New Billing and Payment Center by Touchnet Introduction Tutorial

Dear Student/Parent

We are happy to announce a new partnership between Appalachian State University and Touchnet Information Systems, Inc. Touchnet is a leading software provider in student billing, payments, and payment plans for higher education institutions. Starting **February 25th**, we will be gradually transitioning our billing and payment portal to the new Billing and Payment Center by Touchnet. Based on student and parent feedback in the past, we determined that our prior portal created many questions regarding how to make payments and view charges. We think that you will find the new Billing and Payment Center by Touchnet more user friendly.

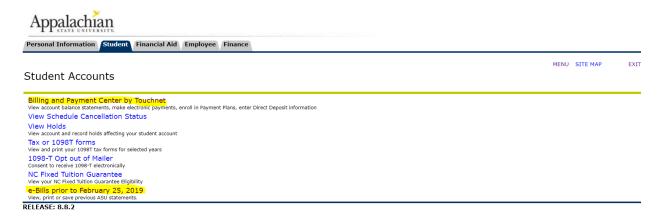
SECTION A: Getting Started

1. Student Log In

a. Students will log in to the new Billing and Payments Center by Touchnet in a similar manner as you have in the past. You log in to the Appalnet Student Portal via appalnet.appstate.edu. You will select the Student Tab as seen below.



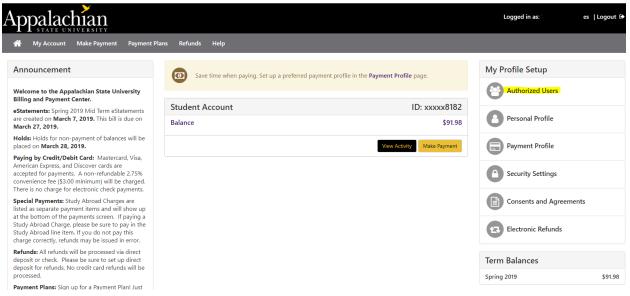
b. To view account activity, invoices, pay invoices, set up payment plans, or set up direct deposit select the first option "Billing and Payment Center by Touchnet" as seen below. Invoices prior to our new Billing and Payment Center can be found at the bottom of the Student Accounts Menu "e-Bills prior to February 25, 2019".



c. Once you select "Billing and Payment Center by Touchnet" you will be redirected to the Billing and Payment Center by Touchnet. You may have to re-enter your login credentials after selecting "Billing and Payment Center by Touchnet". You should then be presented with your Billing and Payment Center Portal Home Page. We will go into more detail regarding each of the items on this page through the tutorial.

2. Adding Authorized User Access to The New Billing and Payment Center

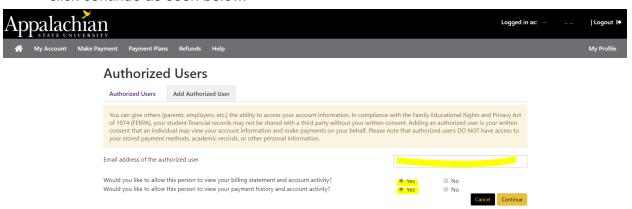
a. In the prior payment portal that we have now disabled, when a parent gained access to the ASU Parent Portal, they gained access to everything that the student allowed access to in one place. Due to the problematic and confusing nature of our prior portal, we pursued a more industry standard portal, but by doing so lost the ability to have one single login for authorized users. Parents and authorized users must be authorized separately inside The new Billing and Payment Center by Touchnet. To provide this authorization, students must log in to the new Billing and Payment Center by Touchnet and select the "Authorized Users" section under My Profile Setup as seen below.



b. Select "Add Authorized User"



c. Read the consent. Enter the email address of the authorized user (Note: This will become the authorized user's login name. Answer the two remaining questions and click continue as seen below.



d. The authorized user will receive 2 emails from cashiers@appstate.edu. One is a welcome email and the second contains a temporary password that looks like the email below.

