Year End Mini Manual

The Controller’s Office issues an annual Closing List of tasks which must be completed at the end of the fiscal year. That document outlines the ‘what’ and ‘when’ of the tasks. This document expands on the ‘why’ and how’ of the tasks.

*Please note:* if your business processes flow through the Administrative Business Service Center, their deadlines apply.

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Purchasing Cards

**Why:** Purchasing card transactions must be charged to the correct fiscal year, in a timely fashion, well before the period closes. This is required to maintain the accuracy of the University's financial report. Timing is extremely important, given the short period of time available to reallocate June transactions.

In order to close a monthly period, many allocations are processed, based on all expenses within a month. PurCard transactions must be completed before the allocations are run.

**How:** Purchasing card transactions are reallocated in PeopleSoft via PurCard journals. 

*Navigation:* General Ledger, Journals, Journal Entry, UVM PurCard Reallocation

**Timing:**
- To be charged to the old fiscal year. PurCard purchases must be completed early enough to ensure that they will be charged to the correct fiscal year.
- Reallocation of PurCard journals dated June 2 must be completed by June 16.
- Reallocation of PurCard journals dated June 26 must be completed by July 10.

If you are using a purchasing card to purchase airfare or conference registration for the next fiscal year, you must reallocate those transactions to a prepaid expense account (see Prepaid Expense section within this manual).
- Use accounts beginning with 13XXX.
- The function code in the chart string needs to be 000. Otherwise, budget checking will fail.
- Account 13102 is defined as Prepaid Expense - PurCard Travel.

**Resources:**

- PurCard Reallocation Manual
- Prepaid Transactions Manual
- PurCard Guidelines
- Disbursement Center

Contact: PurCard@uvm.edu

Please contact your assigned SPA financial analyst if you receive a budget checking error on a sponsored project chartstring.
Travel Topics

**Why:** Travel and Expense transactions must be charged to the correct fiscal year and in a timely fashion. This is required to maintain the accuracy of the University's financial report, even though the Travel Policy allows for 60 days to submit an expense. Timing is extremely important, given the short period of time available at the end of June. Annually, UVM's external auditors review transaction to confirm that expenses were charged to the correct fiscal year.

**How:** Travel and Expense items are entered into and reimbursed through the Travel and Expense module in PeopleSoft.

**Navigation:** Employee Self Service, Travel and Expense Center, Expense Reports, Create

Expense Reports

Expense reports are due 60 calendar days after completion of a trip. However, please note: expense reports submitted on July 1 or later will be charged to new fiscal year funds.

- There is no way to enter an old fiscal year expense in July and charge the prior fiscal year.
- By the same token, one must not delay any old fiscal year expense because of budget availability, and enter it into the new fiscal year.

Because of the way that budget dates are created in the Travel and Expense module, and because of the way that Commitment Control (encumbrances) works with the Travel and Expense module, one cannot carry an expense report in process from one fiscal year to the next. **All worklists must be empty** at June 30.

Entering Expense Reports

Expense reports for all trips completed in the old fiscal year must be **submitted by June 23, 4:30 pm.**

- Complete expense reports immediately for all trips which have ended before June 23.
- Complete expense reports for reimbursements of purchases made before June 23.
- Travel & Expense Center will NOT be available in PeopleSoft for employees and delegates to enter reports between June 24 and June 30.

*After June 30, all newly entered travel and expense reimbursements will be charged to the new fiscal year, even for trips completed by the end of June.*

- If a trip ends in late June and cannot be submitted by June 23, or if a trip crosses into the new fiscal year, a Travel Authorization can be entered into PeopleSoft to
encumber funds, by June 23, 4:30pm. While the travel authorization and encumbrance will not roll to the new fiscal year, the corresponding budget will be credited to the new fiscal year for general funds.

Approving Expense Reports

Expense reports for all trips completed must be approved by June 27, 4:30 pm.

The expense report paperwork or electronic documentation must arrive in Disbursement Center by June 29 at noon.

Travel Authorizations

- What kind of travel needs a travel authorization:
  - Travel outside of the US and Canada.
  - Trips ending between June 24 and June 30, which cannot be submitted in the old fiscal year, and are required to be charged to old fiscal year funds 100 and 150.
  - Trips beginning in the old fiscal year, before June 30, and ending in the new fiscal year, after July 1, which will be charged to funds 100 and 150.

