LIMITED PURCHASE CHECK (LPC)

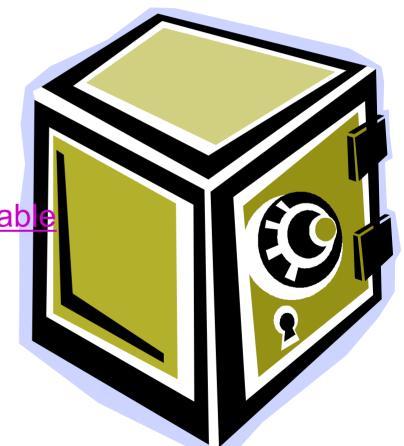


ACCOUNT'S PAYABLE 145 PARK



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Introduction

- What is the purpose of the custodian?
 - YOU, the custodian, are responsible for securing the checks and the following policies.
 - User's guide is easily accessible.
 - o <u>www.ap.admin.utah.edu\userguid.htm</u>
 - Accountable for the blank check stock that you receive from AP.
 - AP must be notified when custodians are leaving or changing responsibilities.
 - Withdrawing custodians must return remaining check stock & check register to AP.
 - You need to keep yourself updated on new changes.
 - Security & accountability
 - Highly negotiable (easily cashed)
 - Secure checks out of sight.
 - Do not sign until they are to be used.
 - Contact Accounts Payable to report lost checks.





Purpose

- Can be used for small dollar purchases amounting to less than \$1,000.
- Vendors are paid immediately, allowing the issuing department greater access to over-thecounter discounts.
- Departments have more control over petty purchases.
- Having access to the Limited Purchase Check program is a privilege that requires attention to detail and University policies, procedures, and guidelines.





Acquiring the check stock

- The check custodian and signatory must attend and pass-off an initial orientation presented by Account's Payable.
- Complete and sign the <u>Limited Purchase Check Agreement</u>.
 - The custodian and signatory must each sign the agreement.
- The agreement and University ID are required to pickup the blank check stock from Accounts Payable in room 145 in the Park Building.
- Subsequent requests for check stock will require an original signed agreement, a check register for the checks that have been issued, and a University ID.
 - Yes!!! You must prepare and sign a new agreement every time you want a new batch of checks.
- A/P distributes checks before 11:00 a.m. or after 2:00 p.m.





Acquiring the check stock . . .

- Details of the agreement:
 - All fields must be complete.
 - 1 Authorized signatory and custodian must both sign the agreement (1).
 - 2 Cannot use project or grant as the default chartfield (2).
 - A runner may pickup the checks, but they must have a valid University ID.
 - 3 Write number of checks that you will need (3). (Six months supply at the most.)



ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REQUEST FOR LIMITED PURCHASE CHECKS

DATE	DEPARTMENT NAME				
DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBER	CAMPUS ADDRESS	DELIVERY CODE			
	Agreement				
ccountable for the checks. I further a	ed Purchase Checks with the understanding assert that I have read the User's Guide and is program if I or any of my assigns prepare k.	understand that I will			
CHECK CUSTODIAN'S EMPLOYEE ID	CHECK CUSTODIAN'S PROTECTION OF AN	D SIGNATURE			
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How to use the checks

- Custodian
 - Can give the check (all parts) to another employee within the department.
 - Must make an entry on <u>check register</u>.
 - Date, check #, payee, who received check, and purpose.

DATE	CHECK#	PAYEE	WHO RECEIVED CHECK	PURPOSE	CHARTFIELD	NOTES
12/01/04	123456	JOHN DOE	MS. JANE	REIMBURS	0001-2000-12356	CAMPUS MAIL
12/16/04	123457	OFFICE MAX	BILLY BOB	OFFICE SUPPLIES	0001-2000-12345	PICKED UP

Recipient is expected to return the original receipt (s) and check copies to the custodian.





- Complete the <u>check</u>...
 - o 1 Date.
 - 2 Written and numeric amounts.
 - o 3 Payee.
 - Double verification is needed for new vendors.
 - o The vendor's name and address must appear on two forms. For example: an invoice and brochure, an invoice and IRS Form W-9. (see appendix)
 - o 4 Signature.







