Reset of your security information during initial log on, complete the following steps.

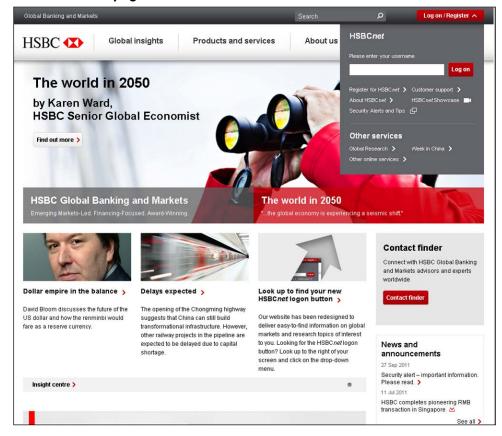
- On the top right corner of the HSBC*net* home page, select **Log on/Register**. A drop-down window appears.
- 2. Enter your username and select Log on.



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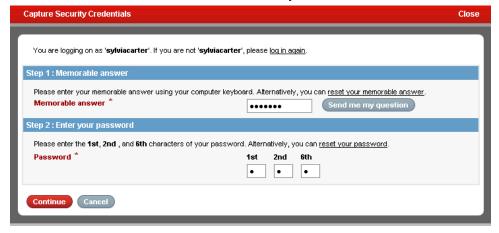
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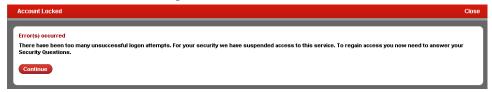
3. On the Capture Security Credentials page, enter your memorable answer. Then enter the three requested characters of your current password. Select **Continue** to proceed.

Online Reset: Enter memorable answer and password



4. If you entered the incorrect security information (memorable answer, password) three times, the following error message appears and you are presented with the Online Reset options.

Online Reset: Error message



5. Answer the first security question correctly. The second security question appears.

Online Reset: First security question



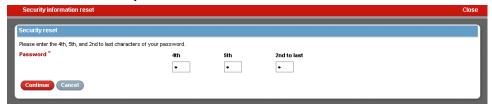
6. Answer the second security question. The memorable answer **OR** the password page (depending on which one you entered incorrectly) appears.

Online Reset: Second security question



7. Enter the three requested characters of your current password.

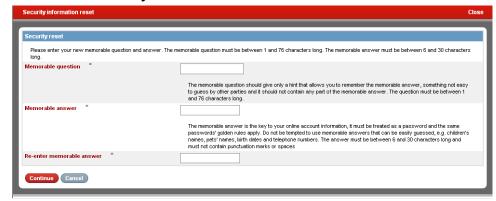
Online Reset: Enter password



- 8. Depending on which security information you entered incorrectly (memorable answer or password), you are required to reset that incorrect information. Accordingly, the memorable answer OR password reset page appears.
 - · Reset your password, OR
 - · Reset your memorable answer



Online Reset: Reset your memorable answer



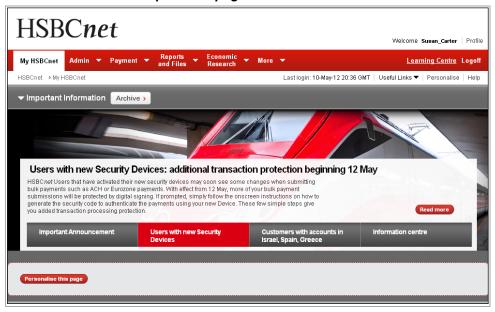
9. An acknowledgment confirms your action.

