

# AFO 488 – Decentralized loans

## 488.1 Introduction

Using AFO 488, automatic loan transactions can be made at decentralized locations, providing certain stringent conditions are met.

This process applies the following principles: A copy is made of the complete production system in a shadow system. This shadow system is taken along to the decentralized loan location. The shadow system is used to loan items at the decentralized location. In the mean time, nothing may be lent using the production system. After lending at the decentralized location is finished, the loan transactions in the shadow system are saved on disc. This disc is read into the production system and reprocessed by it. After this is done, the production system is completely 'up to date'. Loans that were performed at the decentralized location are now available on the central system.

This option can only be used if the following conditions are met:

- Loans at the decentralized loan locations may never take place at the same time as at the central loan location;
- The library must be able to copy the entire production file to a 'mobile' system in a short period of time, e.g. to a portable PC;
- The production and shadow files must be on PCs that run under the same operating system.

### **Note!**

This option is only suitable for 'standard circulation activities', such as loans, renewals, reservations, etc., and not for moving or discarding items.

Considering the potential risks involved in this AFO, it is not accessible in the standard package. If you are interested in this functionality, please contact the helpdesk.

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