PURCARD REALLOCATION PROCESS

Please note: This document is designed to be used online and has a number of embedded links to processes and additional information. We discourage the printing of these documents as they are updated frequently and consume paper resources when printed.

If you have questions about information in this document, or, if after reading it, you cannot find the information you need, please e-mail purcard@uvm.edu.

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Quick Start Check List

Find PurCard Journal
Reallocate – Navigation: PeopleSoft Financials, Employee Self Service, Procurement,
UVM PurCard Reallocation
  - Validate budget checking
  - Submit PurCard journal
Print journal report
Complete information for travel and business meals
Attach receipts to report
Route for signature
Mail to Disbursement Center

Background

The primary mechanism for expense allocation of purchasing card transactions is the PeopleSoft PurCard Reallocation process. This online method of reallocating allows for moving purchases from the default chart string assigned to a purchasing card to another authorized chart string. Anyone performing PurCard reallocations will require PeopleSoft access and training.

Each new cardholder is automatically given security access to the correct pages in PeopleSoft. If others require reallocation ability, the employee’s business manager must log a Footprint with the request, including:
  - the name and net ID of the individual who will reallocate (the proxy),
  - the cardholder’s name and net ID, and
  - the last six digits of the credit card number.

The purchasing card cycle ends on the 25th of the month (or the next business day). Journals for that cycle will be dated on the second day of the new month. PurCard journals must be completed in the month in which they are created. PurCard journals will not roll forward to a new accounting period.

NOTE: Units served by the Administrative Business Services Center (ABSC), include, but are not limited to the Division of Finance; departments under the President’s Office; the Provost Office; the VP for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; the VP for Research, and the VP for Enrollment Management. A complete list can be found here. These areas should contact ABSC for reallocating PurCard journal processes.
How PurCard Journals Are Created

After the end of each cycle, journals are created using the default purchasing card chart string. Using journals allows for budget checking and chart field combination editing, to most accurately charge actual expenses to the appropriate budgets. PurCard journals are loaded directly into the General Ledger in PeopleSoft Financials. There is one journal (containing a line for each PurCard transaction) for each card, for each billing cycle. Cardholders who have more than one card may have more than one journal to reallocate in each cycle.

PurCard Journal Names and Dates

Each journal has a unique journal ID. For this process:

1. All journal IDs begin with the letter P followed by the last six digits of the employee ID of the card holder.

2. Because some people have more than one card, the journal ID also contains a dash followed by a two-digit number to distinguish one card from the next. The number is in a range from 51 – 99. An employee who has used two different cards during one cycle will have journals with the ID of Pxxxxxx-51 and Pxxxxxx-52.

Each journal also has a date. This date is the second of the new month following the PurCard cycle end date.

Find PurCard Journals

**Background:** A query was developed to help identify the journals: (UV_INTERIM_PURCARD_QRY). This query may be used to find journals by employee name, employee ID, journal ID, by date, or by specific chart field values. The results show the details of each journal, along with notes from the journal header, the billing cycle date, the name of the PurCard holder, etc. The results of this query will help identify journals which need review and reallocation. Write down the journal IDs for that purpose.

If you are responsible for reallocating multiple journals for a department, this query may be useful.
Instruction to Find PurCard Journals by Department

1. Navigate in PeopleSoft Financials to Reporting Tools > Query > Query Viewer. If this link is not displayed on the menu, log a Footprint requesting the role of purchasing card reallocation.

2. In the search criteria box, enter UV_PURCARD_QRY and click Search.

3. When this query is run, the results can be viewed on the screen by clicking the HTML link (a new window will pop open with the results). Or the results can be downloaded to an Excel spreadsheet by clicking on the Excel link.

4. In either case, another search screen will display a variety of search criteria. This screen shows all the fields that can be used to search for a journal.
   a. From Date and Through Date must be entered.
   b. To use the other fields, enter as much detail as is known for the value and end with a % sign.
   c. If not searching by a specific value, leave the values blank.
   d. When as many search criteria as necessary are entered, click the View Results button.

5. The results show the details of each journal, along with notes from the journal header, the billing cycle date, the name of the PurCard holder, etc. The results of this query will help identify journals which need review and reallocation. Write down the journal IDs for that purpose.
Instructions to Find the Journals by Cardholder’s Last Name

   NOTE: If this link does not display in the menu, the employee’s business manager must log a Footprint requesting the role PurCard Reallocation. Indicate that this request is being made in order to complete the PurCard Journal reallocation.

