ACH Returns and Notifications of Change

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There are several options for processing ACH returns and notifications of change (NOCs).

- Deriving individual returns through the browser
- Deriving multiple returns through the browser
- Creating manual returns through the browser
- Sending Nacha formatted files via FTP
- Uploading files to the browser with required dual secondary approval

Approval/Dual Control Requirements for Returns and NOCs

Uploading return files in the browser – Requires dual approval by a second user.

Derived returns and NOCs – Secondary dual control in the system defaults to no secondary approval. The system still requires a second approval; however, the user that created the returns and NOCs can approve and release their own returns and NOCs.

Sending return files via FTP – Secondary dual control in the system defaults to no secondary approval.

Users with rights to approve and release will see a notification on their *Home* page indicating that there is an *ACH File Ready for Approval and Release*.



Create One Derived Return or NOC

Users may choose to create multiple returns or NOCs one at a time. Each transaction should be completed before searching for the next item. Derived returns can be processed for any items received after January 1, 2020, provided your credit union has been on Alloya's ACH Services since that time.

For each return or NOC:

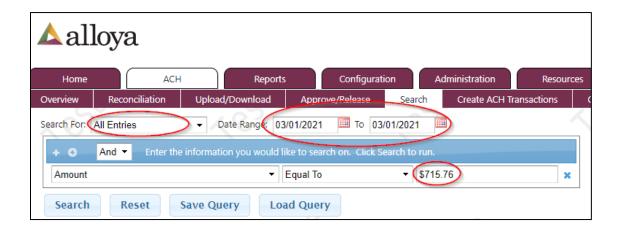
- 1. Search and find.
- 2. Create derived transaction.
- 3. Submit for approval.
- 4. Approve and release.

Search and find next item.

There is functionality to derive multiple returns, which is described later in this document.

To create a derived return or NOC, you must first search for the transaction you want to return:

- Select the ACH tab.
- Select the Search tab.
- Search For: Select from the drop-down.
- Date Range: Use the calendar icons to select a date or date range. Using a short date range will minimize the number of results displayed from the search.

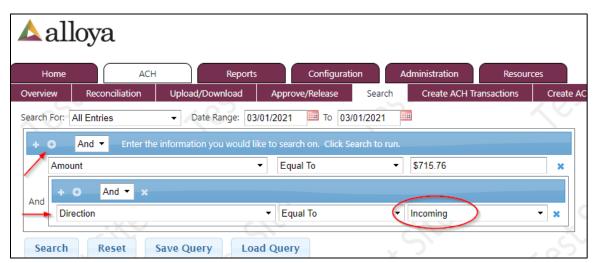


Once you have input the criteria, select the Search button or press Enter.

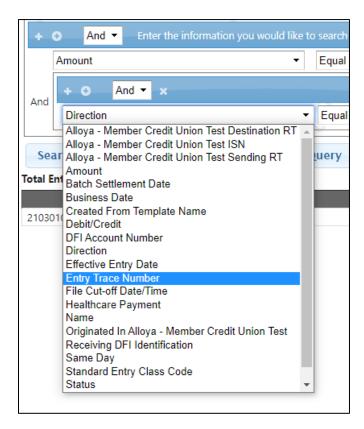
Tips:

- Odd amounts can usually be searched by just the amount, especially if you select a small date range.
- Searching by trace number and dollar amount are also recommended search criteria.
- Results will show incoming and outgoing items. To only display incoming items, the + sign provides further search criteria. Click the + sign and select *Direction Equal To Incoming*.

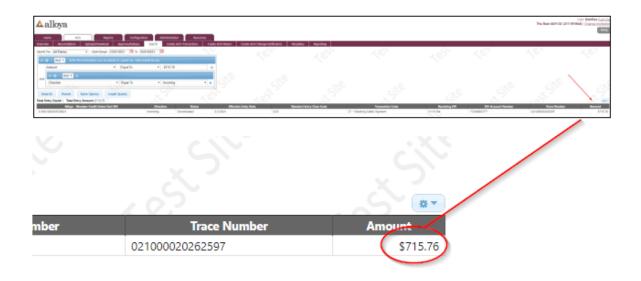
Additional information on the search functionality is available <u>here</u>.