- When to submit new year travel authorizations:
  - For trips starting after July 1, submit on July 1 or later.
  - For trips starting on July 1, submit by June 23.
  - Creating a travel authorization encumbers funds and reduces the budget balance available. By creating the travel authorization too soon, the old fiscal year balance is incorrectly reduced.

- What happens to the travel authorization:
  - Travel authorizations are not rolled from old fiscal year to new fiscal year.
    - All travel authorizations will be canceled on June 30.
    - An encumbrance will be re-established in the old fiscal year equal to the travel auth amount for funds 100 and 150, for trips occurring at the end of June or crossing fiscal years. This corrects the ending balance for the chart string.
    - For travel authorizations on fund 100, revenue transactions equal to the encumbrance will be created in the new fiscal year. Typically, these transactions are created in September, at the same time as the reappropriation journals.
    - After the trip, create a regular expense report. The travel authorization will not be available to copy from or apply.
    - The Disbursement Center will maintain the list of travel authorizations for individuals abroad until those trips are completed.
  - Rolling travel authorizations from one fiscal year to the next was a manual process, and has been discontinued. Rolled travel authorizations used in
new year expense reports caused errors, and a delay in employee reimbursement.

- No travel authorizations for trips taken in the old fiscal year (except those for trips taken the last week in June) should be outstanding at June 30. Outstanding travel authorization which have not been used by an expense report, and the travel dates are past, will be canceled by the Disbursement Center.

  E-mail travel@uvm.edu to request travel authorizations be canceled for trips which have already been charged as expense or for trips which were canceled. Canceling a travel authorization will increase the available budget balance for the chart string used.

Cash Advances

- When to submit cash advance
  - For trips starting after July 1, submit on July 1 or later
  - For trips starting on July 1, submit by June 23.

Deposit excess travel advance cash (money owed to UVM from unused cash advance) at the Cashier’s Office by June 30, noon. Please bring a copy of the cash advance (do not use the regular cash deposit transmittal form).

Resources:

Travel and Expense Report Mini Manual

Travel Policy

Travel web page

Contact: travel@uvm.edu

Please contact your assigned SPA financial analyst if you receive a budget checking error on a sponsored project chartstring.
Journals

Why: Journals are the tool used to move transactions from one chart string to another. Often this comprises one department billing another. Sometimes this is a correction of an original transaction charged to an incorrect chart string. These transactions are required to maintain the accuracy of the University's financial report. Timing is extremely important, particularly at year-end.

In order to close a period, many allocations are processed, based on all expenses within a month. Journals must be completed before the allocations are run.

How: Journals are entered in PeopleSoft, to correct prior transactions booked to incorrect chart strings. In early July, UVM is still able to make changes to June of the prior fiscal year. Navigation: General Ledger, Journals, Journal Entry, Create/Update Journal Entries

- Correcting journals during year end – correct the chart string value that is in error. By May, all of the previous months of a fiscal year should be reviewed and corrected. Journals in June should only be correcting May and June transactions.
- If an internal charge is incorrect when charged to the chart string provided, the receiving department should prepare a journal to correct. If this is an ongoing, monthly charge, contact the business manager of the Income/Expense activity to correct the chart string.
- If an internal charge is incorrect because an Income/Expense activity incorrectly charged your department, contact the business manager of the Income/Expense activity, so they can initiate a journal to correct.
- Correcting prior year revenue or expenses after year end – transactions become part of the fund balance of the fund used on the chart string of the original transactions. Most often, transfers between actual revenue or expense accounts are not appropriate. Usually the fund transfer accounts would be employed.
  - If on restricted funds (3xx), check with the Controller's Office.
- While a journal can be rolled from one period to the next once, a journal cannot be rolled to a new fiscal year. **Journals not completed in the fiscal year in which they were created will be deleted as part of the year end process. Any journals not approved will be deleted on July 18th.**
- The cost transfer operating procedure may add an extra layer of approval. Please ensure that you build ample time to ensure that the journals get approved and posted.
- To facilitate the processing of the cost transfer journals, back up documents are essential. The accepted backup documents are as below and need to be attached to the journal.
  - Monthly budget report for projects/Monthly operating budget report, as applicable (please note that SPA does not accept budget transaction detail report anymore) and
  - Cost transfer memos (including answers to questions 3 & 4, if untimely) with appropriate signatures
• When creating a journal to affect the old fiscal year on or after July 1, change the journal date to June 30 when adding a new value.
• Departmental journals must be complete by July 11 (except Deans' offices).
• Deans' offices journals must be complete by July 12.