From: cashiers@appstate.edu

Date: February 25, 2019 at 4:08:16 PM EST

To:

Subject: Your access information



Hello and welcome!

The student listed below has granted you online access to his or her billing information.

You can now make, schedule, and automate payments on behalf of this student.

Please log in using the password shown below. For security, the other login information for this account is sent in a separate message.

Access Information

Student Name: Temporary Password:

Office of Student Accounts Appalachian State University John Thomas Hall, Room #215 287 Rivers Street ASU BOX 32005 Boone NC 28608

Phone: 828-262-2113 Fax: 828-262-2936

mailto:studentaccounts@appstate.edu https://studentaccounts.appstate.edu



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3. Authorized User Login

The authorized user can then log in via the <u>Billing and Payment Center Login for Authorized Users</u> as seen below. The authorized user would then login with their email address and temporary password from the access information email. After entering, the authorized user will be prompted to change the password. (Note: authorized users with multiple students can use the same email address for all authorizations. The authorized user will be prompted to select which student to view and/or pay.

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Login for Authorized Users

Login below for authorized users only who have been granted access by the student. This password is a unique Bill and Payment Center Password and is not your Parent PIN number used for Appalnet Parent Portal.

Forgot Password	Login
Password:	
Email:	

If your account is locked, please wait 10 minutes and attempt again.

Welcome to the Appalachian State University Billing and Payment Center.

The Billing and Payment Center may be used to view bills, make credit card or electronic check payments, set up authorized users, and suppy bank information for direct deposit of refunds.

Authorized Users: Parents or other third parties must be set up as authorized users to view the student's statement, make electronic payment, or set up payment plans. Authorized users will receive an email with a temporary password after they have been set up by the student.

Students: Students should log in to the Student Appalnet and select the "Student" tab, "Student Accounts", and then the "Billing and Payment Center" link to access their account.

Paying by Credit/Debit Card: Mastercard, Visa, American Express, and Discover cards are accepted for payments. A non-refundable 2.75% convenience fee (\$3.00 minimum) will be charged. Convenience Fees will not be refunded as this is a third party charge. No Exceptions. There is no charge for electronic check payments.

Refunds: ALL refunds will be processed via direct deposit or check to the student except in certain circumstances with Parent Plus refunds. No credit card refunds will be processed. Please refer to the Parent Plus Refund Policy on the Student Accounts website for more information.

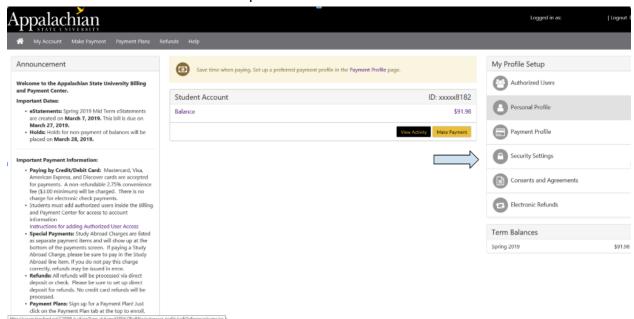
Questions related to viewing or paying a bill should be directed to **studentaccounts@appstate.edu** (Please include Student Banner ID number and Parent PIN number with all emails)

Questions related to Financial Aid awards should be sent to ${\bf financialaid@appstate.edu}$

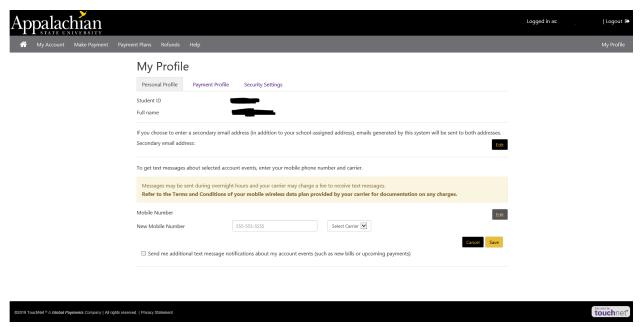
4. Setting up Text Messaging and Security Settings.

