

Operating Policy and Procedure

- **OP 69.03:** Replacement of Payroll Checks
- DATE: December 13, 2022
- **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) is to establish the policy and procedure for issuing replacement payroll checks that have been reported lost or stolen.
- **REVIEW:** This OP will be reviewed in October of odd-numbered years by the Chief Payroll Officer and the Senior Managing Director of Cash and Credit Management Services with substantive revisions forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Administration & Finance and Chief Financial Officer.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

- 1. Persons whose payroll checks are lost or stolen may apply for replacement checks by initiating a *Stop Payment Request* in Payroll & Tax Services (see attachment).
- 2. The check amount, check number, and date issued are obtained from the payroll records and included on the *Stop Payment Request* form (see attachment). Cash and Credit Management Services (CCMS) will review online banking records in order to determine whether the check has cleared the bank.
- **3.** If the original check has not cleared, CCMS will void the check through the online banking system. Once this is complete, CCMS will notify Payroll & Tax Services to issue a replacement check, which must be issued with a new check number.
- 4. If the bank or a third party notifies Texas Tech that the check has been presented for payment, a replacement check will not be issued until there is further investigation.
- 5. The person requesting the stop payment is responsible for notifying Payroll & Tax Services if the original check is found. The person will be requested to return the original check to Payroll & Tax Services for destruction if a replacement check has been issued.
- 6. If the original check has already cleared, CCMS will send a copy of both sides of the check to Payroll & Tax Services. A copy of the endorsement will be provided to the person requesting the stop payment. If the endorsement is a forgery, the person will be directed to the bank to submit an *Unauthorized Check Activity Form*.

Attachment: Stop Payment Request