

5-2. Account Establishment

a. GPCs are issued only as mission requirements dictate. Only DoD civilian employees or members of the Armed Forces may be issued a GPC or be appointed a BO. GPCs may not be issued to contractor personnel, except as provided in paragraph 1-5d. Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructors, Outside Continental United States (OCONUS) local national employees of the Army, and host Government direct hires for OCONUS agencies/organizations whose salaries are reimbursed by the Army or DoD tenant organizations, are not considered DoD contractors, and may be designated as CHs and BOs. Traditional National Guard members and State employees are prohibited from being appointed as a CH, BO or A/OPC. The following types of purchases require a separate card account delegated solely for that purpose:

- 1) Contract Payments
- 2) Official Representation Funds (ORF)
- 3) Ammunition
- 4) Gift Fund (for donated or proffered monies)

b. **Card Account Limits.** Each card account has a single purchase limit and a cycle or monthly limit. In most cases, the single purchase limit is the micro-purchase threshold. The cycle limit is determined by the anticipated spending needs of the cardholder.

c. **Managing Account Limits.** Each managing account has a cycle limit and a credit limit. The cycle limit is the sum of the monthly limits of all cardholders under the managing account. The credit limit is three times the managing account's cycle limit.

d. **Establishing Credit Limits.** The requiring activity establishes the credit limit, based on the organization and the user's anticipated spending needs. The limits should be set at a level commensurate with historical spending, anticipated requirements, and available funding. Limits should not be based on unlikely contingencies. The A/OPC approves requested limits and inputs the single purchase limit when creating the card account. The A/OPC then communicates the credit limits to the RM, who inputs the CH's credit limit and the BO's cycle and credit limit. RMs also establish the default and alternate lines of accounting for the proper designation of appropriation.

e. **Updating Credit Limits.** The single purchase, cycle, and credit limits can be changed as necessary to meet operational needs. The A/OPC inputs changes to the single purchase limit. The RM inputs cycle and credit limit changes. RMs must notify the Level 4 A/OPC of any cycle or credit limit changes to a BO or CH account.

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