

# Premium Data File

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This section describes the contents of the Sorting Codes Electronic Premium Data File. The Sorting Codes Electronic Premium Data File contains comprehensive sort code data including contact information such as branch address, telephone and fax number.

The extract is available as a download from Sorting Codes Electronic website, There are 4 files containing the same data but in different formats:

**Fixed.dat** contains fixed length records of 500 characters and each record is terminated with a Carriage Return/Line Feed.

**Fix500.dat** contains fixed length records of 500 characters each.

**VarCrLf.dat** contains variable length records. Each record is terminated with a Carriage Return/Line Feed and each field is delimited by a backslash '\'.

**Variable.dat** contains variable length records. Each record is preceded by a 5 digit record length (including the 5 digits) and each field is delimited by a backslash '\'.

### Record Type 1

Field No.	Field Description	Data Type	Max Length
1	Record Type	Numeric	2
2	Bank Name	Text	100
3	2 Digit Sort Code	Numeric	2
4	For use Of	Text	50
5	2 Digit Range Qualifier 1	Text	50
6	For use of – Qualifier 1	Text	50
7	2 Digit Range Qualifier	Text	50
8	For Use of – Qualifier 2	Text	50
9	2 Digit Range Qualifier 3	Text	50
10	For use of – Qualifier 3	Text	50
11	Spare	Blank	46

### Maximum record size - 500

Field No.	Field Description	Data Type	Max Length
1	Record Type	Numeric	2
2	Branch or place	Text	30
3	6 Digit Sort Code	Numeric	6
4	Address Line 1	Text	60
5	Address Line 2	Text	60
6	Address Line 3	Text	36
7	Postcode	Text	10
8	Telephone Number	Text	40
9	Special Codes	Text	4
10	Branch Title	Text	120
11	Bank Name	Text	100

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12	Town	Text	24
13	Filler	Numeric	1
14	Date Last Amended (YYDDD)	Numeric	5
15	Repeat Addr. Ind.	Numeric	2

Maximum record size – 500

## Record Type Definitions

**Record Type 1:** Initial digits allocated to settlement members of the Cheque & Credit Clearing Company Ltd and the Scottish and Belfast clearings.

**Record Type 2:** Main Branch details.

**Record Type 3:** These records contain details of branches (usually sub-branches) where the 6 digit sort code is already present on a main branch in Record Type 2.

## Faster Payments Sorting Codes

There are 4 files containing the same data but in different formats:

**FPSFixed.dat** contains fixed length records of 500 characters and each record is terminated with a Carriage Return/Line Feed.

**FPSFix500.dat** contains fixed length records of 500 characters each.

**FPSVarcrif.dat** contains variable length records. Each record is terminated with a Carriage Return/Line Feed and each field is delimited by a backslash '\

**FPSVariable.dat** contains variable length records. Each record is preceded by a 5 digit record length (including the 5 digits) and each field is delimited by a backslash '\

Field No.	Field Description	Data Type	Max.Length
1	Record Type	Numeric	2
2	Branch or place	Text	30
3	BIC Bank Code	Text	8
4	BIC Branch Code	Text	3
5	6 Digit Sort Code	Numeric	6
6	Address Line 1	Text	60
7	Address Line 2	Text	60
8	Address Line 3	Text	36
9	Postcode	Text	10
10	Telephone Number	Text	40
11	Branch Title	Text	120
12	Bank Name	Text	100
13	Town	Text	20
14	Date Last Amended (YYDDD)	Numeric	5