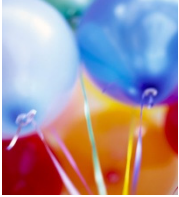


# Accredited ACH Professional (AAP)

## National AAP Recognition Day

*Nationwide Celebration will be Held on February 9, 2010*



NACHA – *The Electronic Payments Association*, in conjunction with the Regional Payments Associations, sponsors the National Accredited ACH Professional (AAP) Recognition Day. National AAP Recognition Day acknowledges and celebrates more than 3,550 AAPs nationwide.

AAP Recognition Day began at the local level in 2006 when EPCOR (formerly MPX) along with three Regional Payments Associations instituted the second Tuesday in February as a day to acknowledge individuals from member organizations who had earned the AAP credential. In 2009 NACHA partnered with EPCOR and the 17 Regional Payments Associations to launch the initiative nationwide.

The AAP designation was created in 1993 to recognize professionals for their understanding and knowledge of the ACH Network and the payments industry. There are over 500 EPCOR members that have successfully achieved this accreditation.

Having an AAP on staff reinforces that your organization is continually at the forefront of current changes and updates to the *ACH Rules* as well as current Federal and state payments regulations. This credential sets your organization and staff above all others.

EPCOR will honor members with the AAP designation with a gift and letter of acknowledgement, and we encourage you to join us in recognizing these individuals on Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

## AAP Background

With the expansion of the ACH Network to accommodate new payments solutions, you may have realized the importance of having at least one individual on your staff who is an Accredited ACH Professional (AAP). The AAP credential communicates the experience and knowledge an accredited individual possesses regarding the ACH payments industry. The credentialed individual will help provide the expertise needed to plan payments strategies and manage payment services, an essential role in your day-to-day operating efficiency.



The AAP exam is offered once a year and is administered at convenient locations within the EPCOR territory. Once you have passed the exam, accreditation is valid for five years. Continuing education credits are required to retain your accreditation or you may retake the test every five years.

Put your best foot forward when preparing for the AAP exam. EPCOR supports AAPs and potential candidates by offering a year-round selection of training opportunities for achieving and maintaining AAP status. AAP continuing education credits can be earned by attending EPCOR educational offerings and by participating in NACHA's Rules Work Groups.