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Cash Advisory Council and U.S. Coin Task Force:

The following communication has just been distributed to all Federal Reserve Cash Services customers via email and through the FedCash Services via the FedLine Web access solution (FedLine Home):

FedCash® Services – Effective May 3, 2021: Temporary coin order allocation in all Reserve Bank offices and Federal Reserve coin distribution locations

The Federal Reserve continues efforts to manage the distribution of the Federal Reserve's coin inventory and new coin produced by the U.S. Mint in a fair and equitable manner. Our focus is on ensuring that businesses and consumers continue to have ready access to U.S. coin during the COVID-19 pandemic. **To meet increased demand for coin fairly and equitably across all depository institution (DI) customers, the Federal Reserve Banks will begin to allocate coin in DI orders for dimes and quarters, beginning with orders placed on Friday, April 30, 2021 for pick-up on Monday, May 3, 2021.**

Why we are allocating coin again

After a relatively stable first quarter of 2021, coin orders from DIs began to increase in March, with the most dramatic increase seen in the first two weeks of April. In addition, coin deposits to the Reserve Banks have been on a slow decline since January. What initially appeared to be the normal seasonal increase in coin orders typical in the Spring has developed into a sustained trend that significantly exceeds typical seasonal patterns. The U.S. Mint continues to produce new coins at increased production levels; however, increased demand from DIs is outpacing U.S. Mint production and resupply available from low rates of deposits, resulting in the Federal Reserve's coin inventory being reduced to below normal levels.

How coin allocation works

- The coin allocation methodology is based on three factors: 1) recent order volume by coin denomination and DI endpoint; 2) current U.S. Mint coin production levels; and 3) deposit levels.
- All endpoints are placed into Small, Medium, Large, Extra-large, and Extra-extra-large endpoint groups. These endpoint assignments remain the same as they were at the end of 2020, and the Reserve Banks will continue to honor the adjusted assignments from 2020.
 - For endpoints that were not assigned groupings in 2020 because they are new endpoints or did not order a particular denomination, we will use the latest available order data set to identify the appropriate endpoint assignment for each denomination.
- Coin order limits are unique by coin denomination and are based on available inventory.
- At this time, order limits are applied to dimes and quarters only. While no order limits are placed on pennies and nickels, we are paying close attention to our inventories and to order and deposit activity for these denominations.
- Refer to this [guide](#) on how to locate your endpoints' limits in the FedLine Cash application. The CPO will send each CAC member institution a spreadsheet with their endpoint-level limits.

The following table shows coin allocation amounts. **These limits will start being applied to orders placed on Friday, April 30, 2021 for pick-up on Monday, May 3, 2021.**

Weekly coin allocation limits effective May 3:

Group	Penny	Nickel	Dime	Quarter
	5/3/21	5/3/21	5/3/21	5/3/21
Small	No limits	No limits	\$4,000	\$6,000
Medium	No limits	No limits	\$10,000	\$15,000
Large	No limits	No limits	\$25,000	\$55,000
X-Large	No limits	No limits	\$35,000	\$100,000
XX-Large	No limits	No limits	\$100,000	\$275,000

Please note that these limits establish the maximum allocation for your orders per week. However, if our coin inventory is depleted or low, we may be delayed in filling your order entirely, or we may fill your order with less coin than the limits referenced above.

What depository institutions can do to improve the situation

We ask all DIs to order only what they need to meet near-term demand and to deposit any excess coin to the Federal Reserve. In addition, we strongly encourage you to assess your inventories and deposit excess coin to the Federal Reserve as soon as possible or offer excess to exchange or sell to other DIs.

We appreciate all of our customers and supply chain partners doing their part to #getcoinmoving.

Background on coin allocation

The Federal Reserve’s coin allocation program began on [June 15, 2020](#). Industry efforts to improve coin circulation helped to [get coin moving](#), allowing the Federal Reserve to increase coin allocation levels seven times following June 2020 (July 20, August 10, August 31, September 14, October 19, November 16, and December 7) and to ultimately suspend allocations for all coin denominations in January 2021.

The Federal Reserve’s priority remains to distribute as much coin as fairly and equitably as possible into the economy while maintaining a working inventory for as long as this coin circulation situation persists. We are committed to reviewing coin allocation levels frequently or when inventory levels warrant a change. We will continue to monitor U.S. Mint production, coin deposits and orders, and Federal Reserve inventories in our review and adjust allocation limits based on DI deposits and the U.S. Mint’s ability to produce new coin.

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