The Billing and Payment Center enables Appalachian State to utilize text messaging for several functions. One of those functions is for something called Two-Step Verification. Two step verification essentially allows a second form of authentication other than your username and password when you sign in. Many business, specifically financial organizations use this type of verification. When specific functions are requested inside the Billing and Payment Center such as changing direct deposit accounts, changing saved payment methods, and other functions Two-Step Authentication is required. Follow the instructions below to complete Two-Step Verification Enrollment.

- a. Sign in to the Billing and Payment Center.
- b. Click on the "Security Settings" under My Profile Setup located on the ride side of the portal as seen below.



c. The next screen will show "My Profile". Click on the tab that says "Personal Profile", enter Mobile Number and select a carrier. If your carrier is not available, please email studentaccounts@appstate.edu with the name of the carrier and their contact information and we will work to add them. We also highly recommend checking the box at the bottom that says "Send me additional text message notifications about my account events (such as new bills or upcoming payments". Then select "save" as seen below.



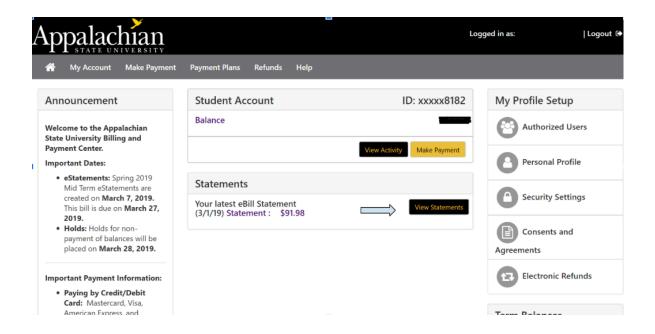
d. After saving, click on the third tab called "Security Settings". Add the cell phone as the primary method by selecting "Setup Method" if it does not already appear under Primary Method. Add a Backup Method. We recommend not using your @appstate email address if possible.

5. Viewing your Statement

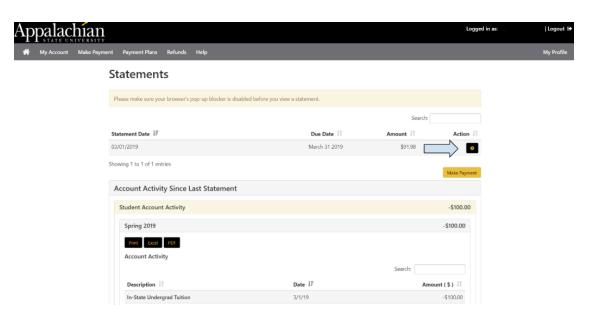
All Statements issues prior to March 1, 2019 are located in the ASU Parent Portal.

a. To view your statement

To view your statement from the Billing and Payment Center home screen. Click on the "View Statements" Button in the middle of the screen or click "My Account" beside the "Home" Button and select "statements" seem below.



On the next page you will see an image like the one below. Disable your pop-up blocker. At the bottom of the page you can see the activity since the last statement. To view your statement click the black and gold button under "Action" and then click "View Statement". Your statement should pop-up.



SECTION B: PAYMENTS

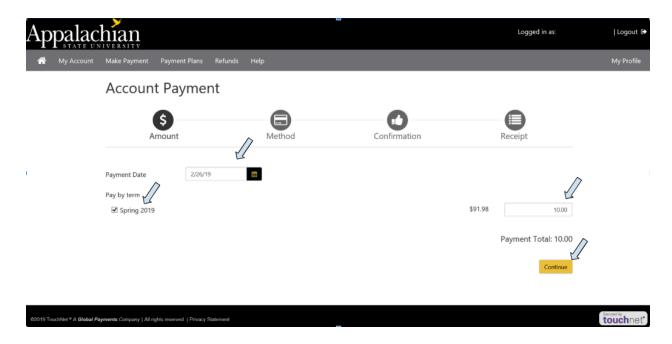
1. Payment Methods

Payments may be made in two different methods - electronic check, or debit/credit card. It is important to know that you may only pay in a term that has a charge balance. **No overpayments can be processed inside the Billing and Payment Portal.**