Resources:

Journal Manual

Cost transfer UOP

Department: Financial Reporting and Accounting Services

Contact: general.accounting@uvm.edu for non-sponsored chart strings

Contact your SPA analyst for sponsored chart strings
Payroll Dates

**Semi-Monthly**
Wednesday, June 14: ePARS due to Human Resource Services for the 6/30 payroll.
Friday, June 16: Last old fiscal year distributions to Payroll Services/Retro.
Friday, June 30: The final semi-monthly payroll will be paid.

**Bi-Weekly**
Wednesday, June 7: All payroll forms due to Human Resource Services for final June payroll
Sunday, June 18: Week ending date for the final biweekly payroll for the fiscal year.
Monday, June 19, 12 noon: Time reports must be submitted into the Peoplesoft system.
Monday, June 19, 3 PM: All time needs to be approved by supervisors.
Friday, June 23: Final biweekly payroll will be paid.

**Retroactive Labor Distribution Corrections**
Friday, June 16: Distribution forms and requests that require retroactive labor adjustments, including clean-up of departmental suspense, must be received in Payroll Services/Retro.
Thursday, July 6: Retroactive labor adjustments are complete and reports can be run.

Payroll Corrections

**Why:** Payroll expense, including cost share, must be charged to the correct chart string. If this is not done at the outset of the transaction, the expense must be corrected before the end of the fiscal year. These corrections must be in compliance with policies and procedures governing sponsored projects, wherever applicable.

**How:** Payroll corrections are requested via the Retro process.
- All combo codes associated with the transfer must be active prior to submission of the retro request.
- Salary distribution forms are completed online. Forms are printed and routed for signature.
- Wage transfers are requested via email.
- It is critical that all requests have complete documentation, including:
  - All appropriate approval signature,
  - A late cost transfer memo, if appropriate.

**Resources:**
- Cost Transfer UOP
- Effort Management and Reporting Policy
- Payroll Services
- Contact: retro@uvm.edu
Requisitions and Purchase Orders

**Why:** Requisitions and purchase orders must be closed for fiscal year end if the purchases are complete. Requisitions create pre-encumbrances. Purchase orders create encumbrances. Both reduce the budget balance available for a chart string. Moving into fiscal year end, it is critically important to have an accurate picture of one’s budget.

Equally important is identifying which purchase orders should roll to the new fiscal year, for service which is not yet complete or materials not yet delivered.

**How:** If you have a pre-encumbrance amount remaining for a requisition, and the corresponding purchase order has been created, or the requisition should be canceled, please email Purchasing Services at purchasing@uvm.edu to close the requisition.

If you have an encumbrance amount remaining for a purchase order, and the purchase order should be closed, please email Purchasing Services at purchasing@uvm.edu.

**Reporting Tools**

- The Operating Budget Report is a PeopleSoft report available to assist in the search for all open purchase orders by department number or project number. Please follow this link to view the Mini Manual which will guide you through the process of creating the Operating Budget Report: [http://www.uvm.edu/hrs/skills/manuals/basicfinancialreports.pdf](http://www.uvm.edu/hrs/skills/manuals/basicfinancialreports.pdf).
- There is a query named UV_PO_OPEN_BY_DEPT_PROJECT. This query is helpful in reviewing PO’s for fiscal year end, determining which can be closed, which encumbrances need to be increased, decreased, etc. If there are PO’s which can be closed, please email purchasing@uvm.edu with the information.
- Pre-encumbrance and encumbrance amounts can be seen on the Budget Details Report generated in PeopleSoft: Commitment Control > Budget Reports > Budget Transaction Detail. The step by step guide can be found at the following web site: [http://www.uvm.edu/hrs/skills/manuals/commitmentcontrol.pdf](http://www.uvm.edu/hrs/skills/manuals/commitmentcontrol.pdf).