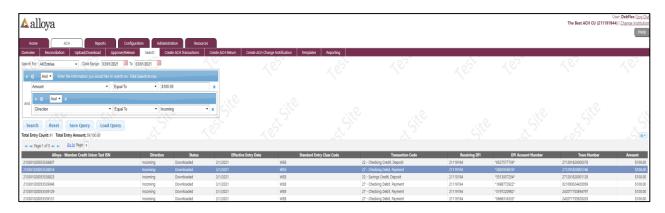
Adding further search criteria will help narrow the search response. Click the + sign multiple times to narrow the search. There are many search options available.



The results of the search will appear below the search box.

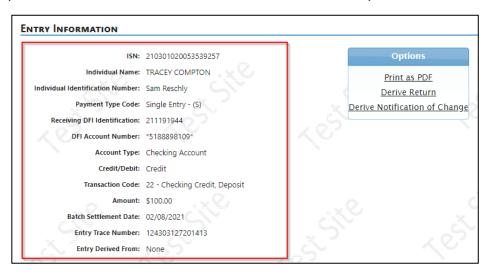


In some cases, you will get multiple items in the search results.



Depending on the number of results, you can either add further search criteria to narrow the results or identify and select the correct item to return.

You can view the item details by clicking on the item line. You can use the back button to go back to the list if you need to review other items to locate the item for which you want to create a return or NOC.

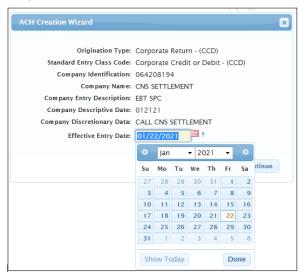


Once the item for return or NOC is identified, choose either the *Derive Return* or *Derive Notification of Change* from the *Options* box.

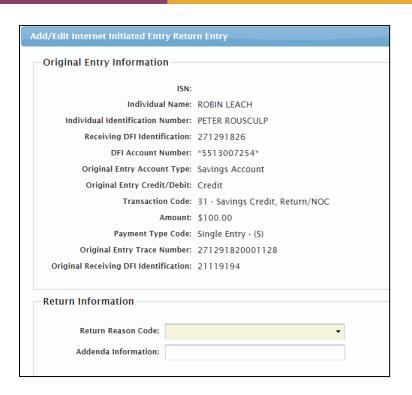


Once the *Derive Return* or *Derive Notification of Change* option is selected, the system wizard will step you through the process.

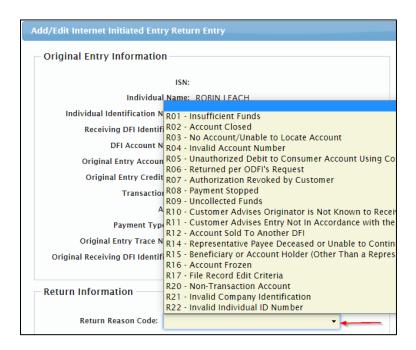
• **Effective Entry Date** – Do not change the date. The system will default to the correct original *Effective Entry Date*.



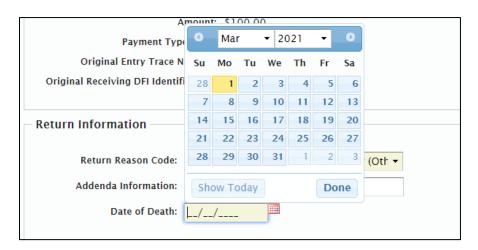
• Select *Done* on the calendar and then the *Continue* button. The original entry information will be displayed for verification that the correct item was selected.



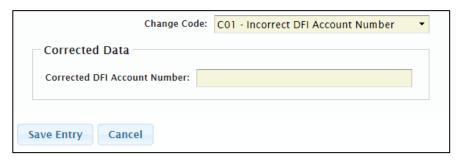
Select the Return Reason Code or NOC Code from the drop-down.