2. Click on the Find an Existing Value tab. Business Unit should read UVM01 by default, if not change the field to reflect this value.

3. Search by cardholder last name, or enter P and the last 6 digits of the employee ID of the cardholder whose transactions are to be reallocated (use the results of
the query above) in the Journal ID field. To view all the journals for a cardholder, search without the -5x extension.

4. Click **Search**. A list of all of the journals produced for this employee ID will display. For each PurCard statement date for which this employee has transactions, there may be multiple journals due to multiple cards. Cardholder last name and full name will display in the **Search Results**.

5. Click on the journal statement to be processed. **NOTE**: The last four digits of the purchasing card number are in the description.
Reallocate a PurCard Journal

**Background:** Once the journals are created, proxies (those authorized to reallocate transactions for PurCard holders) and PurCard holders without proxies will log into PeopleSoft, find their journals, and reallocate the transactions to the appropriate chart strings. Budget checking will charge the expenses to the budget when complete – even if the journal is not yet posted.

**Instructions to Reallocate PurCard Expenses**

1. The Journal Header will be displayed, providing the following information:
   - Journal ID
   - Journal Date
   - Long Description - PurCard, cycle date, last four digits of PurCard number
   - Fiscal year
   - Period – month

   **NOTE:** Nothing needs to be changed on the header tab of the journal.

2. Click on the **Lines** Tab to display the following:
   a) The Reference Field (on the far right) contains the PurCard transaction post date.
   b) The Journal Line Description contains the Merchant name.
   c) The Base Amount field contains the transaction amount.
3. Change the chart field values on the transaction lines to the correct chart string for each transaction.
   - **Use the list of accounts to select the correct account.** The magnifying glass icon is used to look up values. The correct account value always starts with a 6.
     - **Tip:** use the “contains” function in the Description field to display more choices.
• Some transactions have a default account value of 64098 – Conversion Only – PurCard Purchases. This is not a valid account for use in journals, so a new value must be supplied for this field, even if all the other chart field values are correct. An account of 64098 will fail budget checking.

• Each transaction made with a purchasing card has an MCC code assigned to it, derived from the merchant. A program was written to match the MCC code to the PeopleSoft account numbers where possible. When journals are created, the program is run and the accounts are changed from 64098 to the correct account. For example, the program will change the account to 60501 Airfare Domestic when it encounters an airline MCC code. This reduces the amount of required reallocation.

**TIP:** The Speed Type feature can be used if Speed Types have been created for designated chart strings. A Speed Type is a shortcut which can be created and named, containing a chart string. The Speed Type is then used in a journal, to fill in the chart field values, and save typing.

4. Lines may be added using the plus button, to split an amount between chart strings. **DO NOT MAKE CHANGES THAT RESULT IN A CHANGE OF TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE JOURNAL.**

5. All lines are displayed, regardless of the total number of lines.

6. The line that has the description **Accts Payable-PurCard** is shaded and cannot be changed. This line balances the journal (the journal nets to $0), and is the PurCard chart string for the Disbursement Center.

7. **Use of the Analysis Type on the Journal Line.** The analysis type on the journal line is used in grants billing processes and in project reporting. It is important that this field be filled in accurately. If there is a project in the chart string (the business unit will be GCA01 or PC001) and the account is an expense account (starting with a 6), use the analysis type GLE.

8. When the reallocation is complete, budget check the journal by pressing the **Edit and Budget Check** button. This process may take a few minutes, depending on the size of the journal. A warning message may be displayed. Click **OK** on this message to proceed.
If a journal is longer than 20 lines, PeopleSoft will bring you to the process monitor, where you will see the process is running. Press the refresh button until the process is completed with Success.

9. If the journal contains lines with more than one fund (for example, fund 300 for grants and fund 100 for the offsetting entry for Accts Payable – PurCard), two extra lines will be added to the journal at this time. They will both have the description Due To Due From – Fund and will offset each other. This is OK. PeopleSoft is doing some internal accounting work to keep the financial statements balanced. These lines can be safely ignored but never edited.

10. Both the Journal Status and Budget Status must change to V for Valid for the journal to process. Journal is not submitted.

11. Press the Submit button. The final result is that the journal is approved to post.
Budget Checking Errors

- Questions about budget checking errors that appear in journal processing can be addressed by the appropriate department or dean’s office business manager. If the error is on a sponsored project, consult with appropriate Sponsored Project Administration analyst.

