

Contactless Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are contactless payments?

Contactless payments let you pay for purchases conveniently. It's like having exact change wherever you go. A simple tap of your card is all it takes to pay at checkout.

How do I pay with contactless Card?

Simply follow these steps:

Step 1: Check. Look for the contactless symbol 

Step 2: Tap. Inform the cashier that you will tap to pay with your contactless card and tap it over the terminal. Purchases worth up to EGP 600 can be completed without inserting the PIN, but anything above EGP 600 requires your PIN code with the tap.

Step 3: Pay. You are all ready to go once a visual on the screen or an audio signal indicates that the transaction has been approved.

If you don't see the symbol, your contactless-enabled card can still be used by inserting your chip into the POS at checkout.

Why should I use contactless?

- Faster checkouts and no need to enter a PIN (for transaction below EGP 600) or insert the card into the terminal. Contactless transactions take as little as 3 seconds to complete.
- Lessens your need to have change everywhere you go, so you will not have to worry about carrying money or looking for coins to pay the exact amount.
- Quick contactless transactions help you avoid long queues when taking care of payments.
- Ideal at places where speed is essential, like fast food restaurants, coffee shops, gas stations, and more.

Are contactless transactions secure?

Yes. Every transaction and cardholder personal information is protected by these security measures:

- Instant SMS sent to the cardholder with each transaction.
- Built-in encryption technology. The data from each contactless transaction is used to generate a unique code that can be only used once, to protect each and every transaction and the cardholder's personal information.
- No accidental payments. Contactless cards must be a maximum of 4 cm away from the terminal to work. If more than 1 card is within 4 cm of the POS, the transaction will be rejected, and the POS will ask you to tap again.
- All under control. Your contactless card never leaves your hands when making a payment.

What is the transaction limit for contactless payments?

For contactless transactions in Egypt:

- Contactless transactions under EGP 600 will not require to enter a PIN.
- Contactless transactions above EGP 600 will require a PIN code.
- The customer can make a maximum of 10 contactless transactions without their PIN per day.

For international contactless transactions:

- The limit may differ from country to country, based on the country's limit.
- The customer can make a maximum of 10 contactless transactions without their PIN per day.

Could I unknowingly make a purchase if I walk past the reader?

No. The terminal has to be activated by the merchant and the cashier must enter the payment amount to activate the contactless terminal. Then, the contactless card has to be held within 4 cm of the contactless terminal.

Is there any chance that payments may be taken twice from my account?

Contactless terminals are designed to only make one transaction per card at a time. All contactless terminals are tested and certified to confirm that a card is only read once before the transaction is concluded. As a safeguard, each transaction must be either completed or voided before another one can take place.

How will purchases appear on my monthly statement?

Purchases made with contactless will be displayed on your statement just like any other purchase you make with a card. It will not indicate if the transaction is contactless.

What if my transaction was denied?

You must follow the same steps shown for regular denied transactions.

Do the same dispute and refund rules apply for contactless transactions?

Yes. The exact same refund and dispute rules that apply for Chip and PIN transactions apply for contactless transactions.

What if my card doesn't have a contactless symbol ?

You can easily call our call center and ask for a free card replacement.