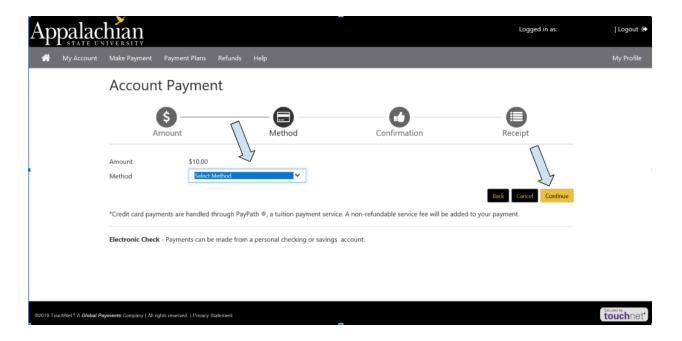
a. Electronic Checks

To pay via electronic check, log in to the Billing and Payment Center.

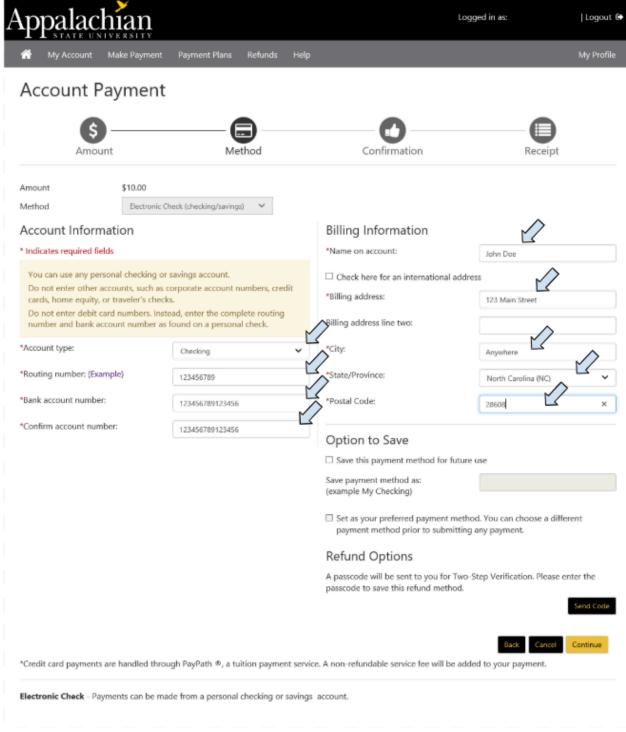
- 1. Log in to the Billing and Payment Center,
- 2. Click on either of the to "Make Payment Buttons" as seen below
- 3. Enter the date, select the term(s) you wish to pay balances, and enter the amount you wish to pay per term and enter it in the box to the right of the balance in the appropriate term(s) as seen below.



4. Select your payment method. Note: You can save this payment method when you complete this transaction for electronic checks. Currently Debit/Credit Card information cannot be saved. Select "electronic check (checking/savings) and click continue as seen below.



5. Enter your Account type: (Checking or Savings). Please note you may not use other types of accounts such as corporate accounts, credit cards, home equity accounts, or traveler's checks. Also do not enter debit card numbers. Instead, enter the routing number as found on a personal check. If you do not have a personal check, please contact your bank. You may save your payment option and/or make it your preferred payment method. Another section will detail this process as additional security features must be used for this. You may save this payment method if desired by selecting the appropriate option under "Options to Save" at the bottom of this page. Changing payment methods may require Two-Step verification.

