GL Accounts and Purchase Requisitions Guide

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Process for Selecting GL Codes

 GL NUMBERS

 General Ledger number accuracy is important to the university.

 The General Ledger Number Reference Guide explains:

• Financial Reporting – The university’s Annual Financial Report (AFR) rolls to the TSUS AFR, which rolls to the State of Texas AFR. The GL’s used for all expenditures, etc. are the source for the AFR.

• Tax compliance for IRS 1099 reporting.
  
  o Some GLs are reportable transactions to the IRS and some are not.
  
  o Dollar amount on an individual transaction doesn’t matter as the vendor IRS reporting limit for taxable items is $600 or more paid to the vendor for the calendar year.
Process for Selecting GL Codes Cont.

- IRS penalties apply and accuracy helps avoid those unnecessary costs.
- The **GL Codes** page also includes:
  - General Ledger Number Reference Guide
  - AP Commonly Used GL’s
  - AP Specially Used GL’s
  - Asset Commonly Used GL’s
  - Contracted Services GL’s
  - Grant Commonly Used GL’s
  - IT Commonly Used GL’s
  - SAP GL Listing
  - Texas Comptroller Manual of Accounts and Instructions

***Note - If you are unsure of the correct GL code these resources are your starting point.
Process for Selecting GL Codes Cont.

- REVIEW THE GL CODES WEBPAGE
  - It is important to understand the information on the GL Number Reference Guide – it tells you what you need to know.
  - Commonly Used GL listings have been updated with more examples.
  - Not all examples from the Comptroller’s Manual of Accounts were added to these Commonly Used listings.
  - The SAP GL Listing file format has been modified.
    - The Funds tab and all CLSD (closed) GL accounts have been deleted.
    - The tabs at the bottom break out the GLs by category and show the starting digits of the GL number.

| Assets (1) | Liabilities (2) | Revenues (4) | Expenses (7) |
Process for Selecting GL Codes Cont.

• Most documents you create will use a GL from the Expenses (7) tab. The Revenues (4) GLs are used if refunding previously collected income deposited to that GL.

• When using the SAP GL Listing, you can search for a term which may help find the correct GL number.

• Click on the Find & Select search icon at the top of the page and then select Find.
Process for Selecting GL Codes Cont.

• Enter the key word in the “Find what:” box.

• Click on “Find All” box to see all the GL’s with the word in the name.

• Scroll through the GLs with that word in the name by clicking on the “Find Next” box.

• If not sure, go to the Comptroller’s Manual of Accounts and review the GL accounts that were “found” in the SAP GL Listing to determine the correct one for your expense.
Process for Selecting GL Codes Cont.

REVIEW HOW TO USE THE

**TEXAS COMPTROLLER MANUAL OF GL ACCOUNTS**

- The Comptroller Manual refers to Expenditure Codes as well as GL numbers.

- The GL numbers are 4 digits and SAP numbers are 6 digits with the first 4 digits matching the 4-digit numbering scheme on the Comptroller’s site.

- You should be able to find the corresponding GL in the SAP GL Listing by starting with the 4 digits from the Comptroller’s site. The SAP numbers typically have 00 at the end.

- Some of the university expenditure GL numbers end in 01, 02, 03, etc. That is because TX State has broken the GLs into more granular numbers for its use (e.g., GLs ending on 01 are typically used for Grant expenses).
Process for Selecting GL Codes Cont.

This is the landing page from the GL Codes link. https://fmcpa.cpa.state.tx.us/fiscalmoa/

- Note the statement on the Manual of Accounts in the small print. It references “…properly recording accounting transactions.” GL numbers matter!
Process for Selecting GL Codes Cont.

- Enter a descriptive word for the expense item you plan to procure in the “Search terms:” box. Click the Expenditures box below and then click Search.
Process for Selecting GL Codes Cont.

- The website will provide all the GL’s that have that search term whether in the name or the examples.

- The manual displays all references to that number and shows how many matches there are.
Process for Selecting GL Codes Cont.

• Click on the GL link for the GL number (Expenditure Object) and more information and examples will display.

• Note the statement that the “Expenditure code #### includes but is NOT limited to:” referring to the list of examples.

• Use the gray sidebar to scroll through more examples for the GL account.

• The “Note” section lists items not included in the GL account and lists the GL numbers for those items.
You can also search by a GL number in the “Search terms:” box (e.g., enter the rent 4-digit number 7406 from the above example) to go directly to that GL account for the description and examples.

