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1. What is the Automated Clearing House (ACH)?

The ACH is a funds transfer system established by the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ) in 2002 to facilitate the electronic processing of debit and credit payments between participating commercial banks to improve the payments system in Jamaica.

2. Is there a threshold on the amount of funds that can be processed through ACH?

Yes. In April 2011, the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ), as part of its National Payments System Reform, implemented a threshold of $5m on all items presented through the ACH.

However, effective April 1, 2012, the threshold for ACH transactions will be reduced from J$5M to J$3M. Transactions exceeding this threshold (termed large value items) MUST be processed through the JAMCLEAR Real Time Gross Settlement System (RTGS).

3. What is RTGS?

RTGS is a system designed to process large-value and time critical payments and transfers. Settlements of payments are done between commercial banks.

4. Can JNBS process RTGS payments?

No, but transactions may be initiated from JNBS for processing through a commercial bank.

5. How will JNBS facilitate RTGS transactions?

JNBS will facilitate the sending and receiving of RTGS transactions through a JNBS account at Citibank. Transactions of $3m and above will automatically be routed through the RTGS and transactions below will be routed through the ACH. This service is called "Local Fund Transfer".

6. How quickly are "Local Funds Transfer" payments initiated from JNBS?

JNBS submits payment requests to Citibank by 1 pm daily. Cut off time for payment requests to be received by JNBS for same day initiation is 12PM.

7. What information is required to initiate a "Local Fund Transfer" payment?

- Beneficiary's name
- Beneficiary's bank and branch
- Beneficiary 's account number
- Amount of payment

8. What is the fee for initiating Local Funds Transfer payments at JNBS?

- J$200 plus GCT for each transaction of J$3M and above (RTGS)
- J$15 plus GCT for each transaction below J$3M (ACH)

9. What are the benefits of using the Local Funds Transfer System?

- Secure and efficient payments
- Reduction in lost or misplaced cheques
- Reduction in fraud
- More cost effective than using cheque
- Improved reconciliation of your accounts

10. Can request for cheques still be made for payments above the threshold?

Yes, but a charge of J$ 5,000 plus GCT per cheque will be charged

11. Why is there such a high fee for payments above the threshold that are requested by cheque?

This charge was introduced to encourage the use of the RTGS for large value transactions and thus reduce liability, credit and settlement risks.

12. Can cheques over the threshold still be deposited to an account at JNBS?

Yes, at no charge to the member.

13. Will a receipt be provided for Local Funds Transfer payments?

Yes, a receipt will be provided but members should also check their account to ensure receipt of funds

14. Can RTGS payments be received at JNBS?

Yes, at a fee of J$200 plus GCT. The following information must be provided to the sending institution:

- Beneficiary's Name: JNBS
- Beneficiary's Bank: Citibank, NA(Jamaica)
- Beneficiary's Account: 18273055
- Beneficiary's Bank Bic Code: CITIJMKI
- Beneficiary's Branch Address: 63-67 Knutsford Boulevard, Kgn. 5
- Transaction Instructions: FFC A/C XXX Name of A/C Holder (e.g. FFC RSV 1007865 John Brown)

15. Where can I get additional information?

You can send an email requesting additional information to live@jnbs.com.

Contact Member Care at 1-888-991-4065 for further details

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