**Old Fiscal Year Deadlines**

**Requisitions** for purchases not yet invoiced must be entered into PeopleSoft by June 23 at 4:30 pm. If the expense is for the old fiscal year, you will need to work with the vendor to deliver the goods or complete the service by June 30. June invoices must be received in the Disbursement Center by end of business day, July 7.

Valid credit memos should not be held until an offsetting invoice is received. They should be delivered to the Disbursement Center by the above deadline.

When preparing requisitions for expenses which should be charged in the next fiscal year, but are invoiced in the current fiscal year, please use one of the prepaid
categories. In the category of Prepaid Expenses, you will find selections for Prepaid Travel, Prepaid Rent and others.

- Examples of when to use a prepaid category:
  - If you are now reserving space for a conference to be held in the new fiscal year, you must use a prepaid category on the requisition.
  - If you are now preparing a requisition for a conference registration held in the new fiscal year, you must use a prepaid category.

- When you are using one of these prepaid categories on a requisition, the function code in the chart string needs to be 000. Otherwise, budget checking will fail.

- Please refer to the prepaid section of this document for additional information.

Purchasing Services is currently in the process of closing all old fiscal year purchase orders when the remaining encumbrance is $0 (fully matched), according to PeopleSoft. If you have a PO with $0 encumbrance and anticipate additional spending before June 30, email purchasing@uvm.edu with the PO#, vendor name, and amount of increase.

Purchasing Services is currently closing all blanket purchase orders which have passed the end date.

- Blanket purchase orders which expire on or before June 30 will not be rolled into the new fiscal year.

For any purchase orders needing to be rolled into the next fiscal year, departments will need to submit a list of those purchase orders with a valid business reason via email to purchasing@uvm.edu by July 3. If a list is not received by that date, Purchasing will move forward with closing all open purchase orders.

**Check Request Forms** are completed for other uncommitted (unencumbered) expenses that were incurred on or before June 30, when requisitions are not appropriate. They must be received in the Disbursement Center by end of business day, July 7.

- To review what types of payments are most appropriately made on a Check Request Form, please review the following web page: [http://www.uvm.edu/~cntrlrs/?Page=disburse/payment_methods.html&SM=disbursemenu.html](http://www.uvm.edu/~cntrlrs/?Page=disburse/payment_methods.html&SM=disbursemenu.html)
- Any voucher with budget checking or matching errors will be deleted on July 13, if not resolved.

Any questions regarding Check Request Forms, please contact: disburse@uvm.edu

**New Fiscal Year Information**

**Requisitions**
July 3 is the earliest date to begin entering requisitions for new fiscal year purchase orders.

- If a new fiscal year purchase involves a contract, begin the review/approval process with Purchasing now, before the requisition is entered.
- When searching for a **vendor** to use on a requisition, start the search with a small character string. If too many vendors are displayed, you can then refine the search.
- When selecting a **category**, always use the default account number. Changing the account invalidates the integrity of budget reports and the University’s financial reports.
- If there is a problem with **budget checking**, please work with your financial administrator or Sponsored Project Administration analyst. Don’t select a category simply because it will pass budget check.

**Blanket PO Requisitions**

- Create the new year requisition for an amount at least equal to the old fiscal year requisition amount.
- If you have an RFP#, include in description or comment field.
- Complete the Blanket PO Dates field. Please indicate the start and end dates of the blanket purchase order in the following format: mm/dd/yy – mm/dd/yy. For example: 07/01/17–06/30/18 or 10/01/17–09/30/18.
- Enter last year’s blanket PO number in the comment field.
- Selecting the correct category for blanket purchase orders is very important.
  - Equipment cannot be purchased with blanket purchase orders.
  - Therefore, the category for a blanket PO should never include a description of **item>$5,000**. For example, a blanket purchase order to Fisher Scientific for $30,000 might have a category of Research_Supplies_Materials or Research_Equipment_<$5,000.

**Benefits to using Blanket PO:**

- Can use for paying a vendor multiple times, quarterly, monthly, by semester, etc.
- Saves time and money for all involved – only need to attach documents 1-time
- Vendor has the same PO# for the year to include on invoices to Disbursement
- Departments can increase PO amounts when needed during the year.

