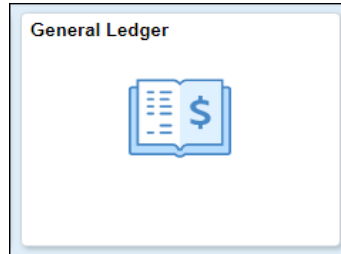


CREATING A JOURNAL ENTRY

This document provides information for the step-by-step process to create a journal in the BFS system. To begin, log into the BFS system and at the BFS User Navigation homepage, choose the General Ledger tile.

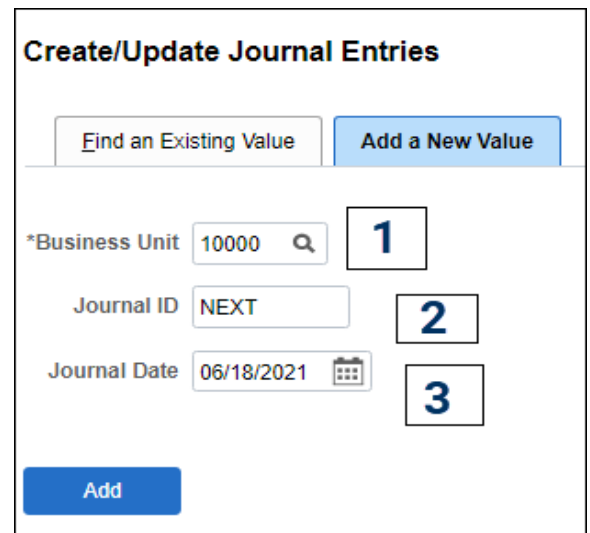


Add a New Value

- 1) Business Unit defaults to "10000"

(Note: Click the magnifying glass icon displayed next to a field to lookup values assigned in BFS)

- 2) Journal ID defaults to "NEXT". Create a unique journal ID.
- 3) Enter or select the Journal Date. Defaults to current date.
- 4) Click Add

A screenshot of the "Create/Update Journal Entries" form. At the top, there are two buttons: "Find an Existing Value" and "Add a New Value". Below these are three input fields: "*Business Unit" with the value "10000" and a magnifying glass icon, "Journal ID" with the value "NEXT", and "Journal Date" with the value "06/18/2021" and a calendar icon. To the right of each input field is a numbered box: "1" for Business Unit, "2" for Journal ID, and "3" for Journal Date. At the bottom left, there is a blue "Add" button.

(Note: After an accounting period has closed you cannot create a journal entry for that period. The BFS General Ledger Monthly Close Schedule can be found at the Controller's Office website ([Link](#)))

Journal Entry Header Page

UCB General Ledger

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Header | Lines | **8** | Errors | Approval | Intercampus Responding | Intercampus Lines | Plant Assets >

Unit 10000 Journal ID NEXT Date 06/01/2021

5 Long Description 254 characters remaining

*Ledger Group ACTUALS **6**

Ledger

*Source FSG

Reference Number

Journal Class **7**

Transaction Code GENERAL

SJE Type

Currency Defaults: USD / CRRNT / 1

Reversal: Do Not Generate Reversal

Adjusting Entry Non-Adjusting Entry

Fiscal Year 2021

Period 12

ADB Date 06/01/2021

Auto Generate Lines

Save Journal Incomplete Status

Autobalance on 0 Amount Line

CTA

Entered By

Entered On

Last Updated On

Save Notify Refresh Add Update/Display

5) Enter the journal Long Description applicable to the transaction.

6) Ledger Group is set to the default "ACTUALS".

Source code is set to the preparer's default department journal source.

7) Enter or lookup the Journal Class.

Note: For journals to move costs between funds and/or department ID's, use the journal class "COST_TRANS".

