

Transaction Desk

Transitioning to a Paperless Office

Transaction Desk includes a variety of “Broker Tools” to help you manage your office. Because any Super User within the office can set up and manage these tools, it is important to meet as a group and decide which features you would like to use before anyone begins using the Broker Tools in Transaction Desk.

The screenshot displays the 'Broker DASHBOARD' interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with icons and labels for: DASHBOARD, TransactionDESK, TaskMANAGER, InstanetFORMS, AuthentisIGN, DocBOX, InstanetFAX, BrokerTOOLS, CONTACTS, SETUP, and LOGOUT. The main dashboard area is titled 'Broker DASHBOARD' and contains several widgets:

- Authentisign**: A widget with a 'Start Signing' button.
- Transactions**: A widget with a 'Create transaction' button.
- Transactions Last 7 Days**: A list of transactions including:
 - 4132 S Ivory St, Modified: 10/28/15 5:23 PM, By: Tara Marino
 - Smith Listing - 123 Main Street, Modified: 10/28/15 4:24 PM, By: Tara Marino
 - 123 Main Street
- Transactions Closing Next 7 Days**: A list of transactions including:
 - touchmark, Modified: 10/16/15 11:37 AM, By: SARTD Test10
 - 3629 W Garland Ave, Modified: 10/16/15 10:16 AM, By: SARTD Test9
 - 3629 W. Garland Ave.
- Incomplete checklist items**: A list of items for Marisa Sheldon, Agent: SARTD Test3, including: Proof of Mutual Acceptance, Earnest Money Receipt, Buyer Unsigned Contract, Mutually Accepted Contract, and bob.
- Waiting For Review**: A list of items including: PSA - Smith, Buyer Unsigned Contract, Agent: Tara Marino, Belongs to a checklist, Submitted: 10/2/15 8:59 PM, and Liberty Lake Purchase and Sale.

STEP 1: Plan the Details

How "paperless" do you want to go?

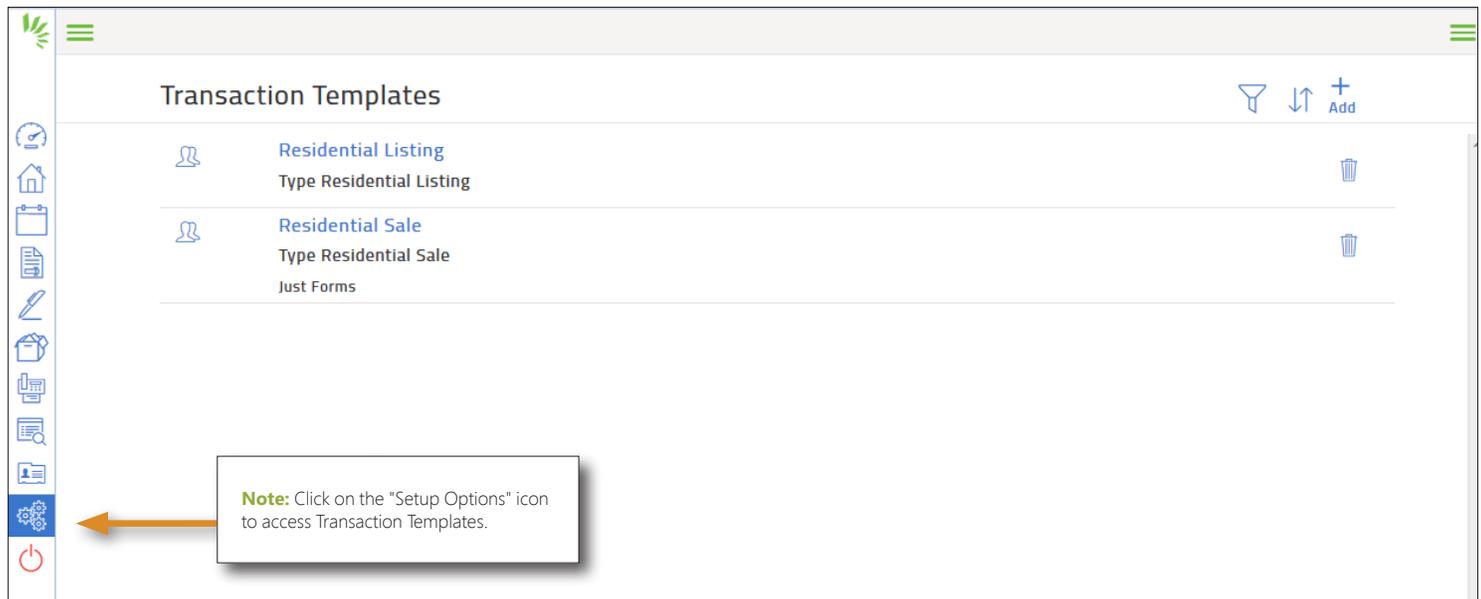
- Paperless “Crawling” Phase: Try it Out!
Have your brokers start using Transaction Desk to create and save forms electronically
- Paperless “Walking” Phase: Online Document Storage
Begin storing transactions and related paperwork online in Transaction Desk
- Paperless “Running” Phase: Online Review for Office Transactions
Begin reviewing your broker’s transaction files and paperwork online in Transaction Desk