Enter the GL number and click on the “Search” button.
• Again, the number of matches is displayed.

• Note the first reference in this example (7277) includes the GL number entered (7406) and states that rented uniforms are not recorded to GL 7277 but the correct GL for rental of uniforms is 7406.

• Click on the link for the GL number you were searching for to get all the information on that GL.
Process for Selecting GL Codes Cont.

- Use the gray scroll bar to see more examples and review the “Note” for items not included in this GL.

- Travel GLs are located at Travel GL Matrix.

- Concur Travel has the GL numbers in the background of the selected expense category. When using Concur, you will not need to be concerned about the GL number.

- Travel e-NPOs are now only used for third-party vendor payments such as bus charters and direct billed lodging.
GL TIPS FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT

- As shown in this training, not all examples are included on the Commonly Used GL listings on the AP GL Codes website. The examples are what most university departments might use but may not include the items used by your department.
- A best practice is to create a listing of the GL’s routinely used by your department with examples for the items purchased for your operation.
  - You can customize and add to that listing as you either purchase new items/services (add examples) or are informed of a required GL correction on a PR or e-NPO.
  - This will save you time in the future by eliminating the need/time to make GL corrections.

Remember the statement on the Comptroller’s guide—“...properly recording accounting transactions.” This is a directive that GL accounts are to be correct. The Comptroller’s Manual of Accounts is a resource for that. So are the GL listings at GL Codes.
INVOICES RECEIVED OUTSIDE OF AP

- If you receive goods or services from a vendor and did not complete the PR process before engaging with the vendor, then it is an after the fact payment request.
  - Your first option would be to ask the vendor if you can pay the invoice by P-Card. That is the best practice for low-dollar purchases.
  - If not, enter the invoice information as an e-NPO. The invoice dollar amount should be low, (related to your department’s operation) typically under $500 and the expense should not be a recurring charge. **You must state on the e-NPO why a PO was not used rather than following the UPPS 05.02.02 requirements. This provides documentation for audits since the policy wasn’t followed.**
  - If the invoice amount is greater than $500 and you process as an e-NPO, (if the P-Card is not an option) again you will need to state why the PO process was not used.
INVOICES RECEIVED OUTSIDE OF AP

- If the e-NPO is for a large dollar amount, then additional PSS review is involved, and it may be rejected back for a PR.
- If at one time there was a PO for this vendor and the billed expense, but the PO has already been closed, then enter the e-NPO and reference the original PO number in the comments on the e-NPO. You do not have to create a new PO as the reference to the original PO will suffice for policy compliance during an audit.
- If you have a PO but the vendor sent the invoice to your department rather than AP (as stated on the PO at the top right):

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Section 2 - Invoices - (Texas State is Sales Tax Exempt):
Email invoice to payables@txstate.edu or mail original to:
Texas State University
P.O. BOX 747 San Marcos, TX 78666-0747
Payment Terms: Per Texas Govt Code Sec 2251 unless noted.
Failure to email or mail invoice as per the above will delay payment.
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INVOICES RECEIVED OUTSIDE OF AP

- Ensure all the information on the AP Stamp is on the invoice:
  - **IRD** (Invoice Received Date)
  - **SCD** (Service Completion Date)
  - **GRD** (Goods Received Date) if delivered to your department and the PO did not have a GR requirement on it
  - **PO#** (Always needed to pay a vendor invoice)
  - **Approval**

- Your department should have this stamp to ensure all the information is provided on the invoice to avoid further emails for missing information.

- Dates are required to determine the baseline date (which is the later of the invoice received or goods/services received date) and for compliance with the Texas Prompt Pay Act.
USEFUL LINKS to RESOURCES

P&SS Resources

AP Resources

How to Modify the Layout on FBL1N

How to Search for Vendor Payment Information
PROPERLY CREATING A PURCHASE REQUISITION

- Start by reviewing the SAP Reg to Check procedures and the Marketplace User Guide.
- Main Points on a purchase requisition are:
  - When creating a purchase requisition, select the correct requisition type:
    - **Local** = Goods ONLY (require a goods receipt)
    - **Framework** = Services (1 invoice)
    - **Limit Framework** = Services (Multi Invoices)
Select Vendor & State what Purchase is for

- In the requisition header, tell the who, what, when & why for the goods OR services you are procuring in the HEADER NOTE TAB:
In this example we are purchasing 50 bags to give away. **Mark your Material Group as a G1** as a goods receipt will be required with the expected Delivery Date.

