

Financial Services Department

FAST Tips

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Free Money!

Running low on available balance? Want to '**free** -*up some* **money**'? You may have commitments as purchase orders/requisitions or manual reserves that are no longer required! Use the All Postings: Line Items by Document Number Report to identify outstanding commitments.

POs/PRs or manual reserves that are no longer required should be cancelled as they carry forward automatically from fiscal year to fiscal year. Research Funds with commitments POs/PRs will continue to reserve funds even after the end date. To release the commitment after the fund end date, the fund will have to re-opened.

Learn More:

- QRG: All Postings Line Item by Document Number
 <u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/allpostings.pdf</u>
- QRG: Purchase Order: Finalize and Cancel
 <u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/pofinalizecancl.pdf</u>
- QRG: Purchase Requisition: Finalize and Close
 <u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/prfinalizeclose.pdf</u>
- QRG: Manual Reserves: Change Funds Commitment
 <u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/fcchngdisplay.pdf</u>

Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA): Reimbursable?

As of **March 15, 2016**, foreign travellers who fly to or transit through Canada will need an **Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)**. Exceptions include American citizens and visitors with a valid visa.

The **eTA** is not required on a per trip basis. Once approved, the **eTA** is valid for five years or until the passport **expires**, whichever comes first. For this reason, application fees are not reimbursable as the eTA is not specific to U of T travel, but is rather considered a general travel document, similar to a passport.

Learn More:

- GTFM: Travel and Other Reimbursable Expenses
 <u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/policies/gtfm/travel-and-other-reimbursable-expenses/travel-and-other-reimbursable-expenses-policies-and-guidelines/#Nonreimbunless</u>
- Government of Canada: Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)
 <u>http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp</u>

Reimbursement Rate for Use of Personally Owned Vehic le going up effective April 1st, 2016! How do I process reimbursements during the transition?

The **reimbursement rate** for University of Toronto employee's use of personally-owned vehicles while on approved University business **will increase from \$0.47 per kilometer to \$0.54 per kilometer** effective **April 1, 2016**.

Any kilometrage expenses incurred before April 1st, 2016 will need to be reimbursed at \$0.47 per kilometer while those incurred after should be reimbursed at \$0.54 per kilometer.

NOTE: The rate on the **Expense Reimbursement Direct Deposit (ERDD) on the Web** form will be updated to \$0.54 per kilometer effective April 1st and cannot be changed. In order to process a **Direct Deposit** reimbursement at **\$0.47** *per* kilometer after April 1st you will need to use the SAP ERDD reimbursement transaction **ZER01**.

Learn More:

- MEMO: New Kilometrage Rate for Travel
 <u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Mileage-Per-diem-memo-2016.pdf</u>
- QRG: ERDD on the Web
 <u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Expense-Reimbursement-Direct-Deposit-Create-Converted.pdf</u>

Reminder: New Master Record Requests for Funds Centers (Year-End Deadline)

All requests to create and activate new Funds Centres for the current fiscal year must be received by **April 15, 2016**. Any requests that are received after this date will be created in the next fiscal year.

If you have any questions about new master record requests for Funds Centers, call your FAST team representative.

Learn More:

- **Deadlines:** Year-End Processing http://finance.utoronto.ca/policies/gtfm/financial-management/reporting/fiscal-year-end-closing-procedures/summary-of-year-enddeadlines-and-contact-infomation/
- Procedures: Year-End Closing
 <u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/policies/gtfm/financial-management/reporting/fiscal-year-end-closing-procedures/#accruals</u>

ONE-ON-ONE WORK SUPPORT

Get HELP FAST - Biweekly lunch time AMS support sessions (FIS, HRIS, RIS/MRA/MROL)

LOCATION: 256 McCaul St., Room 103

Wednesday, April 13th

11:30am – 1pm

Thursday, April 28th

12:30pm – 2pm

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