If the *Return Reason Code* requires additional information, the system will prompt the user to add the required information. For example, if the *R15* return code was selected, the system would prompt the user for the *Date of Death*.

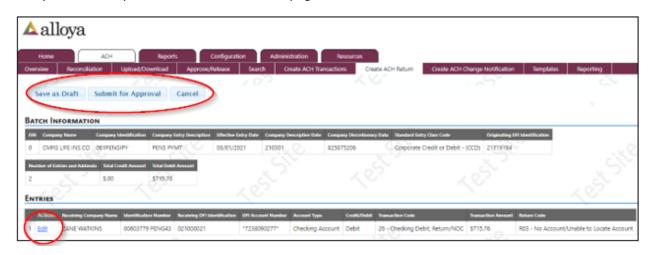


NOCs will also prompt the user to add the required information.



• Click the Save Entry button.

The system will respond with an informational page.

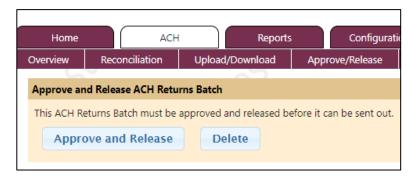


From here, you can *Save as Draft*, *Submit for Approval*, *Cancel*, or *Edit* the transaction. The *Edit* option will allow you to change the *Return Reason or NOC Codes* if the wrong code was entered.



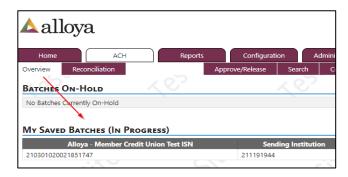
Submit for Approval

If the item is submitted for approval the system response will display the screen to approve. The approval can be completed by the same user that created the return/NOC.



Save as Draft

If the user selects the *Save as Draft* option, that item will only be viewable to the user that saved the draft on the users' *Overview* page. The user will need to complete or cancel the item, or it will not be processed.



Cancel

Selecting the Cancel option will delete the return or NOC.

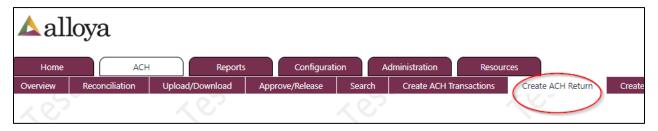
Create Multiple Derived Returns or NOCs

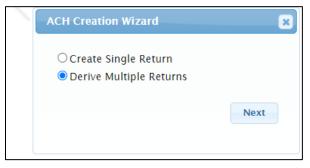
Premier PayLOGICS offers a quick key option to enter multiple returns.

Some returns are not eligible for use in the quick key option.

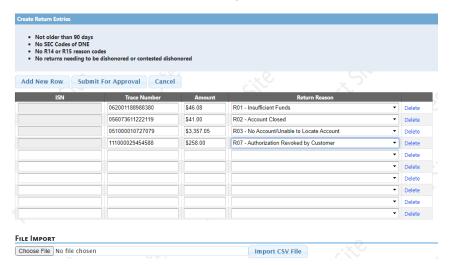
- Items cannot be older than 90 days
- No SEC codes of DNE.
- No R14 or R15 return reason codes.
- No dishonored or contested dishonored returns.

To enter multiple returns, select Create ACH Return and then Derive Multiple Returns.





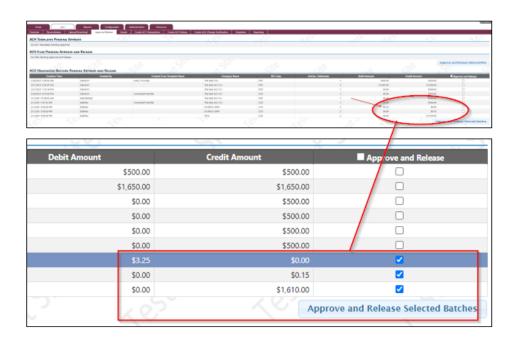
Enter the ISN <u>or</u> Trace Number, Amount and Return Reason for each item. Select Add New Row if more than 10 returns are needed. The ISN is not required.



