

Revised Sunset Date for Mass Transit Static Data Authentication Acceptance

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Overview: Visa has revised the sunset date for acceptance of Static Data Authentication contactless payments in the mass transit environment to 18 October 2020. Following the sunset of these rules, Visa will require all new contactless-only transit terminals to support only fast dynamic data authentication.

In the 12 April 2018 edition of the *Visa Business News*, Visa announced an update to mass transit rules to clarify requirements around issuance and acceptance. The sunset date for the use of Static Data Authentication (SDA) for all acquirers and merchants operating in the transit sector, previously scheduled for **15 April 2023**, has been revised as follows.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Sunset of contactless-only transit SDA acceptance **(18 October 2020)**

Effective 18 October 2020, the Visa Rules will reflect the following for acquirers and merchants:

- A transit merchant that deploys a contactless-only acceptance device at the turnstile, fare gate or point of boarding, if configured to always perform offline data authentication (ODA) before allowing a cardholder to access their services, must support Visa contactless dynamic data authentication using fast dynamic data authentication (fDDA).

Acquirers and merchants in the transit sector may optionally sunset SDA acceptance immediately.

Following the sunset date, Visa will require all new contactless-only acceptance readers to only support fDDA. This will enable transit operators to appropriately manage risk for cards presented at a reader.

Client Impact

Acquirers must ensure no further merchant terminals are deployed with acceptance of cards built on the SDA specification beginning **18 October 2020**.

For More Information

Merchants and third party agents should contact their acquirer.

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