# <u>e-Cheque service</u> <u>E-Brochure</u>

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e-Cheque · The smart new way to pay!

Launched in December 2015, e-Cheque enables bank customers to embrace an entirely paperless payment experience.

#### **Coverage of e-Cheque**

- **10 banks** in Hong Kong offer e-Cheque **issuance** service
- All banks in Hong Kong accept e-Cheque deposit
- Around **50 banks** in Guangdong province (including Shenzhen) accept e-Cheque deposit
- e-Cheque can be used to pay the Government bills<sup>(1)</sup>, settle commercial payments, cross-boundary payments and cross-bank transfers, etc
- <sup>(1)</sup> Please refer to the website below: www.payecheque.gov.hk

|           | Physical Cheque    | e-Cheque                              |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Format    | Paper              | PDF file format                       |
| Signature | Hand-written       | Digital Signature                     |
| Delivery  | By post or by hand | Electronic channel                    |
| Deposit   | Bank branch        | Internet banking or e-Cheque Drop Box |

### Comparison between e-Cheque and physical cheque

## Benefits of e-Cheque

| Secure         | Eliminate the risk of forging and tampering                    |
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| Save time      | Online delivery reduces the risk of delivery failure or delays |
| Save cost      | Reduce cost in making domestic or cross-boundary payments      |
| Easy to manage | Facilitate reconciliation through online enquiry               |

## Value-added services of e-Cheque<sup>(2)</sup>

- Issuance of post-dated e-Cheques
- Issuance and deposit of e-Cheques in bulk
- Extended cut-off time for same day clearing
- Consolidated services for e-Cheque issuance and email delivery
- <sup>(2)</sup> Subject to the service level of individual banks

## How to use e-Cheque

(1) Issuance

#### Issuance of e-Cheques through internet banking

- 1. One-off registration and subscription of digital certificate
- 2. Issue e-Cheques over the internet banking
- 3. Send e-Cheques to payees through email or other online channels

#### (2) Deposit

### Deposit of e-Cheques through internet banking / mobile banking platform<sup>(3)</sup>

<sup>(3)</sup> Only applicable to some Hong Kong banks, please contact banks for more details

OR

## Deposit of e-Cheques through portal

- 1. One-off registration
- 2. Activate bank accounts per instruction (applicable to Guangdong province only )
- 3. Select the receiving bank account and upload e-Cheque(s)

<u>Deposit with banks in Hong Kong:</u> Desktop version: <u>www.echeque.hkicl.com.hk</u> Mobile app: e-Cheque Drop Box

<u>Deposit with banks in Guangdong province:</u> Desktop version:<u>https://echeque.gzebsc.cn</u> Mobile version: Download from the above website

<u>Deposit with banks in Shenzhen:</u> Desktop version: <u>https://cust.szfesc.cn</u>

## List of participating banks

e-Cheque issuing banks in Hong Kong https://www.hkicl.com.hk/clientbrowse.do?docID=9801&lang=en

\* All banks in Hong Kong accept e-Cheques

e-Cheque receiving banks in Guangdong province https://echeque.gzebsc.cn/currencySysBankId/pc/noIntercept/toPaticipatingBank

e-Cheque receiving banks in Shenzhen https://cust.szfesc.cn/cis/CisBaseIntroInfoAction/querySzfsBankList.do

## Smart tips

- Obtain payee's consent before issuing e-Cheque
- Download e-Cheque file in its original PDF format rather than image format
- Deposit e-Cheque within 6 months of cheque date
- Don't print out e-Cheque for deposit at bank branch
- Don't deposit an e-Cheque more than once

For further information, please contact your bank or browse the publicity materials on the HKMA website (www.hkma.gov.hk)

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