Validate that the information entered is correct and Submit for Approval.



All items submitted for approval will be individually listed on the *Approve/Release* Tab. The same user that entered the returns can complete the approve and release.

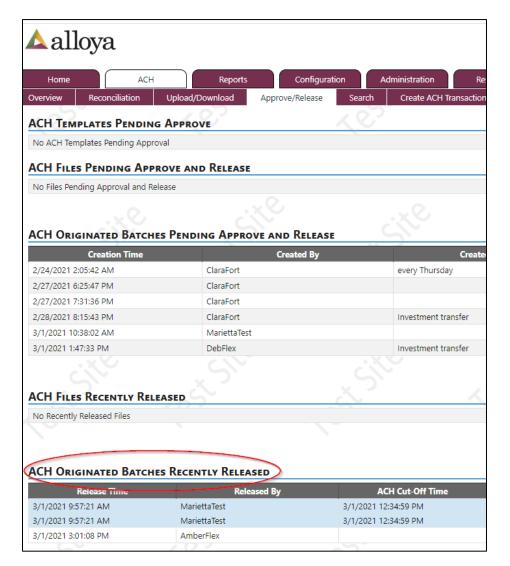


Deleting a Derived Return or NOC

If an item(s) was returned in error or an NOC was completed incorrectly, you may be able to unrelease the items if Alloya has not completed the scheduled export to the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB).

If the item is not eligible for *Unrelease*, the item has been sent to FRB for processing and cannot be deleted.

From the Approve/Release tab, go to the ACH Originated Batches Recently Released.

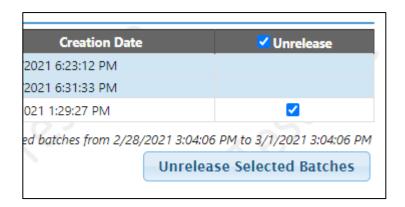


Locate the item.

If the item line has an open box that means the item is eligible to be unreleased.



Click on the box to insert the checkmark and click the *Unrelease Selected Batches* box.

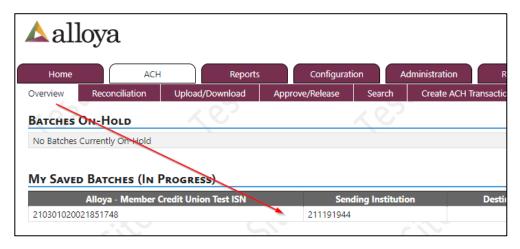


The user will be asked to confirm the unrelease.

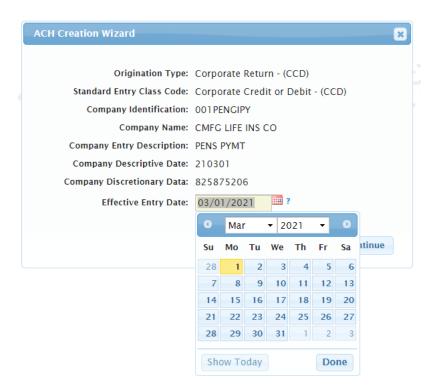


Once the item is unreleased, it will be listed on the Overview page of the user that created the item.

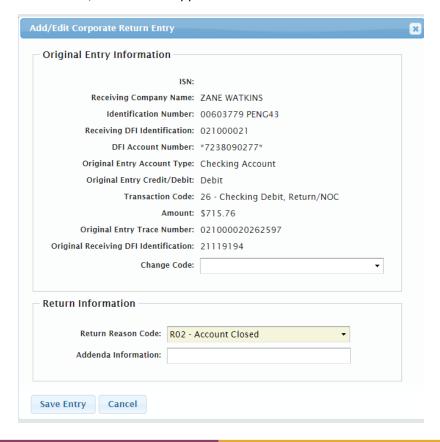
That user will need to action the item by clicking on the line item.