- Obtain proper approvals before sending the check copy to Accounts Payable.
 - Next higher supervisory authority is required for reimbursements.
 - An administrator cannot approve a reimbursement if the buyer did not purchase the goods on their behalf.
 - A peer employee cannot approve the reimbursement.
 - Alcohol, entertainment, and/or recruitment reimbursements require an original signature of the person incurring the expense and a dean or higher authority's approval.
 - The signature on the check must appear on the signature card for the chartfield.
 - The responsible person for the activity or project must sign a signature authorization form in order to change the authorized alternate signatures. This form is available on the Purchasing web page.





- The total for the amount (s) applied to chartfield(s) must equal the amount of the check.
 - If it does not agree, the entire amount (as best determined by the receipt or invoice) will be charged to the signatory's default chartfield.
- The vendor's SSN/TIN (or vendor ID if the vendor is already on the WEB) must appear in the appropriate space above the check if the disbursement is an IRS Reportable transaction.
- Description must include:
 - A full description: Who, What, When, Where, and reason for the purchase.
 - Business meals and entertainment.
 - If less than ten attendees then list their names.
 - It is unlikely that one pizza will serve more than ten people.
 - Dates of function.
 - Detailed description of the purpose of the business meal or entertainment.
 - Look on the web for guidelines related to meal/incentives/flowers/retirement gifts.
 - Reasonable and business related.
 - Able to bear scrutiny for furthering the mission of the U.
 - Necessary to conduct U business.





- Documentation.
 - One invoice per check.
 - Reimbursements are an exception and can have many.
 - Put invoice # on the check copy.
 - o <u>IRS reportable transaction</u>.
 - Must have an <u>IRS Form W-9</u> with the accounts payable copy. (see <u>appendix</u>)
 - Study participants.
 - Form W-9 plus the study participant form.
 - Phone orders
 - Prepare a memo.
 - Date, vendor name, description, purpose, written approval from authorized signatory on activity/project.
 - Do not forget that we are tax exempt and ask for cash discounts.
 - Returns & allowances.
 - Departments are accountable for promptly depositing cash refunds into the original expense accounts.

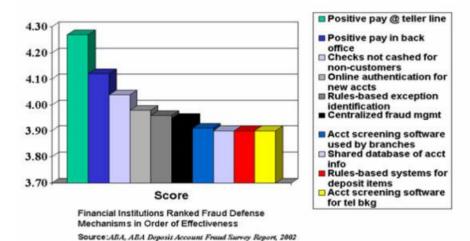




- Send copy and original documentation to Accounts Payable.
 - Send yellow copy & original receipts/invoices and/or other supporting documents.
 - One invoice per check.
 - Staple yellow copy on top and original documentation afterward.
 - Tape receipts to a full sheet of paper and staple the paper to the check copy.
 - Double check the LPC.
 - Are the chartfields and distributions correct?
 - Is the information legible.
 - O If the chartfield or check includes a strikeover, make sure that it is also corrected on the accounts payable copy.
 - O A processing fee will be assessed for illegible chartfield and amount information.
 - The bottom copy and a copy of the documentation should be kept at the department.
 - You are responsible for ensuring Accounts Payable received the documents.
 - Check your management reports to verify that the check has been recorded to the correct chartfield.
 - Contact Accounts Payable if the check does not appear on your management reports within 30 days of sending documents to Accounts Payable.
 - Reconcile your management reports monthly.







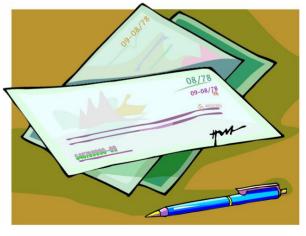
Purpose.

- Report checks as they are issued.
 - An Issued check is a check that has been released to the payee.
 - If the custodian does not release the check, it is not an issued check.
- Positive Pay will help deter fraud. (See the chart above.)
 - Bank will be able to compare the information that we send against the item that clears the bank.
 - Accounts Payable will determine whether to accept or reject the exceptions.
- Timelier bank reconciliation.





- How to use positive Pay.
 - Access the application by going to Campus Information Systems.
 - Select: LPC Positive Pay under Administrative Financials/PROCESSING
 - Enter the custodian's UNID and applicable check range.
- What it can do.
 - Maintain checks.
 - Enter information about issued or spoiled checks.
 - Undo and Update information for issues that have not been sent to the bank.
 - Void check.
 - Can only be done after the original issue/positive pay file has been sent to the bank.
 - Display checks.
 - Lists all checks that have been sent to the bank.
 - You may use this as your register.