Do you eventually want to move into another phase?

- How quickly do you want your office to reach each phase?
- Who will set up the system – and by when?
- Who will communicate the new procedures with your brokers?
- Who is the ongoing contact person for brokers with questions?

STEP 2: Set Up Your Office's Transaction Desk Account (Based on Your Paperless Phase)

Paperless "Crawl" Phase: Create Office Template(s)



Templates are pre-selected groups of blank forms, documents (e.g., disclosures, office pamphlets, etc.), and even commonly used contacts (e.g., an escrow company), that you would like to automatically add to transactions based on the transaction type.

Consider the following when creating templates:

- How many templates would be helpful for your office? (Residential sales, residential listings, specific county forms, short sale forms, etc.)
- Which forms would be included in this specific transaction type most of the time?
- Which staff person will create the templates, or edit the templates if ever needed?
- Which staff person will communicate the templates to your brokers, so that they know they can use the office template rather than creating their own?

STEP 2: Set Up Your Office's Transaction Desk Account (Based on Your Paperless Phase)

Paperless "Walking" Phase: Create Office Checklist(s)

The screenshot displays the 'Checklists' section of the Transaction Desk interface. The sidebar on the left contains various navigation icons, with the 'Setup Options' icon (a gear) highlighted by an orange arrow. A callout box contains the following text:

Note: Click on the "Setup Options" icon to access the "Checklist Manager."

Checklists		Filter	Sort	Add	Help
	Condo Listing Transaction Templates: 0				⋮
	Condo Short Sale Transaction Templates: 0				⋮
	Residential Listing Transaction Templates: 0				⋮
	Residential Purchase & Sale Transaction Templates: 2				⋮

Checklists are "placeholders" for specific files that need to be stored by the office for all transactions. Super Users can create custom names for these placeholders, and can make critical files "mandatory" – meaning that your brokers cannot delete the placeholder from their transaction.

Consider the following when creating checklists:

- How many checklists would you like to create?
- Which documents would you like to include?
- Which documents are "mandatory" and which might you want to add as reminders for new brokers?
- Would you like to include a "correspondence" placeholder for brokers to upload emails, conversations, and text strings?
- Would you like to include tasks in your checklist? (e.g., order title pack within X days)

Paperless "Walking" Phase: Create Office Checklist(s) (continued)

Other considerations when creating checklists:

