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Technical Specifications



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Technical Help

- The files contain the official, allocated codes that are in current usage.
- Not all records have a BIC code or address and not all addresses have a post code or telephone number.
- You can use the 'Date Last Amended' field if you want to reduce the volume of updates to your systems.

Bank Sorting Codes

There are 4 files containing the same data but in different formats:

Fixed length records

- **Delimited (Fixed.dat)** contains fixed length records of 500 characters and each record is terminated with a Carriage Return/Line Feed.
- **Undelimited (Fix500.dat)** contains fixed length records of 500 characters each.

Variable length records

- **Delimited (Varcrlf.dat)** contains variable length records. Each record is terminated with a Carriage Return/Line Feed and each field is delimited by a backslash '\
- **Undelimited (Variable.dat)** contains variable length records. Each record is preceded by a 5 digit record length (including the 5 digits) and each field is delimited by a backslash '\

Record Type 1			
Field No.	Field Description	Data Type	Max Length
1	Record Type	Numeric	2
2	Bank Name	Text	100
3	2 Digit Sort Code	Numeric	2
4	For Use Of	Text	50
5	2 Digit Range Qualifier 1	Text	50
6	For use of - Qualifier 1	Text	50
7	2 Digit Range Qualifier 2	Text	50
8	For use of - Qualifier 2	Text	50
9	2 Digit Range Qualifier 3	Text	50
10	For use of - Qualifier 3	Text	50
11	Spare	Blank	46

Record Type 2 & 3			
Field No.	Field Description	Data Type	Max Length
1	Record Type	Numeric	2
2	Branch or place	Text	30
3	6 Digit Sort Code	Numeric	6
4	Address Line 1	Text	60
5	Address Line 2	Text	60
6	Address Line 3	Text	36
7	Postcode	Text	10
8	Telephone Number	Text	40
9	Special Codes	Text	4 (L or S)
10	Branch Title	Text	120
11	Bank Name	Text	100
12	Town	Text	24
13	Date Last Amended (YYDDD)	Numeric	5
14	Repeat Addr. Ind.	Numeric	1

Record Type Definitions

- **Record Type 1:** Initial digits allocated to settlement members of the Cheque & Credit Clearing Company Ltd and the Scottish and Belfast clearings.
- **Record Type 2:** Main Branch details.
- **Record Type 3:** These records contain details of branches (usually sub-branches) where the 6 digit sort code is already present on a main branch in Record Type 2.

Special Codes

- **L = Linked branch:** Although this sort code remains valid its main branch has a different sort code. The main branch with the same sort code on the file contains the details of the real main branch.
- **S = Sub-branch:** The repeat address indicator is set to 00 for the first occurrence of a combination of bank name, post code and telephone number; subsequent occurrences of the in mailings to prevent contacting the same location twice.

Faster Payments Sorting Codes

- The Faster Payments sorting codes files contain all branches participating in the Faster Payments scheme.

There are 4 files containing the same data but in different formats:

Fixed length records

- **Delimited (FPSFixed.dat)** contains fixed length records of 500 characters and each record is terminated with a Carriage Return/Line Feed.
- **Undelimited (FPSFix500.dat)** contains fixed length records of 500 characters each.

Variable length records

- **Delimited (FPSVarcrlf.dat)** contains variable length records. Each record is terminated with a Carriage Return/Line Feed and each field is delimited by a backslash '\
- **Undelimited (FPSVariable.dat)** contains variable length records. Each record is preceded by a 5 digit record length (including the 5 digits) and each field is delimited by a backslash '\

Record Type 1 Main Branch details			
Field No.	Field Description	Data Type	Max Length
1	Record Type	Numeric	2
2	Branch or place	Text	30
3	BIC Bank Code	Text	8
4	BIC Branch Code	Text	3
5	6 Digit Sort Code	Numeric	6
6	Address Line 1	Text	60
7	Address Line 2	Text	60
8	Address Line 3	Text	36
9	Postcode	Text	10
10	Telephone Number	Text	40
11	Branch Title	Text	120
12	Bank Name	Text	100
13	Town	Text	20
14	Date Last Amended (YYDDD)	Numeric	5

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