- Journal Status E; Budget Status N: Journal has errors; budget not checked. Seen most often when journals are first created, and no reallocation or budget checking has happened.

  To correct this error, reallocate journal, press the Edit & Budget Check button.

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- Journal Status E; Budget Status V: Journal has errors; budget is checked. Seen when journals are reallocated, but has other errors, such as amounts out of balance.

  To correct this error, confirm dollar amounts (particularly when splitting transactions), press the Edit & Budget Check button.

  NOTE: If there is an E (error) in the Journal Status field, click on the Errors tab for additional information. Follow the directions in Journal Entries.

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- Journal Status V; Budget Status E: Journal has been reallocated; there is an error in budget checking.

  To correct this error, click the E for additional information. Follow the directions in Journal Entries.

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**NOTE:** A second screen will open, showing the error messages.

![Error Message Screen](image)

**Budget checking errors with sponsored projects:** Check to see why you are getting the error and contact your SPA Financial Analyst.

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<td>Budget Date Out of Bounds</td>
<td>When a transaction is being posted to a project after 30 days from end date.</td>
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<td>SP CHILD2</td>
<td>No Budget Exists</td>
<td>When a budget category doesn’t exist for a project and an expense is being posted to that category or an incorrect combination of chartfield values is being used.</td>
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<td>Budget is Closed</td>
<td>When the budget category line has been closed in the budget attributes page. This is done when the sponsor restricts certain expenses.</td>
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<td>SP CHILD2</td>
<td>Exceeds Budget Tolerance</td>
<td>When the budget category line has been set to control in the budget attributes page. This is done when the sponsor restricts certain expenses.</td>
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<td>SP PARENT</td>
<td>Exceeds Budget Tolerance</td>
<td>When the combination of expenses and encumbrances exceed the total budget of the award. This looks at the total budget and expenses of cost share and sponsored categories.</td>
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<td>SP PARENT</td>
<td>Budget is Closed</td>
<td>When an expense is hitting the project after the project has been final reported on and closed.</td>
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**Printing and Documentation**

1. Once the journal status and budget status have changed to V, print out the journal by pressing the Print button. The Process Monitor hyperlink will appear.

2. Click the Process Monitor hyperlink. And second page or tab will open and the Process List will be displayed.
   - If nothing happens at this point, there may be a message indicating that a pop-up has been blocked. The browser set-up should be changed to allow Pop-Up Windows for uvm.edu.
   - Click the Refresh button in the Process Monitor until the Run Status equals Success, and the Distribution Status equals Posted.
   - Click the Details hyperlink. The Process Detail screen will be displayed.
   - Click the View Log/Trace hyperlink. The View Log/Trace screen will be displayed.

3. Select the PDF file, which is the output from printing the journal. The document can be printed. The cardholder name is pre-printed at the top of the journal report.

4. Sections have been added to the journal report to information to fulfill the IRS rules for travel and business meals. Attach a second sheet to the report to add more information as necessary.
5. Sections have been added to capture the cardholder and supervisor signatures. This section also displays attestation language that each PurCard holder is required to sign. This statement is identical to the attestation statement on the travel and expense report.

I certify that the information provided above is true and correct, that there are no alcohol expenses in with any travel meals, and I did not pay for or seek reimbursement for this expense by any other method.

| Cardholder Signature: ____________________________ | Date: ____________________________ |
| Supervisor Signature: ____________________________ | Date: ____________________________ |

The PurCard journal report differs from a regular journal report in other ways:
- The chart string and charge information appear on one line, instead of wrapping to two lines.
- The Transaction Posted date column is appropriately labeled.

6. Attach receipts. Route for approval signature, and send to the Disbursement Center at 19 Roosevelt Highway in Colchester.

When the Disbursement Center staff receives the printed journals with receipts attached, they will review the corresponding journals in PeopleSoft to ensure that:
- each has passed budget checking;
- dollar totals match;
- no lines have been deleted;
- journal has been submitted.

Find Incomplete PurCard Journals

**Background**: This query will assist in verifying that all of the purchasing card journals for a cycle have been reallocated and submitted. This query displays all journals that are not posted. The journals may need to be reallocated, budget checked, and/or submitted.

1. Log in to PeopleSoft through the Financials Login (www.uvm.edu/~erp/portal).
2. Navigate to: Main Menu > Reporting Tools > Query > Query Viewer
3. Enter **UV_PURCARD_JRNLS_NOTFINISHD** into the search box.
4. Click Search.