The ACH Creation Wizard will display with the item information. Select Done on the calendar and then Continue.



The original *Entry* information will be displayed. Here you can correct the *Return Reason Code* or the NOC information, whichever is applicable.

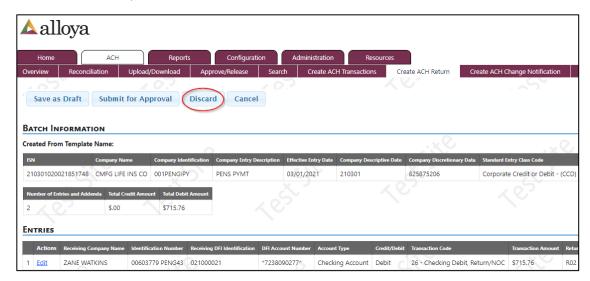


Once the information is updated, select Save Entry.

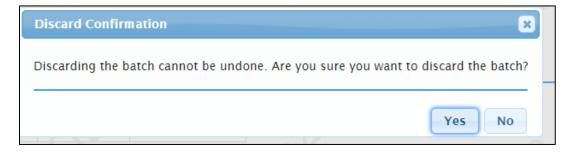
Submit for Approval and then Approve and Release.

To cancel/delete the item, use the steps above and select *Cancel*. The batch information will be displayed on the page.

Select the Discard option to delete the return or NOC.



The user will be prompted to confirm the discarded batch.



Uploading a Return File in Premier PayLOGICS

Uploading a return/NOC file is an option within Premier PayLOGICS.

Files must be in the standard Nacha format.

Multiple files can be uploaded each day.

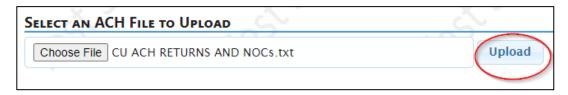
To Upload a Return File:

Select the ACH tab then select the Upload/Download tab. Click on Select an ACH File to Upload.

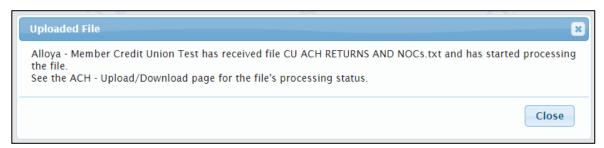


A new screen (tab) will open. Select *Choose File* to browse for the return file.

Once the file is selected, click *Upload*.



The system will respond with a message acknowledging the uploaded file.



Select *Close* and then close the screen (top tab – *ACH Uploading File*) and return to the main tab.

Re-select the *Upload/Download* tab or press *F5* to refresh the page.

Scroll down to see the section for ACH Files Recently Uploaded.



Accepted files will appear in white. Rejected files will be listed in red. More information on rejects can be found later in this document.

NOTE: Successfully uploaded files require a secondary approval by a user that did not complete the file upload.

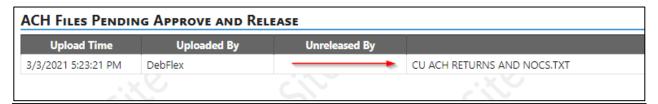


Users with rights to approve and release will see a notification on their *Home* page indicating that there is an *ACH File Ready for Approval and Release*.

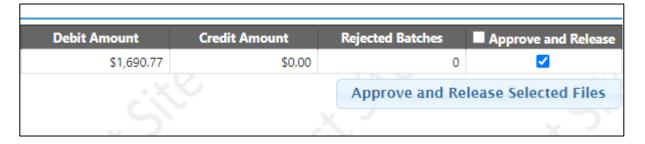
A second user can click on the blue hyperlink from the notification or go to the *Approve/Release* tab.



Locate the applicable item to be approved/released.



Select the check box at the end of the line item.



Select the *Approve and Release Selected Files* button.

Deleting an Uploaded Return File

Return files must be deleted before the cutoff collection time.

If the file has been Approved, it must be unreleased first.

