

APRP Exam Reference Sources (2/1/2026)

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. Links to many of these references are included throughout the APRP Handbook. APRP Candidates are *highly encouraged* to familiarize themselves with the following sources to gain a comprehensive understanding of the material.

Printed Reference Materials

- [APRP Handbook](#)
- [Comptroller's Handbook Payment Systems \(Version 1.0 October 2021\)](#)
- [FedNow Service Operating Procedures](#)
- [FFIEC IT Examination Handbook \(please note, there are multiple booklets within the Handbook with which you should be familiar\):](#)
 - Architecture, Infrastructure and Operations
 - Audit
 - Business Continuity Management
 - Development and Acquisition
 - Information Security
 - Outsourcing Technology Services
 - Retail Payment Systems
 - Supervision of Technology Service Providers
 - Wholesale Payment Systems
- [FFIEC Risk Management of Remote Deposit Capture](#)
- [FFIEC Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering Examination Manual](#)
- [FFIEC Authentication and Access to Financial Institution Services and Systems](#)
- [VISA Rules*](#)
- [MasterCard Rules*](#)
- [Nacha Operating Rules and Guidelines](#)
- [2017 COSO ERM Integrating with Strategy and Performance \(Executive Summary\)](#)
- [OCC Bulletin 2023-17, Third-Party Relationships: Interagency Guidance on Risk Management, June 6, 2023](#)
- [OCC Bulletin 2006-39, Automated Clearing House Activities: Risk Management Guidance](#)
- [PCI DSS Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [Real-Time Payments Operating Rules](#)
- [Office of Thrift Supervision \(OTS\) Interagency Guidance on Response Programs for Unauthorized Access to Customer Information and Customer Notice](#)

Regulations and Guidelines

APRP candidates should have a general understanding of the regulations and guidelines pertaining to payments. Links to these regulations are embedded throughout the Handbook. Some of these include:

- [Check Clearing for the 21st Century \(Check 21 Act\)](#)
- [Code of Federal Regulations \(Title 31 Money and Finance: Treasury\)](#)
- [FDIC Risk Management Manual of Examination Policies](#)
- [Gramm Leach Bliley Act](#)
- [The Green Book](#)
- [USA Patriot Act](#)
- [BSA/AML/OFAC](#)
- [Regulations D, E, J, Z, CC, GG](#)
- [UDAAP](#)
- [OFAC](#)
- [Uniform Commercial Code Articles 3,4 and 4A](#)
- [Federal Reserve Bank Operating Circulars 1-8](#)

*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 but 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).