Online Reset: Successful reset acknowledgment



10. You can log on again with your new security information.

Online Reset: HSBCnet personal page



Offline Reset (OFR) during Initial Log on

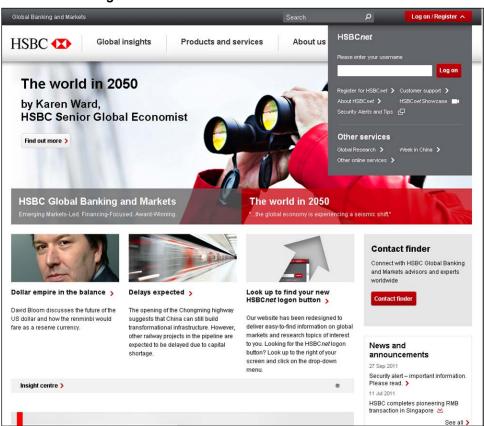
If during initial log on, you provide incorrect security information such as memorable answer and/or password, you are directed to reset that security information online (OLR) by answering the security questions selected by you during registration.

However, if you are unable to provide correct answers to the security questions and memorable answer or password, you are locked out of your HSBC*net* account. Online Reset is not available. You can then submit a Security Information Reset (SIR) form, allowing you to choose new security information. The SIR requires approval by your System Administrator(s). This process of resetting security information is called Offline Reset.

To do an Offline Reset of your security information, complete the following steps. Some steps may differ depending on your unique log on status or when you are resetting your security information from the **Edit My Profile** tool.

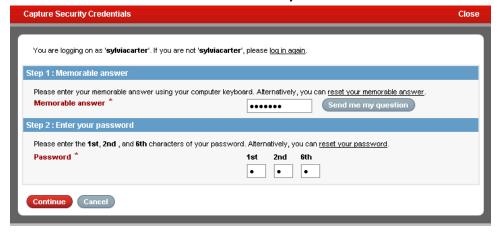
- 1. On the top right corner of the HSBCnet home page, select Log on/Register.
- 2. Enter your username and select Log on.

Offline Reset: Log on



The Capture Security Credentials page appears. Enter your memorable answer. Enter the three requested characters of your password. Select **Continue** to proceed.

Offline Reset: Enter memorable answer and password



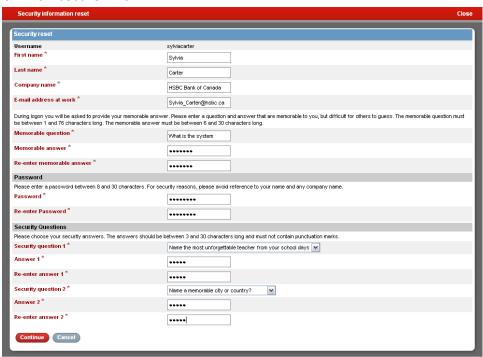
4. If you entered the incorrect security information (memorable answer, password) and also failed the Online Reset process, the following Account Locked error message appears. You are presented with the Offline Security Information Reset (SIR) form requiring you to reset all security information.

Offline Reset: Account Locked error message



5. Complete the SIR form and select Continue. Mandatory information is marked with an asterisk (*).

Offline Reset: SIR form





6. An acknowledgement confirms your submission. Print, sign and submit the page to your System Administrator.

Offline Reset: SIR submission acknowledgement

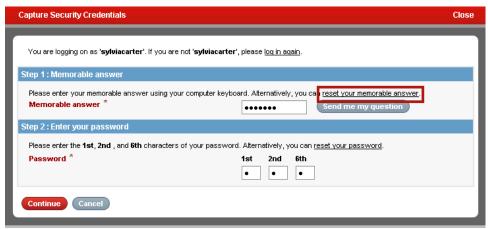


Note: The remaining procedure is completed by your System Administrator.

Resetting your memorable answer

During initial log on, if you do not remember your memorable answer, you can reset it from the Capture Security Credentials page before making any attempts to log on.

Memorable answer: Online Reset



To reset your memorable answer, complete the following steps:

- 1. From the Capture Security Credentials page, select the **reset your memorable answer** link.
- 2. In the pages that follow, answer the first and second security questions and provide the three requested characters of your current password.
- 3. Choose a new memorable question and answer in the next page.
- 4. An acknowledgement confirms the successful reset of your credentials.
- 5. Proceed to your HSBC*net* personal page.



