

## **UK Cooperative Extension Service**

Policies, Procedures & Guidelines



## **Credit Cards**

I. Debit cards are not permitted. This is the same as writing a check and signing it.

II. Any action taken to establish a credit/credit card account by the Extension District Board should be reflected in the minutes before any credit/credit card accounts are established.

III. The Extension District Board has the option to have credit cards/charge accounts and may impose spending limits and/or approval for expenditure guidelines.

IV. If a credit card is established, the District Board may choose to have one major credit card and/or individual store credit cards and maintain the card(s) in the office for usage. It may be necessary to have cards assigned by individuals due to vendor policies.

V. The credit card(s) should be issued in the name of the Extension District Board. Utilize the tax exemption form for any purchases to ensure that no tax is charged on the purchases. Refer to the *sales tax exemption* information for how to obtain a tax-exempt number. County District Boards must have their own number and cannot use the UK number.

VI. The Extension District Board should make a list of allowable and non-allowable charges for county purchasing.

VII. The credit card(s) should be kept in a locked location in the office and checked out by the staff member for purchases. After the purchase, the card is returned, and a receipt is attached to a payment voucher that designates the account to be debited. See the <u>EBO forms page</u> for these credit card check-out and reimbursement forms.

VIII. If purchases are made at the same time for two different accounts, the charges should be made as if making two separate purchases and obtain two separate, detailed receipts. This simplifies the accounting for the funds.

IX. Absolutely no personal purchases! To do so is misappropriation of public funds and a basis for termination of employment.

X. Absolutely no co-mingling of purchases, i.e., a situation where the purchaser expects to reimburse part of the receipt that includes personal purchases. To do so is misappropriation of public funds and a basis for termination of employment.

XI. Extension District Board credit cards may not be used for subsistence.