**What is PCI DSS?**

**Tell Me**

1. The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) are a set of comprehensive requirements for enhancing payment account data security.
2. They are intended to help organizations proactively protect customer account data.
3. The Standards were developed by the founding payment brands of the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), including American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc. International, to help facilitate the broad adoption of consistent data security measures on a global basis.
4. The Standard is multifaceted and focuses on the following goals:
   a. Build and maintain a secure network
   b. Protect cardholder data
   c. Maintain a vulnerability management program
   d. Implement strong access control measures
   e. Regularly monitor and test networks
   f. Maintain an information security policy
5. More information along with the specific standards and requirements may be found at the [PCI Security Standards Council](https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org).

**Related FAQs**

- What approval is required to allow a department to accept credit cards?
- How do I begin the process to start accepting credit cards?
- How do I know which eCommerce access to request for a new user?
- May I still submit the scanned or hard copy of the “EC-AR - Access Request to Reporting Systems?”
- How long does it take for the access request to be granted?