**NOTE:** AP will require the GR to be added to the PO **before they can issue payment.**
Enter the **CORRECT GL Code**: This example is a promotional give a way GL = 730900

**IS YOUR FUNDING CORRECT FOR THE RIGHT FISCAL YEAR?**
Check before you issue your requisition.
Don’t forget to mark if the purchase is tied to covid: **YES or NO is required on every requisition**
Reminders:

- Any and all **GL asset items** (controlled and capital) will require an **asset tag**. **Contact** Materials Management to assign the asset tag.
- All requisitions require workflow approval before it becomes a PO.
PO CHANGES MADE ON THE PR

• Purchase Order (PO) Changes – What is the process and why?
• When AP is processing an invoice against a PO and determines the PO is incorrect due to a GL error:
  o The department is provided with the correct GL and must make the change on the Purchase Requisition (PR).
• **All SAP Purchase Orders, all GL changes are made at the requisition level.**
  
  o **You must delete the incorrect line on the REQ using SAP TCODE: ME52N** and issue a new line with the correct GL/Save.

  o **Workflow approval required**, once approved purchasing will delete the incorrect line, add the new line and send a PO revision and **AP will be able to pay the invoice.**
All Marketplace Purchase Orders, Purchasing is allowed to issue changes to the PO direct only with AM approval sent in an email.

- The Department must be specific in what needs changed, get their account manager to approve it in an EMAIL; Send approved email to purchasing@txstate.edu for the PO change.
- NOTE: We will not issue changes via attachments (**everything must be in email explaining the changes needed**)
USEFUL LINKS to RESOURCES

PSS Resources
AP Resources
How to Modify the Layout on FBL1N
How to Search for Vendor Payment Information

QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

• Please ask any questions on this material.
• Please offer any suggestions on how to improve this material.
MARKETPLACE VENDORS USING ELECTRONIC INVOICING

- **What is an Electronic Invoice?** This is an invoice that is generated at the point the Vendor ships against the PO.
  - Marketplace vendors are set up to use electronic invoices.
    - Vendors that have a punchout.
    - Note, not all Marketplace vendors are using Electronic Invoices. This includes non-catalog orders from vendors that have a tile/punchout for other items. (Key Staff and Priority)
  - Vendors using electronic invoices are received through an electronic data feed sent to TX State. The software reads the invoice data and compares it to the Marketplace PO to validate the order (quantity and pricing) for automated posting to the correct PO line without manual intervention.
    - If the PO requires a GR, the item will not be released for payment until the GR is completed.
    - If no GR is required (i.e. Staples), the invoice posts and is paid on the next AP payment run.
    - If there are variances, then AP must manually review the invoice and process for payment.
MARKETPLACE VENDORS USING ELECTRONIC INVOICING

- The Electronic invoices are automatically attached to the PO in Marketplace.
  - If there is an issue and AP has to manually resolve and post the invoice, then the invoice is not attached to the Marketplace PO. Email payables@txstate.edu if you require an invoice copy and can’t find it on the Marketplace PO.
- Review [How to View an Invoice on a PO](#) to view the EDI Vendor invoice in Marketplace.
- Remember, Marketplace POs are not closed if there are extra encumbrances. You will need to contact PSS to close that PO if no more activity is expected.
Be familiar with the e-NPO Procedures (for AP and Travel) to ensure you understand all steps required for this process.

If you haven’t read these procedures, you should do so. Understanding the process and the requirements will save you time and having to correct the e-NPO.

When using the e-NPO procedures, you can click on the topic from the Contents page, and it will take you directly to that page in the procedures.

The webpage also has the following resources:
- The e-NPO Checklist
- The e-NPO Workflow
- The e-NPO Certification Statement

The GL number selection process for e-NPOs is the same as described above. You may have to do some research to find the correct GL number for the expense incurred.
e-NPOs AND WORKFLOW

- Much like the purchase requisition workflow, e-NPOs have a workflow associated with them.
- The workflow is built around the funding source (Account Manager) but also other departments such as Information Technology, Tech Resources, Information Security, Purchasing, Cabinet Officer (if Alcohol or a policy exception) and Tax Compliance.
- AP is the last stop in the workflow and the final review that the GL number is correct (and all requirements met) before releasing for payment.

**Note:** if there is a contract associated with the vendor an eNPO will not be excepted.