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Normally Paperless formats all entries to currency fields as the **home currency**, the currency your Mac is set to use. Any amount entered to a currency field will be accepted (and displayed) as the home currency. For example, your Mac might be set to use US Dollars as the home currency. Paperless would accept (and display) all amounts entered into a currency field as US Dollars. Maybe your currency is set to US Dollars, though, and you would like to enter a receipt for amounts in Euros.

Occasionally, Paperless will allow symbols for **foreign currencies** (currencies other than your Mac's home currency) to be indicated in currency fields (like Amount of Tax/ VAT). Occasionally, though, Paperless will not allow a currency symbol for a foreign currency to be entered into a currency field. This is a known behavior in Paperless. The cause of this behavior relates to the fact that Paperless takes all instruction on how to format currency-type fields from the Currency option under Formats in Mac OS System Preferences. This FAQ outlines what we know and what we can suggest to continue using Paperless if you encounter a situation where Paperless does not accept a foreign currency.

Workarounds
We have identified the following Workarounds to using foreign currencies with Paperless:

1. **Convert the foreign currency amount to the equivalent amount in the currency your Mac uses natively (your home currency).** This is the recommended workaround, because it ensures that Paperless will accept the currency value, and that foreign amounts are calculated with domestic amounts.

2. **Paste a currency symbol into a currency field in Paperless.** Wikipedia hosts lists of currency symbols [here](#) and [here](#). Depending on your current locale (set in Mac OS) it may or may-not be possible to enter any of the currency symbols provided in these lists.

3. **Change your Mac's Currency setting**. Switch the home currency on your Mac to the foreign currency you would like to use (you will need to log out of Finder, then log back in for changes to take effect), then enter the amount into Paperless, then switch back to your system's usual home currency.