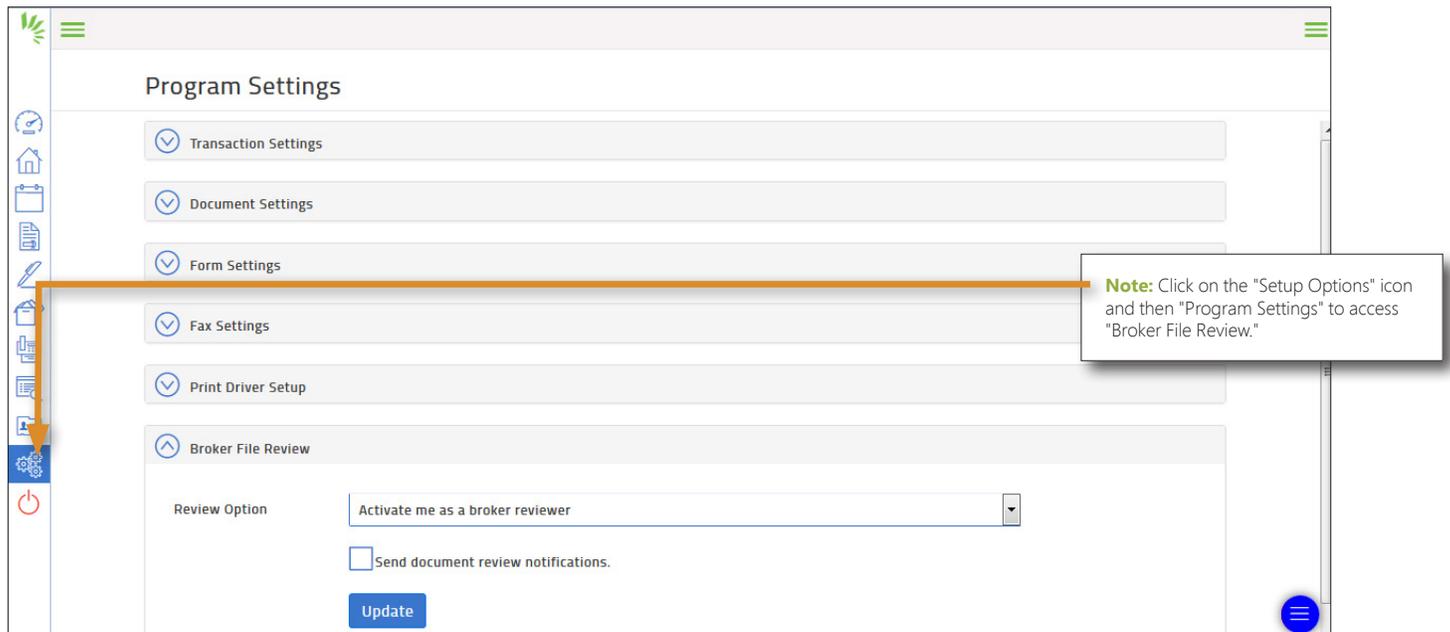
- Which staff person will create the checklists, or edit the checklists if ever needed?
- Which staff person will communicate with your brokers so that they know to go to the checklists section of their transactions and upload the final documents?
- Which staff person will monitor the checklists and help brokers transitioning that have questions? (Super Users can help this transition by allowing brokers to scan and upload paper files, or fax in paper documents using the fax-back cover sheets)
- Would you like to require an "Archive" file and ask brokers to use the Archive feature to create a copy of all of the transaction information, forms, and history? (some offices also store archive files offline)

The screenshot shows the Transaction Desk interface for a property named "Bella Vista" (Listing #201519213, 5323 S BELLA VISTA Dr Veradale). The "Checklist" section is active, displaying a progress bar at 63% and a "To Do" status. The checklist items are:

Item	Due Date	Status
Company Checklist	Anytime	Completed
Disbursement of Commission	On Funding Date	Pending
Buyer Insurance Remindeer	11/15/15 - 10 days before Closing Date	Completed
Walk Through	11/18/15 - 7 days before Closing Date	Completed
Mutually Accepted Contract (M)		Pending
Buyer Unsigned Contract		Pending
Earnest Money Receipt (M)		Pending
Proof of Mutual Acceptance		Pending

A context menu is open over the "Archive..." option, showing the following actions: Share, Notes, Duplicate, Apply template, Create template, Import data, Archive..., and Delete.

Paperless "Running" Phase: Online Review for Office Transactions



The Broker File Review feature allows you to select a type of Super User (staff or broker), that should review the documents uploaded into the office checklist. Super Users can choose to be notified by email, or they can add the "Review" widget to their Broker Dashboard to see items that are marked ready for review.

Consider the following when activating the file review:

- You may want to revisit office checklists:
 - Do you want a separate checklist for new brokers (under 2 years), with additional task reminders or initial review placeholders to be used throughout the transaction?
 - How do you prefer to review documents? Separately, or grouped together as one final contract?
 - Have you marked critical documents as "mandatory" so they cannot be deleted from your checklist?
- Have you chosen a Super User (either staff or broker) for each of the placeholders in your checklists?
- Do you want to use the Transaction Status feature, and have either brokers or staff change the status to help organize your office's transactions? (these status options can be customized if you prefer, e.g., Open, Closed)
- Do you want to be notified via email, or go into Transaction Desk to see which documents are ready for your review?
- Which staff person will communicate and help brokers transition that have questions?