**Rolled PO’s from Old Fiscal Year**

- Rolled purchase orders which have not been fully expensed in the old fiscal year, and will have expense in the new fiscal year, will be rolled to the new fiscal year, beginning July 17 and completed by July 18.

**Resources:**

- [Requisitions and Accounts Payable Mini-Manual](http://www.uvm.edu/hrs/skills/manuals/accountspayable.pdf)
Procurement Policy (PDF)
Contract Approval and Signatory Authority Policy (PDF)
Purchasing Services
Contact information: purchasing@uvm.edu
Prepaid Expenses and Unearned (Deferred) Revenue

**Why:** It is sometimes necessary to make a purchase or a payment in one fiscal year for goods or services which must be accounted for in the next fiscal year. All of these transactions ensure that expenses are appropriately reflected in the annual financial report.

The University sometimes receives revenue for services not yet provided. This revenue must be deposited into unearned (deferred) revenue accounts in the old fiscal.

**How:** There is a manual which describes this process, discusses the decision making steps for a prepaid expense, and the transactions necessary in PeopleSoft.

Journals correcting deferred revenue and prepaid expenses in the new fiscal year should be completed no later than August.

**Resources:**

Pre-Paid Transactions Mini-manual

Disbursement Center

Contact information: disburse@uvm.edu
Cash Deposits

**Why:** All cash received by the University must be deposited in timely fashion. Cash received in the old fiscal year must be deposited in the old fiscal year.

**How:** Cash deposits are made at the Cashier’s Office, supported by a completed [Cash Deposit Transmittal Sheet](#).

- All deposits for the old fiscal year are due to the Cashier’s Office by June 30, by noon.

**Resources:**

[Cash Receipts Policy](#)

[Cashier’s Office web page](#)

Contact information: 656-3462
Petty Cash

**Why:** Petty cash expenses paid through June 30 must be recorded as expenses in the old fiscal year.

**How:**

- All petty cash custodians should either submit a check request to reimburse their funds for old fiscal year expenses to the Disbursement Center or bring a Petty Cash Replenishment form to General Accounting by July 7.

- All temporary petty cash funds for events completed by June 30 should be closed out. Bring a Petty Cash Close Out Form and any unspent cash to General Accounting by June 30th.

**Resources:**

- Petty Cash web page
- Instructions for Petty Cash Custodians
- Department: General Accounting
- Contact information: General.Accounting@uvm.edu
UVM Checks Not Cashed

Why: Normally, checks are mailed to our vendors or employees directly. On occasion, a check for a vendor is picked up by a department but the associated event or service is canceled or not provided. Vendor checks may also return to UVM due to an invalid mailing address, or a travel and expense check, for an employee is mailed to the department, but the employee has left the area. Uncashed checks remain a charge to the departmental chart string since there is no “Void after 90 days” expiration to automatically reconcile them through PeopleSoft.

UVM must follow a variety of state and federal regulations in regard to uncashed checks, also referred to as abandoned property. Uncashed checks are a liability to the University and must be identified and dealt with in a timely manner. The University has a process in place to confirm the validity of these outstanding checks and to identify the rightful owners. General Accounting reaches out to UVM departments and check recipients to determine the appropriate handling procedures. Claimed payments are reissued to payees. Unclaimed payments, or abandoned property, are remitted to the State’s Unclaimed Property Division along with the last known information of the owner.

Checks Produced by the Disbursement Center
Checks being held in departments are NOT automatically canceled. If payment was made by another means (purchasing card) or was not necessary (event was canceled), the check needs to be voided as soon as possible. If the original paper check is not in-hand, (because the vendor doesn’t return it to UVM or it is lost), a request to void the unneeded check in PeopleSoft must be submitted. Departments should encourage their employees to cash their travel and expense checks promptly and consider setting up direct deposit for future reimbursements.

Checks Produced by Payroll Services
Departments should encourage their employees to pick up their pay checks from the Payroll Services department, and cash them promptly. If they are not currently set up for direct deposit, please encourage them to do so.

How: The only way to get the credit back to the chart string is to return the check to the Disbursement Center for handling. If it is appropriate, the Disbursement Center will cancel the check. Once the check is canceled, a credit transaction will be processed to the chart string.