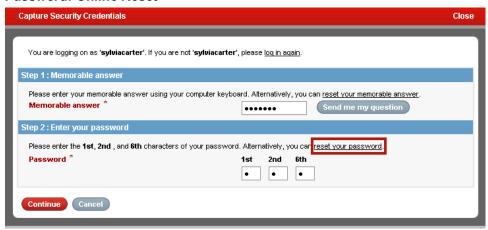
Memorable question and answer must conform to the following character rules:

- Memorable question must be one (1) to seventy-six (76) characters. Alphanumeric (A-Z, 0-9) plus special characters underscore (_), hyphen (-), space (), apostrophe ('), and period (.)
- Memorable answer must be six (6) to thirty (30) characters. Alphanumeric (A-Z, 0-9) plus special characters (@), underscore (_), hyphen (-), space (), apostrophe (') and period (.). It must not be the same as the existing memorable answer

Resetting your password

During initial log on, if you do not remember your password, you can reset it from the Capture Security Credentials page before making any attempts to log on.

Password: Online Reset



To reset your password, complete the following steps:

- 1. From the Capture Security Credentials page, select the reset your password link.
- 2. In the pages that follow, answer the first and second security questions, and provide your memorable answer.
- 3. Choose a new password in the next page.
- 4. An acknowledgement confirms the successful reset of your credentials.
- 5. Proceed to your HSBC*net* personal page. New password chosen must be eight (8) to thirty (30) characters, alpha-numeric (A-Z, 0-9). It must not be the same as the existing password.



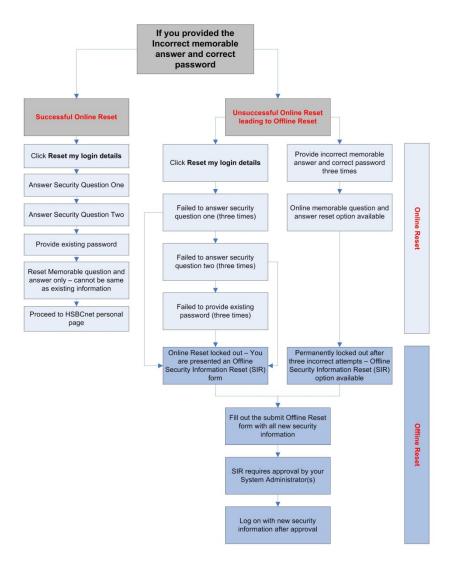
Resetting your security information—Scenarios

During the initial log on process, if an error message appears, you may have entered incorrect security information. Depending on your current log on status, use one of the following scenarios as a guide to reset your security information.

- Incorrect memorable answer and correct password
- · Correct memorable answer and incorrect password

Incorrect memorable answer and correct password

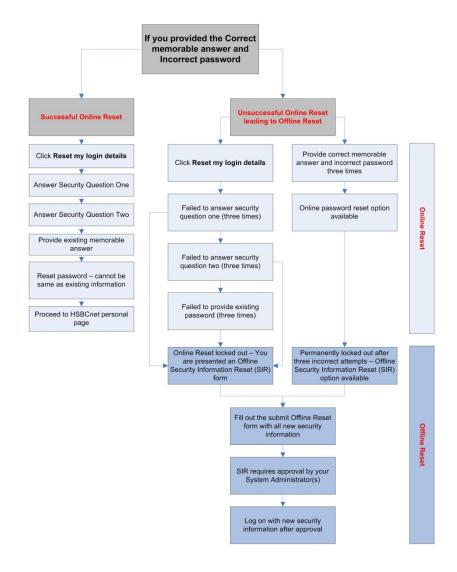
If, during the initial log on process, you provided an incorrect memorable answer but correct password, you could either complete an online or offline security information reset. Refer to the following figure for one of three step-by-step processes to reset your security information.



Note: Offline Reset of your security information is completed by your System Administrator.

Correct memorable answer and incorrect password

If, during the initial log on process, you provided a correct memorable answer but incorrect password, you could either complete an online or offline security information reset. Refer to the following figure for one of three step-by-step processes to reset your security information.



Note: Offline Reset of your security information is completed by your System Administrator.

