

U.S. Government Standard General Ledger Account Transactions

This section provides accounting transactions for events occurring throughout the Federal Government. The transactions illustrate both proprietary and budgetary entries for each accounting event. Transactions are grouped under the following categories:

➤	A 100-799	Funding Sources
➤	B 100-699	Disbursements and Payables
➤	C 100-799	Collections and Receivables
➤	D 100-799	Adjustments/Writeoffs/Reclassifications
➤	E 100-799	Accruals/Non-Budgetary Transfers Other Than Disbursements and Collections
➤	F 100-499	Yearend
➤	G 100-299	Memorandum Entries

The above categories provide a basic framework for organizing the transactions. Also included, as a quick reference, is a listing of transaction descriptions. These accounting transactions document basic standard posting logic for financial events across the Federal Government.

The following notes explain conventions to follow when using the USSGL and the limitations of this compilation of USSGL transactions:

- There are valid accounting events/postings not yet documented. Accounting in the Federal sector is not “one size fits all.” Agencies may engage in financial activity that the USSGL Board has not yet addressed. If so, submit an issue to the USSGL Board through the agency’s USSGL representative. To illustrate the issue, document accounting events specific to the activity in a simple accounting scenario. Include references to specific legislation, accounting standards, or central agency requirements that make the activity unique from those currently documented. This documentation may be useful for explaining variances from the USSGL standard to auditors.
- For nonexpenditure transfers of budget authority between Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbols (TAFS), the "Transfer From" entity will determine the source of funds being transferred and record a proprietary USSGL account that designates the funding as being derived from either:
 - Unexpended appropriations from general fund resources not earmarked by law for a specific purpose - USSGL account 3103, “Unexpended Appropriations - Transfers-Out,” or
 - Financing sources that impact cumulative results of operations - USSGL account 5765, “Nonexpenditure Financing Sources – Transfers-Out.”

The “Transfer To” entity must use a propriety USSGL account that corresponds to the proprietary USSGL account used by the “Transfer From” entity. USSGL account 3102, “Unexpended Appropriations - Transfers-In” corresponds to USSGL account 3103. USSGL account 5755, “Nonexpenditure Financing Sources - Transfers In” corresponds to USSGL account 5765. Failure of both entities to record the matching proprietary USSGL account category (3102/3103 or 5755/5765) will result in agency-wide and/or Government-wide elimination discrepancies.

- There may be mixed funding in a single TAFS. The net position of a TAFS may be a mix of:
 - Unexpended appropriations derived from general fund resources not earmarked by law for a specific purpose, and
 - Financing sources, such as Economy Act revenue, that impact cumulative results of operations.

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- To facilitate reconciliation of interagency expenses and revenues, agencies may no longer post costs directly to “in-process type” asset accounts. Agencies must first record costs, such as direct labor (payroll and benefits) and direct materials under the capitalization thresholds, in the appropriate USSGL account 6000 series account. Then use USSGL account 6610, “Cost Capitalization Offset” to apply the cost to the desired “in-process type” asset account. Do not record to USSGL account 8802 amounts applied to asset accounts under this method.
- The transactions illustrate USSGL accounts without applicable attribute values. Therefore, a single transaction listed here may translate to several similar transactions in the agency’s accounting system depending on how many combinations of USSGL accounts and attribute values are valid to record the agency’s activities. Agencies must post transactions using the 4-digit USSGL account plus valid attribute values to fully comply with implementation of the USSGL at the transaction level and to facilitate necessary central agency reporting. Additionally, since the 4-digit base account combined with valid attributes is itself a USSGL account, agencies must post debit and credit entries to reclassify balances even when the 4-digit base account is the same.
- Transactions affecting budgetary status may contain debit or credit postings to multiple USSGL status accounts that may be valid for a particular transaction. Choose a USSGL account appropriate to the status of authority in the affected TAFS and the accounting event recorded.
- All transactions apply to activity with Federal and non-Federal entities unless limited by account definition or otherwise noted in the transaction description.
- In the yearend closing entries, USSGL accounts that may contain a balance (remain open) after closing appear in boldface.
- A USSGL transaction crosswalk (beginning with inception date 8/86), can be obtained at the USSGL Web site. This is particularly important for the large amount of revisions to the transaction categories that caused the transactions to be renumbered (T/L S2 06-02). See the Summary of Changes for Section III for details.
- The transaction description reference is an example of where this transaction appears and will not provide every possible USSGL implementation guidance that contains this transaction.

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Note: The following alpha extensions to transaction numbers indicate:

R = The USSGL transaction noted with the "R" extension contains instructions to reverse in the comment.

AP = The USSGL transaction noted with the "AP" extension contains instructions to also post another transaction in the comment.