Timing: Return checks to the processing department as soon as you know that an event is canceled, an employee has moved, etc.

- Fiscal Year End: It is critically important for all outstanding checks to be voided by June 30. Please check your department for uncashed checks during the first week of June to allow sufficient time for the Disbursement Center to process the voids in the correct fiscal year. This affects budget balance available at year end, and ultimately the University financial report.
• Calendar Year End: It is critically important for all outstanding checks to be voided by December 31 each year, because of tax reporting. A payroll check affects accurate W-2 reporting. An AP check can affect the 1099 Misc reporting.

**Resources:**

**Disbursement Center**

Contact information: disburse@uvm.edu

**Payroll Services**

Contact information: payroll@uvm.edu
AR / Billing for Non-sponsored Customers

**Why:** The final billing for the fiscal year (through June 30) must be charged to the old fiscal year, before the period is closed. The actual process is run in July. Timing is very important for the AR / Billing at fiscal year end.

**How:** All tasks are completed in PeopleSoft.

**Deadlines & Reminders:**

- **June 1** - Run the query: UV_AR_UNPAIDITEMS_BYBILLINGBU for your unit. Take action on outstanding invoices and credits.

- **June 22** - Items outstanding more than 120 day will be reversed, debiting your department’s revenue.
  - Subsequent collections of these items should be directly deposited into your revenue chart string via a Cash Deposit Transmittal Sheet. General Accounting cannot unpost reversals from a closed accounting period or fiscal year.

- **June 30** - Last day to remit old fiscal year customer payments to the Cashier’s Office. The deadline is noon.
  - Customer transmittal forms may be found via: [Customer Cash Deposit Transmittal Form](#)

- **July 7** - Last day to send new customer id requests to: [General.Accounting@uvm.edu](mailto:General.Accounting@uvm.edu). Please allow 2-3 days for creation.
  - New Customer Request Forms should be sent as early as possible for adding or updating customer information.

- **July 12** - Last day to enter bills for old fiscal year expenses. The deadline to set your invoices to Ready status is 4:30pm to ensure they're included in the July 17th run. Departments are responsible for running the UV_BI_READY_BILLS query to review their bills, before this deadline.
  - Ensure all Ready/RDY status bills have nothing entered in the Invoice Date field.
  - Ensure all old fiscal year bill headers have a June 30 date in the Accounting Date field.
  - Ensure only Non SP Customer Types are being used.

- **July 14** - Submit any old fiscal year AR Maintenance Worksheets requests via a: [Customer Maintenance Request Form](#)

- **July 17** - This is the last invoice run of FY17.

- New fiscal year invoices should not be set at Ready/RDY status until accounting period 12 has officially been closed and communicated by the Controller's Office.
A screen shot example:

- The **Header-Info 1** tab, for old fiscal year bills, must have June 30 entered in the **Accounting Date** field. The actual date of the expense, or invoice period, may be referenced in the **From Date**: & **To Date**: fields. Additional information may be entered via the **Notes** links as needed.

- **REMEMBER:** The **Invoice Date must be left blank**. (PeopleSoft assigns the date the accounting entries are posted.)

**Resources:**

Contact information:  [General.Accounting@uvm.edu](mailto:General.Accounting@uvm.edu)
Inventories

**Why:** Inventories must be booked annually, to account for change during the fiscal year, and to be appropriately reflected in the financial report.

**How:** Those activities with a physical inventory are required to count and report to the Controller’s area the result. Please use the sheet on the next page to record the summary inventory information.

Those units that traditionally record inventory adjustments at year-end should have their physical inventory completed by June 30 and the adjustments to General Accounting by July 7.

**Resources:**

Contact information: [Renee.Hunt@uvm.edu](mailto:Renee.Hunt@uvm.edu)
Inventory Submission
For Fiscal Year End

Department Name ___________________________ Date ________

Activity Name ______________________________

Submitted By _______________________________ Phone # ________

Chart String

Old Fiscal Year $______________ inventory balance

New Fiscal Year $______________ inventory balance

Difference $______________

Attach inventory details

Send To:
Renee Hunt
General Accounting
333 Waterman Building