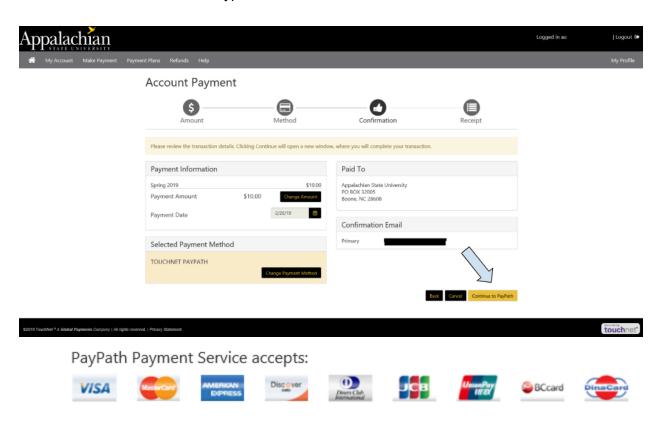


6. You will either receive a confirmation or an account validation failed message after submitting. If you received the account validation failed message confirm your routing number is correct. If you receive a confirmation message, print your receipt if desired. An emailed receipt will also be sent. It normally takes 1-3 business days for the check to clear your bank account.

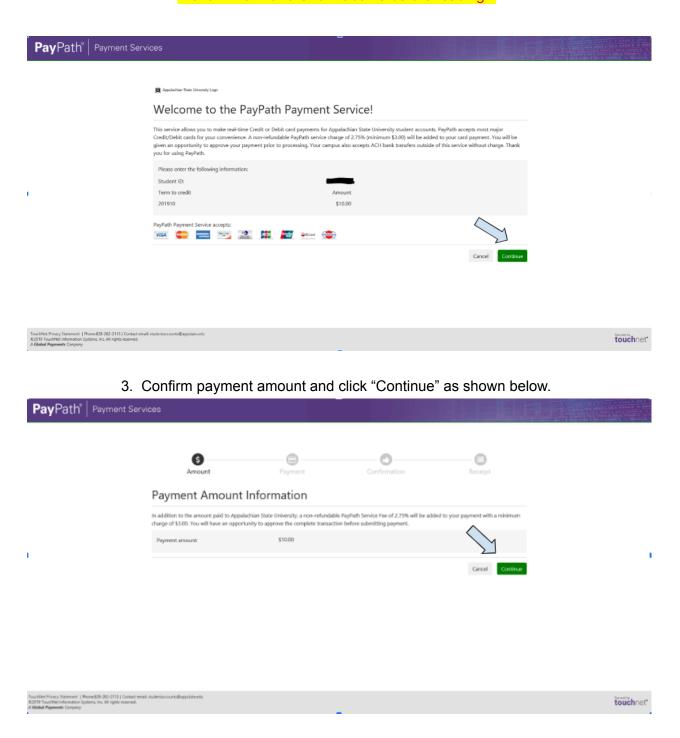
b. Debit/Credit Card Payments via Paypath®, a tuition payment service.

All Debit/Credit card payments made online are assessed a convenience fee, currently 2.75% (\$3.00 minimum). Convenience fee rates are subject to change at any time.

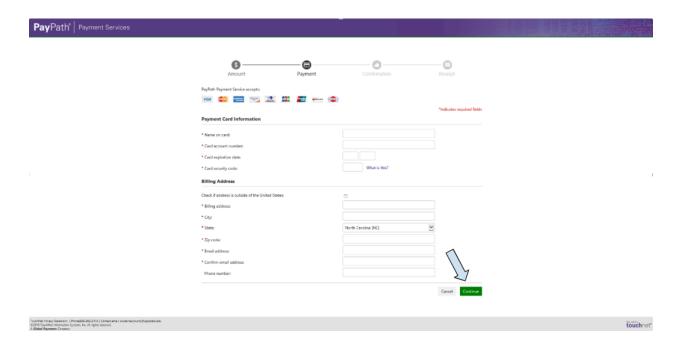
1. To pay charges via an accepted card brand which include the brands below, you will follow the same instructions as paying with an electronic check until you arrive at the screen to select payment method. Once you select Credit card via Paypath® you will click "Continue to Paypath as seen below.