5. The Query will appear. **NOTE:** To save this query in a list of frequently used (favorite) queries, click on the Favorite Link.

6. Click on the HTML link to run the query to the screen. The Excel link may also be selected to obtain results in an Excel Spreadsheet.

7. The criteria screen will appear.

8. Enter the search criteria and click View Results.

9. The list of incomplete Purcard Journals matching the criteria will appear. **NOTE:** Use this information to assist in cleaning up PurCard Journals for the month.
Policy Reminders

Travel
The University Travel Policy provide guidance and outlines internal controls for travel, regardless of the payment mechanism, based on the IRS Accountable Plan Rules. Many individuals may only associate the travel policy with submitting travel expense reports, however all methods of payment for travel expenses MUST follow this policy, including UVM PurCard.

NOTE: Be sure to share this information with department members before their next travel date or use their PurCard for any new purchases. These requirements and deadlines are in effect and will be the cardholders’ responsibility to follow. All itemized receipts are required as supporting documentation for all purchases made, except for travel meals. Please review the Travel Policy for additional guidelines on dollar thresholds, receipt requirements, etc. The Disbursement Center’s audit process must be in compliance with the IRS Accountable Plan Rules. These include a clear business purpose, destination, and dates of travel.

Lost Receipts
If a receipt is lost, misplaced, or damaged beyond legibility, the cardholder is responsible for contacting the vendor and requesting a copy of the receipt. If the cardholder does not present an acceptable receipt with their PurCard journal, the following action(s) will apply:

- Personal reimbursement from the employee to UVM will be required within 15 days. If multiple occurrences take place or if reimbursement is not met within the deadline:
  - Employee supervisor will be notified;
  - Transactions will be coded as misuse or policy violation;
  - Payroll deduction for outstanding reimbursement;
  - MCC code turned off for specific purchases; and/or
  - Card terminated.
Sponsored Project Expenses
If transaction is reallocated to sponsored project (GCA01), the cardholder must be able to demonstrate in the documentation that the transaction is:
• Allowable, allocable, and reasonable
• Direct tie to the scope of work

Deadlines
• Day 2 - PurCard Journals ready to campus (journals dated the 2ND of each month)
• Day 15 - 17 - PurCard Reallocation due in PeopleSoft
• Day 30 - PurCard Journal Hardcopies/receipts due in Disbursement Center

For questions, email purcard@uvm.edu

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I reallocate charges that have occurred in the past?
In PeopleSoft, a journal entry will need to be created and submitted to correct purchasing card charges which have already been posted. For more information about journal entries see Journal Entries. If the charge is on a project, a late cost transfer memo may need to be submitted. The following web site contains information regarding cost transfer memos: http://www.uvm.edu/spa/?Page=costtransfersonsponsoredagreements.html.

What is the account number and how do I find the correct one?
The account number represents the expense type (in the case of expenditures) or the revenue type (in the case of revenue). There are two main ways to find the correct account number—within PeopleSoft or through a source external to PeopleSoft. An example of an external source would be the Chart field Values page.

To find an account number within PeopleSoft, follow these general instructions:
1. Where an account number is necessary, there will be a search icon beside the account field. Click the search icon to bring up a search page.
2. Narrow the search by typing the appropriate number in the Account begins with field. All purchasing card transactions will begin with 6.
3. In the upper header row of the Search Results table, click View All to see every account. If there are more than 300 results, only the first 300 will be displayed.
4. Narrow the search again by using the Description field. Use the drop down menu to select contains. Enter a phrase or word to begin the search.
5. In the lower header row click on the word **Description** to sort the results alphabetically. Choose an appropriate account from the list by clicking on the hyperlinked account number.

6. If still uncertain which account to use, departmental administrative support, Dean’s office business manager, or the Financial Reporting and Accounting Services department can provide assistance.

**Helpful Links**

- Questions about the purchasing card transactions that appear in the journals can be directed to the Disbursement Center. Email: purcard@uvm.edu
- **Chart of Accounts Chart field Values**
- Security problems should be addressed with a Footprints entry. Send a [footprints ticket](#)
- **Journal manual**
- **Speed type manual**, page 31
- **Purchasing Card**

**Relevant UVM Department**

- **Disbursement Center**

**Related Policy**

- **Procurement or Lease of Goods and Services**
- **Travel Policy**
- **Business Meals, Hospitality and Amenity**

**Suggestions? Updates?** Send an e-mail to purcard@uvm.edu