

# Payments and Cash Management Solutions for the United States of America



<b>Population:</b>	271 million
<b>Currency:</b>	US dollar (USD)
<b>Capital:</b>	Washington DC
<b>Business Centres:</b>	New York, Chicago, Los Angeles
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Time Zone:</b>	GMT – 5/8 hours depending on time zone
<b>Central Bank:</b>	Federal Reserve Bank

## Presence

HSBC Bank USA is a full service financial institution founded in Buffalo, New York in 1850. HSBC has a significant branch presence in New York State with over 450 branches and additional branches in California, Pennsylvania and Florida. HSBC Bank USA is the 10th largest bank in the United States with an asset base in excess of \$85 billion and over \$54 billion in deposits. We provide a full range of banking services to the individual consumer, small and medium size businesses and the large Corporate market. Within the large corporate market HSBC Bank USA provides services such as: Corporate Lending, Investment Banking Services, Foreign Exchange, Trade Services and Global Cash Management.

## Clearing Mechanisms

The United States is a large market, very fragmented, and no one bank has a nationwide branch network system.

<b>Clearing system</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Cheque Clearing Mechanism</b>	Cheques are still widely used and sophisticated Cheque handling and informational systems are in use. Cheque settlement occurs via the Federal Reserve Bank, Regional Clearing House Associations and Direct Send Networks. Clearing times are between one and three days depending on location.
<b>Fedwire and CHIPS</b>	Fedwire (RTGS) operates on a national basis. CHIPS (Clearing House for International Payment System) is predominantly used for wholesale cross-border transactions. HSBC Bank USA is a top five CHIPS processor in the USA by volume.
<b>Automated Clearing House (ACH)</b>	ACH clearing is available nationally for next day settlement.

## Account Services

Account Type	Local Current	Local Savings	Foreign Current	Foreign Savings
Resident	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes*
Non-resident	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes*
Credit Interest	No	Yes	No	Yes*

\*Canadian dollars only

## Cash Management Products and Services at a Glance

Investment Products	Transaction Management		Liquidity Management
	Payments	Collections	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USD/CAD Statement Savings Accounts</li> <li>• Time Deposits (on or off shore)</li> <li>• CD's</li> <li>• Brokerage Services</li> <li>• Asset Management</li> <li>• Treasury Products</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic payments (Fedwire and CHIPS)</li> <li>• Controlled Disbursement</li> <li>• Positive Pay</li> <li>• ACH</li> <li>• Corporate Cards</li> <li>• Drafts / Cashier's Orders</li> <li>• Financial EDI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACH</li> <li>• Cash collection</li> <li>• Electronic batch collection</li> <li>• USD Cash Letter</li> <li>• Wholesale and Retail Lockbox</li> <li>• EDI Receive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sweeping / Cash Concentration</li> <li>• Netting</li> <li>• Automated overnight dollar offshore deposits</li> </ul>

## Legal and Regulatory Considerations

- There are no exchange controls or foreign investment restrictions in the US, however, withholding and other corporate taxes will be levied against non-resident earnings.
- The US has very complex tax and banking codes.
- Although cash concentration is permitted, US regulations do not allow notional pooling or the payment of credit interest on commercial current account deposits.
- Earnings Credit is a common method used to offset service fees.

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