• Go to the ACH tab then the Approve/Release tab. Find file under ACH Files Recently Released.

• Click the box next to the file. Select *Unrelease Selected Files*.

Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Time Uploaded	Unrelease	
\$10,884.12	\$9.50	2/9/2021 7:43:29 PM	<	
Recently released files from 2/8/2021 8:34:11 PM to 2/9/2021 8:34:11 PM				
		Unrelease Se	elected Files	

• Select Confirm Unrelease.



The file will move to the top of the Approve/Release tab under ACH Files Pending Approve and Release.



To delete the file once it has been unreleased OR if it was never approved:

• Go to the ACH tab then Approve/Release tab. Find the file listed under ACH Files Pending Approve and Release. Double-click on the file.



• On the next page, click Delete.



A comment box will display. Add comments and click OK.

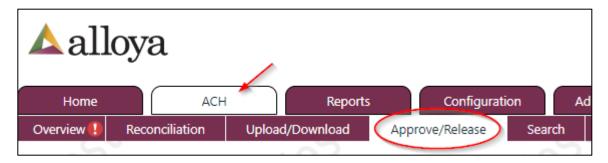


The file has now been deleted.

Sending Return and NOC Files to Alloya via FTP

Return and NOC files sent to Alloya through FTP will be accessible in Premier PayLOGICS.

To see the files sent via FTP, go to the ACH tab and select the Approve/Release tab.



Go to the ACH Files Recently Released section of the page.



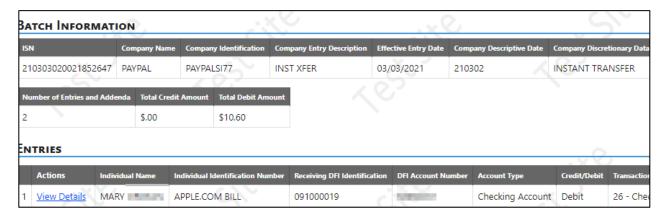
The line will display the file name, item counts, and debit and credit amounts.

To see further details, click on the file line to display a file details page.

Users can drill down to the transactions by clicking on the listed batches.

BATCHES		Ox.	
	Batch Number	Company ID	Comp
1		2360938600	COMED
2		7223344794	VERIZON WIRELESS
3		PAYPALSI77	PAYPAL

Drilling down at the batch level will display the items that were included in the return batch.



- Rejected files will appear in red.
- NOTE: Files in this section are listed for a rolling 24 hours. Validate the file totals and file dates.
- If the uploaded file rejected, click on the line and the reason for the reject will be displayed.
- Rejected files should be corrected and uploaded again.

ACH FILES RECENTLY UPLOADED				
Upload Finished	File Name			
2/16/2021 9:58:01 AM	BEST ACH CU RETURN FILE.ACH			
2/16/2021 9:39:01 AM	NACHA 24.TXT			
. 60	/03			

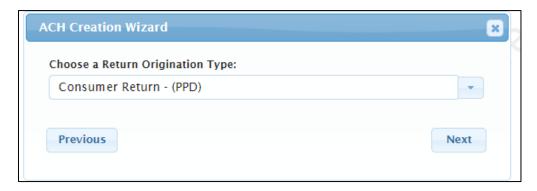
Manual Return

It is advised to only use the manual return function if the return is older than January 1, 2020.

If the return came in after January 1, 2020 go to the Search function and derive the return.

You must have all the details from the original incoming forward item to manually process a return.

- Go to the ACH tab and select Create ACH Return. Select Create Single Return or Multiple Returns in the ACH Creation Wizard.
- Choose a Return Origination Type: This is the SEC from the original incoming forward item. Click on Next.



