

APRP Exam Reference Sources

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Please note that APRPs need to have a complete body of knowledge of payments risk. This is NOT an exhaustive list of recommended materials for exam preparation. APRP candidates are strongly encouraged to use the APRP Blueprint as the frame of reference when studying for the exam.

Printed Reference Materials:

[APRP Handbook](#)

[FFIEC IT Examination Handbook](#)

Please note, there are multiple booklets within the Handbook with which you should be familiar.

- [Audit](#)
- [Business Continuity Management](#)
- [Development and Acquisition](#)
- [E-Banking](#)
- [Information Security](#)
- [Management](#)
- [Architecture, Infrastructure, and Operations](#)
- [Outsourcing Technology Services](#)
- [Retail Payment Systems](#)
- [Supervision of Technology Service Providers](#)
- [Wholesale Payment Systems](#)

[FFIEC Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering Examination Manual](#)

[FFIEC Supplement to Authentication in an Internet Banking Environment](#)

[VISA Rules*](#)

[MasterCard Rules*](#)

[Nacha Operating Rules and Guidelines](#)

[ECCHO Rules](#)

[2017 COSO ERM Integrating with Strategy and Performance](#)

[RMA: Enterprise Risk Management Framework](#)

[OCC Bulletin 2013-29, Third Party Relationships, October 30, 2013, Risk Management Guidance](#)

[PCI DSS Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Real-Time Payments Operating Rules](#)

Regulations and Guidelines:

APRP candidates should have a general understanding of the regulations and guidelines pertaining to payments. Some of them include, but are not limited to:

- [Check Clearing for the 21st Century \(Check 21 Act\)](#)
- [Federal Reserve Bank Operating Circular No. 1](#) – Account Relationships
- [Federal Reserve Bank Operating Circular No. 3](#) – Collection of Cash Items and Returned Checks
- [Federal Reserve Bank Operating Circular No. 4](#) – Automated Clearing House Items
- [Federal Reserve Bank Operating Circular No. 5](#) – Electronic Access
- [Federal Reserve Bank Operating Circular No. 6](#) – Funds Transfers Through FedWire[®] Funds Service
- [Federal Reserve Bank Operating Circular No. 7](#) – Book-Entry Securities Account
- [FDIC Risk Management Manual of Examination Policies](#)
- [GLBA](#)
- [The Green Book](#)
- [OFAC](#)
- [Regulation CC](#)
- [Regulation D](#)

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- [Regulation E](#)
- [Regulation J](#)
- [Regulation Z](#)
- [Uniform Commercial Code Article 3](#) – Negotiable Instruments
- [Uniform Commercial Code Article 4](#) – Bank Deposits and Collections
- [Uniform Commercial Code Article 4a](#) – Funds Transfer
- [Truth in Lending Act](#)
- [USA Patriot Act](#)

*With regard to VISA and MasterCard Network Rules, candidates should be familiar with the concept of private sector rules as they relate to specific products by are NOT expected to be experts of, or deeply entrenched in, the intricacies of the rules themselves. (Note: This does not apply to the Nacha Operating Rules with which candidates should be familiar, particularly as they relate to risk management.)