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Lesson 4 Resource

Understand settlement, reserves, refunds, and chargebacks

Processor comparison

Premium lesson companion
Teaching brief • applied vocabulary • guided workbook • knowledge check • answer guide

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Understand settlement, reserves, refunds, and chargebacks

Timing and risk policies affect cash availability. Reserves, holds, disputes, and refund practices should be planned for operationally.

The deeper idea

A sale can appear in a dashboard before funds become usable. Cutoffs, weekends, reserves, holds, refunds, and disputes belong in the cash forecast.

Learning objectives

- Explain settlement in the context of understand settlement, reserves, refunds, and chargebacks.
- Distinguish reserve from an assumption or promotional summary.
- Show how chargeback changes cost, timing, control, responsibility, or risk.
- Complete the processor comparison using traceable source information.

Vocabulary in action

settlement	Locate it in source material and state what it measures or governs.
reserve	Use it to make the comparison concrete instead of relying on a label.
chargeback	Name who carries responsibility, what triggers it, and which control makes it visible.

FIVE-STEP DECISION METHOD

Move from information to a responsible next step.

1. Define the exact question

State the purpose, deadline, and consequence of delay. Connect the question directly to understand settlement, reserves, refunds, and chargebacks.

2. Gather governing evidence

Collect current agreements, statements, official disclosures, operating records, or program instructions. Record the source and date.

3. Apply the vocabulary

Locate settlement, reserve, and chargeback in the real document or process. Translate each into a dollar, date, action, control, or responsibility.

4. Test a difficult case

Change one important assumption - timing, volume, cost, income, access, or support - and explain whether the plan still works.

5. Record the decision

Choose proceed, revise, compare, seek qualified review, or stop. Name the next action, its owner, and the review date.

Applied scenario

A learner must make this decision this month. The learner gathers governing records, locates settlement, reserve, and chargeback, and completes the assignment. The decision pauses if the difficult-case test exposes an obligation or operating risk that cannot be managed.

Processor comparison

Create a cash-timing map from sale through possible refund or dispute.

Purpose: What exact decision does understand settlement, reserves, refunds, and chargebacks support?

Evidence: Which source documents prove the facts? Include dates.

Terms: Where do settlement, reserve, and chargeback appear, and what does each change?

Stress-test and decision record

Stress test: Which assumption is most fragile, and what happens if it fails?

Decision record: What is the next action, who owns it, and when will it be reviewed?

My recorded status

□ Proceed □ Revise □ Compare □ Seek qualified review □ Stop

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

Confirm your understanding.

1. State the central teaching in your own words.

2. How do settlement and reserve work together?

3. What evidence is strong enough to use?

4. What would make the plan pause?

5. What belongs in the finished assignment?

ANSWER GUIDE

Compare reasoning, not just wording.

1. State the central teaching in your own words.

A sale can appear in a dashboard before funds become usable. Cutoffs, weekends, reserves, holds, refunds, and disputes belong in the cash forecast.

2. How do settlement and reserve work together?

Define each, locate both in source material, and explain their combined effect on the decision.

3. What evidence is strong enough to use?

Current, relevant, traceable information from an agreement, statement, official source, operating record, or qualified professional.

4. What would make the plan pause?

A missing governing fact, unsupported claim, unmanageable stress case, or inability to explain the responsibility attached to chargeback.

5. What belongs in the finished assignment?

Purpose, sources, term definitions, comparison or calculation, difficult-case result, unanswered questions, responsible owner, and review date.

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