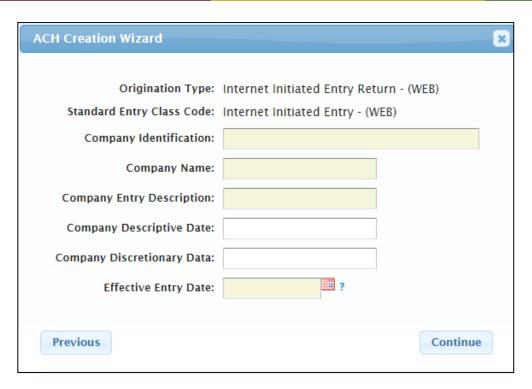
Select Return. Click Next.

NOTE: In most instances, credit unions will be selecting *Return*. *Dishonored* and *Contested Dishonored* only have a small window to process and therefore should be derived.



- Fill out the Company ID, Company Name, Company Entry Description, and Effective Entry Date.
- Select Continue.

NOTE: The *Effective Entry Date* is the original effective date of the forward item.

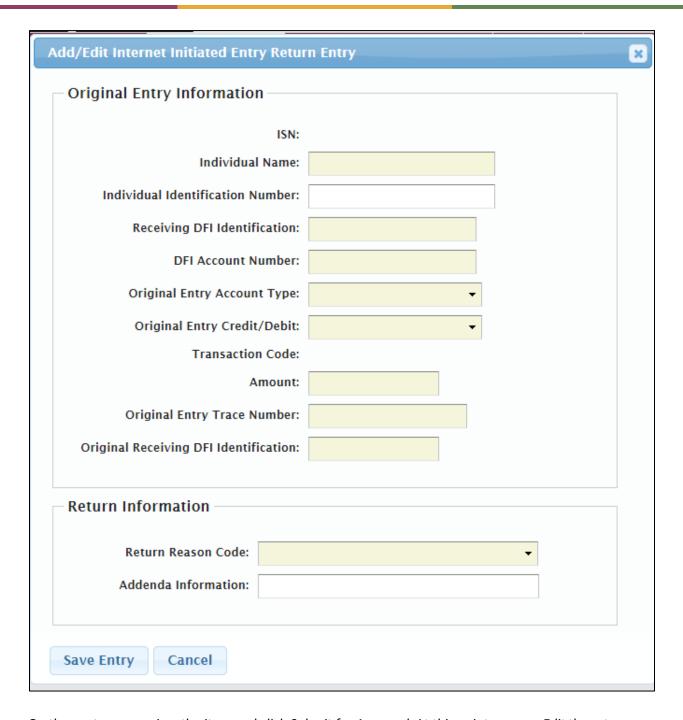


• Fill out the *Original Entry Information* fields. The fields must be entered exactly how they came in the original forward item you are returning. Fill out *Individual Name*, *Individual Identification Number*, *Receiving DFI Identification*, *DFI Account Number*, *Original Entry Account Type*, *Original Entry Credit/Debit*, *Amount*, *Original Entry Trace Number*, and *Original Receiving DFI Identification*.

NOTE: For *Receiving DFI Identification,* enter the routing number of the Originating DFI. This is the financial institution that sent the forward incoming item.

NOTE: For the *Original Receiving DFI Identification,* enter the original receiving DFI. This is normally the credit union's routing number or a child routing number that the credit union owns.

• Select Return Reason Code at the bottom. Click on Save Entry.



- On the next page, review the item and click *Submit for Approval*. At this point you can *Edit* the return or *Cancel* the return.
 - o Edit the Return = allows you to change the Return Reason Code.
 - Cancel = deletes the return.

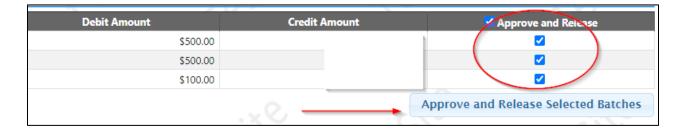
Approve and release the item. Manual returns do not need to be approved by a secondary user; however, they still need to be approved.



• Go to the ACH tab and select the Approve/Release tab. Manual returns will be listed under ACH Originated Batches Pending Approve and Release.

ACH ORIGINATED BATCHES PENDING APPROVE AND RELEASE

• Select the box next to the manual return.



• Select Approve and Release Selected Batches.