8) Click "Lines" Tab

Look Up Journal Class

Cancel Help

Search Results

View 100 1-6 of 6

| SetID | Journal Class | Description |
|-------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 10000 | COST_TRANS | Cost Transfer Expense Adjust |
| 10000 | DFR_ACCRL | Deferral/ Accrual Rev and Exp |
| 10000 | OTHER | All other Journal Entries |
| 10000 | RECHARGE | Recharges for Sales or Service |
| 10000 | REV_BS_ADJ | Revenue / Balance Sheet Adjust |
| 10000 | YE_AD_CTRL | Year-End Adjustments - Central |

Journal Entry Lines Page

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Header **Lines** Totals Errors Approval Intercampus Responding Intercampus Lines Plant Assets PC Mapping Errors

Unit 10000 Journal ID NEXT Date 06/01/2021
Template List Change Values

*Process Edit Journal Process

Lines 9 1-1 of 1

| Select | Line# | *Unit | *Ledger | Account | Fund# | Dept | Function | ChartField 1 | ChartField 2 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | 10000 | ACTUALS | | | | | | |

9) Enter the applicable chartfield values for **Account, Fund, Dept** (mandatory fields), **Function, Chartfield 1, Chartfield 2** (if applicable).

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Unit 10000 Journal ID NEXT Date 06/01/2021
Template List Change Values

*Process Edit Journal 12 Process

Lines 10 1-1 of 1

| Select | Line# | Amount | Reference | Journal Line Description |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | | | |

Lines to add 1 + -

Totals 11 1-1 of 1 View All

| Unit | Total Lines | Total Debits | Total Credits | Journal Status | Budget Status |
|-------|-------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 10000 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | N | N |

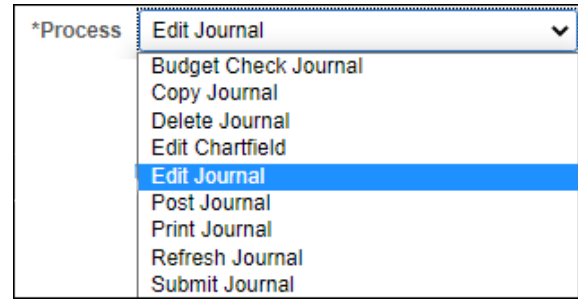
Save Notify Refresh 13 Add Update/Display

10) Enter values for **Amount** (Debits are entered as positive numbers, Credits are entered as negative numbers), **Line Reference** (if applicable), and **Journal Line Description**.

11) To add more journal lines enter the number of lines to add and click the "Plus Sign" **+** . Update the additional lines and verify Total Debits equal Total Credits.

(Note: For journals with many lines, it is recommended that you save occasionally. When you **Save**, the system checks for valid values and verifies that the journal is balanced (**Total Debits** and **Total Credits** are equal). The journal can only be saved if the total Debits equal total Credits.)

12) Select **Edit Journal** in the process field drop-down list. Click “Process”



13) If Journal Status has changed to V” (valid) then proceed with submitting the journal for approval.

| Journal Status | Budget Status |
|----------------|---------------|
| V | V |


To submit the journal for approval select **Submit Journal** in the process field drop down list. Click “Process”

14) Click the Approval Tab to verify the journal is routed for approval.

Header | Lines | Totals | Errors | **Approval** | Intercampus Responding | Intercampus Lines | Plant Assets | PC Mapping Errors

Unit 10000 Journal ID 0001032889 Date 06/01/2021 [Submit](#)

Approval Status

Unit 10000
 Approval Check Active Y
 Approval Status Pending Approval
 Approval Action Approve ▾
 Deny Comments 
 254 characters remaining

Unit 10000, ID 0001032889, Date 2021-06-01, Line Unit 10000:Pending [View/Hide Comments](#)

JournalApproval
 Pending
 Multiple Approvers
 UC Actuals Journals Approver

▶ Comments

▶ Approval History

[Save](#) [Return to Search](#) [Notify](#) [Refresh](#)

