

Create a refund

Paystream API reference for developers adding refunds to a checkout

Paystream API

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Endpoint

POST /v1/refunds

Authentication

Send your secret key in the header:

Authorization: Bearer sk_test_...

Parameters

NAME	TYPE	REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION
payment_id	string	Required	The payment to refund.
amount	integer	Optional	In cents. Defaults to the full amount.
reason	enum	Optional	duplicate, fraudulent or requested_by_customer.
metadata	object	Optional	Up to 20 keys.

Example request

```
curl -X POST /v1/refunds \  
  -H "Authorization: Bearer sk_test_..." \  
  -d payment_id=pay_8Kd2Lq \  

```

```
-d amount=1500 \  
-d reason=requested_by_customer
```

Example response (200)

```
{  
  "id": "re_3Fh7Tz",  
  "object": "refund",  
  "payment_id": "pay_8Kd2Lq",  
  "amount": 1500,  
  "currency": "usd",  
  "status": "pending",  
  "created": 1791676800  
}
```

SUCCESS

The status moves to succeeded and a `refund.succeeded` webhook fires.

Errors

STATUS	CODE	MEANING
400	amount_too_large	The amount exceeds the refundable balance.
404	payment_not_found	No payment with this ID.
409	refund_already_processed	The payment is already fully refunded.

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