

A method for recharging chip cards, the recharging being made from a terminal which is connectable to a service center for recharging the chip card. During the process either data are filled in a filling-in coupon or the data are gained by reading a bar code in combination with a manual input. The data contain at least the identification number of the chip card to be recharged and a sum by which the chip card should be credited. Then the correctness of the filed data is executed either directly in the terminal or the terminal is connected to a datacenter where the checking of the meaningfulness of the filed data is executed. If the checking has a positive result, the value corresponding with the desired sum is transferred to the chip card or an account associated by means of the identification number with the card is increased by the mentioned value. A device for executing the recharging of chip cards consisting of a terminal connectable to a datacenter, the datacenter containing a database of chip cards identification numbers.