

## Solution summary

# Accounts Payable Automation

## Take the chaos out of cash management

Esfer Accounts Payable allows businesses to eliminate the manual pains of traditional AP invoice processing with AI-driven data capture, touchless processing and electronic workflow capabilities. The result? A simpler, more efficient way to manage cashflow and generate new revenue.

## Why automate with Esfer?



**Increase speed and visibility** over invoices and closing procedures while easily identifying process improvements.



**Reduce risk and prevent fraud** thanks to a full audit trail and rule-based electronic workflows to identify duplicate payments.



**Improve supplier relationships** with on-time invoice payments, rapid dispute resolution and real-time communication.



**Lower operational costs** by eliminating paper, transportation, physical archiving and low-productivity expenses.

## How it works

Esfer Accounts Payable automates every phase of AP invoicing — from reception of the original document to the creation of an accounting book entry in the ERP system — minimising manual touch points and helping employees work smarter, not harder.

### 1. Receive & dispatch

Invoices are automatically captured by the solution regardless of the channel in which they arrive.

### 2. Data extraction

Using machine-learning technology, invoice data is accurately extracted and populated into a validation form (or auto-approved when no exception is detected).

### 3. Verify & manage

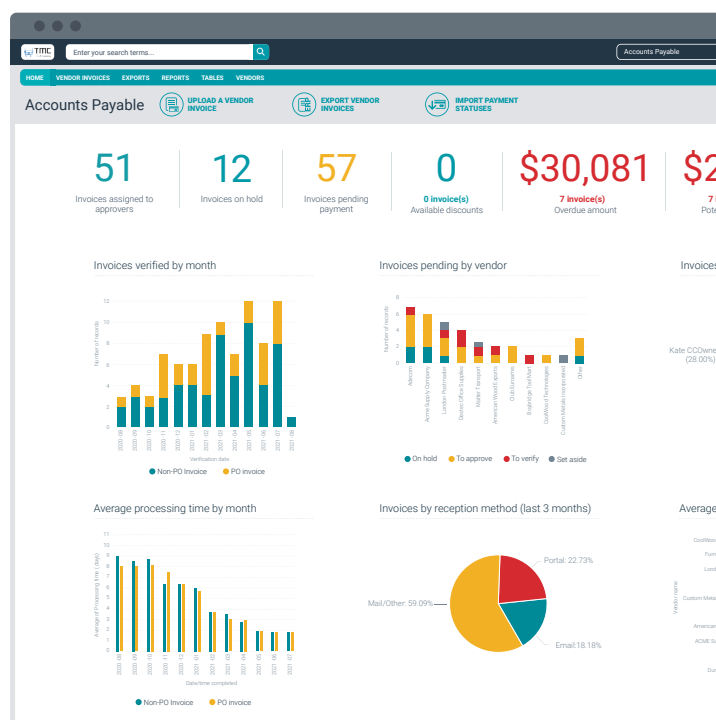
Invoice data is auto-matched with the corresponding orders and goods receipts — enabling staff to quickly review and resolve exceptions from a single, consolidated view.

### 4. Payment approval

Invoices that require payment approvals are automatically routed to the right individual or group in charge.

### 5. Integrate & archive

The validated invoice is entered into the accounting book, archived and made accessible for as long as necessary.



## Solution features

Esker's 40+ years of experience and dedication to product development is key to our Accounts Payable solution's continued innovation. Below are some of the most prominent features behind the benefits:

### Multi-channel cloud platform

Esker offers a single, collaborative and cloud-based platform that promotes invoice visibility across all formats and reception channels, including EDI. With one process consolidating all invoices — no matter the reception channel — AP departments can help streamline the source-to-pay cycle and businesses can grow without operational restraints.

### AI-driven invoice processing

Powered by advanced technologies that mimic human intelligence, Esker Synergy AI handles both structured and semi-structured invoice data. From batch separation and smart routing to precise data extraction and predictive coding, it automates every step of the process. Esker Synergy Assistant provides real-time support freeing up your AP team to focus on strategic priorities.

### Dashboards & analytics

Esker's solution is equipped with intelligent dashboards that display live, visual analytics (AP cashflow, AP process metrics, spend by category, volume and supplier, requests pending approval, budget control and forecasts, etc.). This feature is fully customisable so that users can choose what they want to see and track.

### ERP integration

Esker's solution integrates with any ERP system and has pre-built integration for SAP®, Oracle® and Microsoft Dynamics 365. Esker also provides simultaneous integration with multiple ERPs, simplifying diverse environments resulting from M&A activity. Business advantages include: better business continuity, anytime access, non-ERP user approval capability, easier onboarding and simplified setup of shared services centres.

### Mobile reach

The Esker Anywhere™ mobile application enables managers to review and approve supplier invoices and track KPIs while on the go directly from their Apple or Android devices. Users also have the opportunity to collaborate by entering comments for others involved in the workflow.

### Supplier portal

As part of Esker Accounts Payable, a convenient online portal gives suppliers self-service access to payment information, helping them get paid quicker and reduce costs and, in turn, saving your company time and money previously allocated to responding to invoice status calls. Users also have the ability to easily collaborate with chat tools.

## Want to automate your entire source-to-pay process?

AP is just one part of the source-to-pay process. Esker's Source-to-Pay suite is designed to help Procurement and Finance leaders achieve their goals by removing departmental siloes, streamlining procurement processes, improving enforcement of policy compliance, and enhancing supplier management with visibility over the entire buying process. By aligning procurement and finance, Esker helps CFOs and CPOs achieve better financial outcomes and foster collaboration across all operations. Companies that use Esker's Source-to-Pay suite have the flexibility and agility to reduce costs, increase process efficiency and mitigate supply chain risks, resulting in a more sustainable and profitable business.