2. Read the agreement regarding the convenience fee and the click "Continue" as shown below.



4. Complete all Payment Card Information as shown below and click "Continue" as shown below.

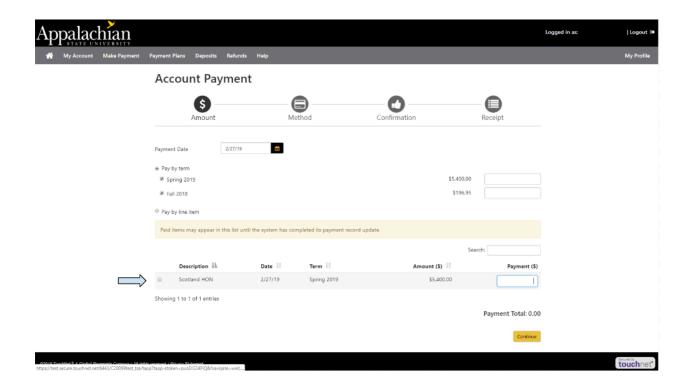


5. After entering card information, continue until you receive a printable receipt. A receipt will also be emailed.

c. Special Payments

1. Study Abroad Payments

As mentioned earlier in this document, payments must be made in the correct term and cannot exceed the amount of the charges in the appropriate term. To appropriately code the study abroad payments made via the Billing and Payment Center, a unique code must be added to that payment to link the payment to cover on the charges from your study abroad program. For this reason, when paying a study abroard charge, your payment must be processed in a slightly different manner. Once you select the "Make Payment" button as explained in this document SECTION 2: PAYMENTS> subsection 1.a and 1.2, your screen will look slightly different. As seen in the example below, you will need to select the payment line at the bottom of the screen (In this case "SCOTLAND HON" and insert your payment amount in the box to the right. If you pay under the "Pay by term" option at the top will not post correctly and may cause the funds to be applied incorrectly and could potentially cause a refund in error. This process is also used to deposits for Study Abroad Trips.



2. Payroll Overpay Payments

These charges may occur for faculty, staff, and student workers. If you are overpaid, you will be notified by payroll. A charge will be placed on your account and when you pay it, you will follow the same instructions as listed above for Study Abroad Charges except for the description line at the bottom will ready Bank1 or Bank 5 Overpay. You may pay it back in the same manner described above for Study Abroad Charges.

SECTION C: REFUNDS

1. Direct Deposit Refunds

a. Future Direct Deposit Process

Enrollment in direct deposit in the Billing and Payment Center is currently available; however, it will not be functional until a time announced at a later date...

We have opened this option early to allow time for students to enter direct deposit information into the new Billing and Payments Center. To set up direct deposit to be effective immediately, see item "b. Current Direct Deposit Process" below.

b. Current Direct Deposit Process

Students wanting to set up direct deposit for immediate use before we announce "GO LIVE" of the Billing and Payment Center direct deposit function should log in to Appalnet, select student tab, and select enroll in or change direct deposit information. We anticipate the "GO LIVE" date for the new direct deposit process between April 2019 - June 2019. We will announce at a later date when we will transition to using the Billing and Payment Center direct deposit functionality. At that point you will need to add direct deposit in the new Billing and Payment Center or you will receive a paper check.

2. Paper Check Refunds

a. Not yet completed

This information has not yet been completed

SECTION D: PAYMENT PLANS

1. NEW Payment Plan "GO LIVE"

Our new payment plans will begin with the Summer Session 1 term. Payment plans will be open for enrollment in late April once fees have been assessed for Summer Session 1. More information will be available on this page at that time.