What payment method do I use if I can't issue a PO?

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For payments that cannot be processed by issuing a Purchase Order (PO) in 49er Mart, an Employee & Student Direct Pay Request (ESDPR) Form or an Electronic Check Request (eCR) form in 49er Mart can be used.

1. **Use an eCR form:**
   a. For payments to external vendors (not to employees or students).

   **Note**
   eCRs may not be used:
   - To avoid adherence to the University's procurement policies or other purchasing guidelines.
   - To order products or services that can otherwise be ordered through normal 49er Mart purchase order processing.
   - For payments that can otherwise be made with a p-card (e.g., registrations, subscriptions, advertisements, and membership dues).

2. **Use an ESDPR form:**
   a. For non-payroll payments to employees and students, which mainly encompass reimbursements for expenses incurred by employees/students for university business purposes and which are not travel related.

   ![This information is also referenced in the Purchasing Policy.](image)

   b. Payments that should not be processed using the ESDPR form are listed on the form description page.

3. **Use a p-card:**
   a. For purchases of small-dollar items, memberships, etc.

   ![Refer to the Purchasing Card Reference Guide (PCRG) for more details.](image)

Related FAQs

- Should I record an offset to an expense account when I receive money back?
- How do I reconcile my last paycheck of the year to my Form W-2?
- How do I return items in 49er Mart?
- How do I retrieve a Purchase Order that has “disappeared” from “My Orders” in 49er Mart?
- Can I purchase a CATS light rail ticket for visitors?