

This QRG provides guidance on handling Prepaid Expenses and Purchases that cross Fiscal Years for Non-Project-related expenses.

First, determine if it is absolutely necessary to process the request before June 1st. If the purchase can wait, it should. However, some circumstances require a purchase to be made before June 1st where the event, or delivery of product, will not take place or be received until after May 31st.

Examples: Conference Registrations or purchases with long lead times, etc.

Second, determine which procedures apply.

How much is the expense: less than \$250 or greater than \$250?

Purchases less than \$250 prior to June1

Purchases less than \$250 will be expensed in the default (current) fiscal year.

Purchases greater than \$250 prior to June 1

REQUISITIONS:

- Enter a Requisition and select the normal category for the type of expense.
- A **Fiscal Year** field has been added to the Requisition. This defaults to 2026 (current fiscal year).
- By selecting **2027**, the requisition automatically changes the account segment in the COA to **clearing account 15300** for all non-project purchases.
- Project purchases and Fixed Assets will remain coded as normal.
- The use of this field is only applicable through May.

Additional information	
Fiscal Year	2026
2026 6/1/25 - 5/31/26	
2027 6/1/26 - 5/31/27	

**DO NOT select 2027
For Fixed Asset or
Project Purchases!!!**

EXPENSE REPORTS:

- Be sure to separate expenses based on fiscal year. One expense report should not contain expenses from more than one fiscal year.
*Example: An expense in **May** should be recorded on an expense report for the **current** fiscal year. Expenses after June 1st should be recorded on a separate expense report for the **new** fiscal year.*
- Enter an expense item with the normal Expense Template and Type selected.
- Enter all expense item information.
- As a final step, **manually update the account in the COA to 15300.**
 - Changing the template and type after updating will result in the account defaulting back to the normal mapped account. The account should be checked before saving and submitting.

Note: On Both Requisitions and Expense Reports, include in the description fields on the requisition line/expense item line an indicator of the FY and account for when the expense is reviewed and reversed:

Example. "FY27 – 93XXX – Normal Description"

In FY27 Central Finance will recode items out of the clearing account into the actual account based on the Expense Type or Procurement Category.

CROSS-YEAR EXAMPLES:

Full service period in FY27

- Example: A software invoice is received in May, service dates are 7/1/26-6/30/27
✓ Expense in **FY27**

Partial service period in FY27

- Example 1: A software invoice is received in April, service dates are 4/1/26-3/31/27
✓ Expense in year of majority - **FY27** (10 months in FY27, 2 months in FY26)
- Example 2: A software invoice is received in April, service dates are 4/1/26-6/30/26
✓ Expense in year of majority - **FY26** (2 months in FY26, 1 month in FY27)

Deposit on goods or service to be received in FY27

- Full amount, including deposit, should be expensed in **FY27**

PURCHASE ORDER ROLL:

The PO Carry Forward process will roll open purchase order balances from FY26 to FY27. Please review open POs to ensure either Invoices have been received and processed/paid, or unneeded POs have been Finally Closed. Refer to the [Purchase Order Finally Close Request Job Aid](#) for instructions.

Once the fiscal year has officially closed in late June, all remaining Open PO lines will be closed with a 5/31/26 date and reopened with a 6/1/26 date.

Note: Closing POs does not communicate closure to the supplier; suppliers must be contacted directly if items/services are no longer needed. The supplier must be contacted before closing the PO to ensure invoices are not received for closed POs.