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Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) is a global data security standard to protect confidential payment card information against theft.

Please be advised that the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard (DSS) applies to any organization, regardless of size or number of transactions, that accepts, transmits or stores any cardholder data.

As per the [PCI DSS guidelines](#), compliance and validation for PCI DSS vary according to the number of transactions handled by the merchant. All merchants will fall into one of the four merchant levels based on credit transaction volume over a 12-month period, with level 1 having the highest (over 6M transactions per year) and level 4 the least (fewer than 20,000 transactions per year).

In order to help Travel Agents to ensure its full compliance with the PCI DSS, as provided by the Card companies, there are tools offered by [Qualified Security Assessors](#) (QSA), which will walk Travel Agents through the steps that are right for your business type, making it easy for you to understand what needs to be addressed, how to find the solution, and easily check-off the task once it is complete.

Please note that at this time, agents in the US market, do not have to provide proof of PCI compliance to IATA. Agents, should contact their GDS to confirm compliance and reporting requirements.

Last but not least, we would like to encourage you to visit our dedicated [PCI DSS webpage](#) in which you will find all the necessary information to help your business in any PCI DSS related matter.