15) If the journal has errors, the Journal Status will indicate “E” (error).

| Journal Status | Budget Status |
|----------------|---------------|
| E | N |

▼ Lines

| Select | Line [▲] | Error | *Unit | *Ledger | Account | Fund [▲] | Dept | Function | ChartField 1 | ChartField 2 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------------------|-------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | X | 10000 | ACTUALS | 47999 | 68600 | 00001 | 44 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | | 10000 | ACTUALS | 23190 | 68600 | 00006 | | | |

16) Journals lines with errors are identified with an “X” in the Error Column. Click the “X” or the Errors Tab to navigate to the error message.

Header | Lines | Totals | **Errors** | Approval | Intercampus Responding | Intercampus Lines | Plant Assets >

Unit 10000 Journal ID 0001032889 Date 06/01/2021

▼ Header Errors

| Unit | Field Name | Field Long Name | Set | Msg | Message Text |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------------|------|-----|--|
| 10000 | JRNL_HDR_STATUS | Journal Header Status | 5860 | 53 | Journal line errors exist for this header. |

▼ Line Errors **17**

| Line # | Field Name | Field Long Name | Set | Msg | Message Text |
|--------|------------|-----------------|------|-----|--|
| 1 | ACCOUNT | Account | 9600 | 31 | Combo error for fields Account/Fund in group ACT_FD_REV. |

17) The Line Errors message text explanation provides the reason for the error. Once the error is corrected, select the Edit Journal and click “Process” to save the journal.

18) Print Journal - select Print Journal from Lines Page & click “Process”

Header | **Lines** | Totals | Errors | Approval | Intercampus Responding | Intercampus Lines | Plant Assets | PC Mapping Errors

Unit 10000 Journal ID 0000480857 Date 06/28/2011 Errors Only

Template List Search Criteria *Process **Edit Journal** Process Line 10

▼ Lines

| Select | Line [▲] | Unit | Ledger | Account | Function | ChartField 1 | ChartField 2 | Amount |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------|---------|---------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | 10000 | ACTUALS | | | | | |

Budget Check Journal
Copy Journal
Delete Journal
Edit Chartfield
Edit Journal
Post Journal
Print Journal
Refresh Journal
Submit Journal

19) Click “Report Manager” and select the Administration tab. The Report List indicates the requested report as “GLX7501”, as a .PDF file. Click the file to open in PDF viewer.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with tabs: Header, Lines, Totals, Errors, Approval, Intercampus Responding, Intercampus Lines, Plant Assets, and PC Mapping Errors. The 'Lines' tab is active. Below the navigation bar, there are fields for Unit (10000), Journal ID (0000480857), Date (06/28/2011), and Errors Only (checkbox). A search criteria field is set to 'Print Journal'. A 'Process' button is highlighted with a red box. Below this, there are buttons for 'Report Manager' and 'Process Monitor'. A large number '19' is displayed in a box.

The screenshot shows the 'Administration' tab selected in the top navigation bar. Below it, there are search filters for User ID (20000297), Type, Last, 1 Days, and a Refresh button. Below the filters, there is a 'Report List' table. A red arrow points to the 'GLX7501 - GLX7501.pdf' entry in the table.

| Select | Report ID | Prce Instance | Description | Request Date/Time | Format | Status | Details |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5116885 | 6823240 | GLX7501 - GLX7501.pdf | 06/15/2021 2:47:01PM | Acrobat (*.pdf) | Posted | Details |

For transactions involving contract & grant funds, refer to guidance at the following link:
<https://controller.berkeley.edu/cga/cga-training>

For instructions on uploading journals to BFS using a spreadsheet template:
<https://controller.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/uploadjournalsusingspreadsheettemplate.pdf>

Note: When uploading journals to BFS using the spreadsheet template, do not enter lines to account 23502 – Interfund/Interunit Financial Control. Account 23502 entries are generated automatically by the BFS journal process, and should not be input by journal preparers.