

# Purchase Card

Overview information for cardholders,  
coders and authorisers.



# What is a Purchase Card?



- Also known as 'Pcard'
- A bank issued credit card available to employees.
- Used to pay for goods and services on behalf of the University.
- Reduces the need for Accounts Payable office to process petty cash, reimbursements, cash advances and one-off purchases.

# Purchase Card eligibility

- To be eligible for a Purchase Card:
  - Frequent or overseas travel
  - Responsibility for purchasing goods and services on behalf of the University
  - Regular incurrence of small dollar transactions

# Purchase Card application

- Before a Purchase Card can be issued, cardholders and any delegated coders are required to:
  - complete Purchase Card training
  - review relevant policy, procedures and guidelines
  - pass the Purchase Card test
- Application form is on the FSD website.

# Receiving a Purchase Card

- Timeframe for card issue: 5-7 days
- Staff member will have card posted to address given during application process.
- PIN mailer will be sent with card for all cardholders eVerified
- If you are not eVerified you will need to verify your identity at an ANZ bank before it can be used.

# Purchase Card activity



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- Cardholders must take personal responsibility for the security and use of the Purchase Card.
- Expenditure must be business-related and in accordance with the University's policies and procedures.
  - Purchase Card Policy
  - Travel and Travel Related Policy and Procedures
  - Sensitive Expenditure Procedure and Guidelines
  - Procurement Policy and Procedures

# Using a Purchase Card



- Purchase Cards can be used where Visa is accepted.
  - Online purchases included
- All supporting documentation must be kept (invoices, receipts)
- Cash advance facility is possible but needs to be added.
  - Requests should be made to Purchase Card admin team.



# Using a Purchase Card



- Travelling with Purchase Cards
  - Advise Purchase Card admin team with travel dates **before** departure (or else your card will be blocked)
  - Be aware of travel policies and procedures
  - Check available credit limit is sufficient for your travel

# Using a Purchase Card



- Lost or stolen Cards
  - Contact ANZ **immediately**
    - Tel 0800 473 473
- Blocked or declined cards
  - Contact Purchase Card administration team

All after hours help with Purchase Cards: **AskOtago**

# Using a Purchase Card



- Purchase Cards should **not** be used where the University already has a procurement arrangement.
  - Eg. stationery via UniMarket; international air travel via the University's mandatory travel agents.
- Where Purchase Cards have been mistakenly or unavoidably used for personal expenses, this must be repaid to University at earliest opportunity.

# Using a Purchase Card



- Every purchase made by the University is to be made by an approved purchasing method.

The order of preferred purchasing methods is:

- Finance One Electronic Purchase (via UniMarket)  
*(Preferred)*
- Finance One Purchase Order via email/PDF
- **P-Card**
- Approved supplier invoicing *(such as Consolidated Invoice Processing)*
- Petty cash *(Least preferred)*

# Using a Purchase Card



The **misuse** of a purchase card could include, but is not limited to:

- Inappropriate expenditure
- Personal expenditure
- Inappropriate or inadequate supporting documentation
- Inappropriate use of a cash advance facility
- Use of a Purchase Card by someone other than the cardholder
- Failure to provide a correctly authorised monthly statement
- Failure to comply with any other University policy or procedure related to the use of Purchase Cards

# Using a Purchase Card



Misuse of the Purchase Card by the cardholder will lead to:

- Cancellation of the Purchase Card
- A request for immediate reimbursement of the inappropriate expenditure if repayment has not been made per Clause 5 of the Purchase Card Policy
- Possible internal disciplinary action

# Purchase Card coding



- Every month, card activity is reviewed and coded in Finance One to ensure that expenses use the correct funds, and/or any unexpected charges can be checked.
- Coding should be complete and accurate:
  - All details and documentation supplied
  - Correct GST code applied
- Cardholders can dispute charges.

# Purchase Card coding



- Cardholders are responsible for ensuring that the coding is completed, but coding authority can be delegated to a 'coder'.
- Information, guides and related links for 'Purchase Card coding' can be found on the FSD web pages.



# Purchase Card statements



- Provide a monthly summary of card activity and coding that has been recorded in Finance One.
- Statements are sent to cardholders (and their delegated coders) every month.
- Cardholders are responsible for ensuring statements are signed-off and returned every month.

# Purchase Card statements



- Statements are reviewed by cardholders and signed-off as complete and accurate (or any amendments noted) by the cardholder and their authoriser.
- Supporting documentation (invoices, receipts etc) are attached.
- Returned by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

# Purchase Card statements



- Purchase Card statements can be reprinted by the cardholder or coder.
- Information, guides and related links for 'Purchase Card statements' can be found on the FSD web pages.

# Recap

- Only use Purchase Cards for business related purchases.
- Keep all receipts and invoices.
- Complete monthly coding completely and accurately.
- Return signed-off monthly statements by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- If going overseas, let the Purchase Card admin team know before departure.
- If card is lost/stolen, let ANZ know **immediately**.

# Purchase Card questions and support

- AskOtago
  - Online knowledgebase: [ask.otago.ac.nz](https://ask.otago.ac.nz)
  - Email: [university@otago.ac.nz](mailto:university@otago.ac.nz)
  - Phone: +64 3 479 7000 or 0800 80 80 98
- Purchase Card Administrator
  - Accounts Payables Office, Operational Finance
  - Email: [pcard.admin@Otago.ac.nz](mailto:pcard.admin@Otago.ac.nz)
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