- Entering checks.
 - Check dates default to today's date.
 - It can be changed to any date between six months ago and a year into the future.
 - Any data can be undone or updated until the issue is sent to the bank.
 - o Spoiled checks.
 - These are actual checks that are damaged, outdated, or otherwise unusable.
 - You cannot spoil a check that has been sent to the bank.
 - O A check marked as spoiled will not be sent to the bank because it is not in circulation
 - Reasons to spoil
 - You have realized the amount is wrong, name is wrong, or do not want to issue the check.
 - If you later decide that you want to issue the check then you may un-spoil it as long as it is dated within the above criteria for dating the check.





- Void checks..
 - Checks that are marked as "Bank-Issue" can be voided if:
 - The original check is in your possession.
 - You must process the void as a stop payment with Accounts Payable if the original check cannot be found.
- Stale dated checks.
 - Checks that are older than 6 months from today's date.
 - Cannot mark as 'void' on this system.
 - Contact Account's Payable.
- You must maintain the positive pay at least once a day if any checks are released that day.
 - o If the system is down. Enter the check as soon as it goes up.







Prohibitions

- Immediate loss of privileges:
 - Issuing a check over the limit on the face of the check.
 - Cannot write two checks for a purchase amounting to more than the limit on one check.
 - Failure to record an issue on the positive pay system before the check clears the bank.
- Payments on behalf of non-resident aliens or to foreign vendors are not allowed.
- Employee travel.
 - Hotel deposits and conference pre-registrations only.
 - Must have approved travel request/reimbursement form
 - Print this number on the accounts payable copy of the check.
- Know and observe the restrictions related to the use of the LPC.
 - If you are not sure call us!!
 - The prohibition list is published only in the User's Guide which is available on the AP website.





<u>Violations</u>

- A \$12.00 <u>processing fee</u> will be charged to the signatory's default chart field.
 - While mistakes are going to happen, we cannot account for the time that it takes to fix the problem. Therefore, the processing fee will prevail.
 - The custodian is still responsible to bring the check to a condition that will allow Accounts Payable to create a paid voucher. The processing fee does not affect this responsibility.
- Most common.
 - Missing information.
 - Allocated, written and numeric amounts do not agree.
 - Missing IRS Form W-9 when it is required.
 - Cannot verify the spelling of the vendor name with the documentation that is provided.
 - Inadequate business meal explanation.
 - Missing documentation.
 - Missing signatures and appropriate approvals.
 - Not having authorized signatures.
 - Failed the positive pay procedure i.e failed to input into the system or information on positive pay differs from actual check.
- Three violations within any 90 day period will result in the loss of your privileges.





Void, spoils, & stop payments . . .

- How to void a check
 - NOTE: This is not an appropriate procedure if you do not have the original check in your possession. Use the Stop Payment option instead.
 - Mark "VOID" over the signature area of check
 - Record the void in the positive pay system.
 - Note: If the check is more than six months old, record the check as void in your check register, make a note in the memo field for the check on the positive pay system, and proceed to the next instruction.
 - Send original check and yellow copy to Account's payable.
 - DO NOT destroy or keep the check.
 - State reason for void.

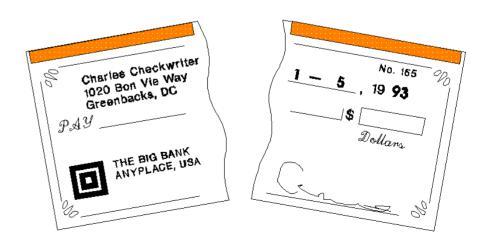






Void, spoils, & stop payments . . .

- How do you spoil a check.
 - Go to maintain and click on "spoil"
 - Enter the check information in the space provided.
 - Must enter an amount in there in order for it to save.
 - Mark "void" on the check.
 - Send yellow copy and original check to Accounts Payable.
 - Remember this a check that has not been bank issued!
 - There is a mistake on the check.
 - The printer ate it.

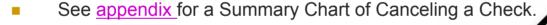






Void, spoils, & stop payments . . .

- How to <u>Stop a check</u>
 - NOTE: This is not an appropriate procedure if you have the original check in your possession.
 This is an expensive and timely process. Use the Void option instead.
 - Record the check as stop in your check register.
 - Upon discovering a blank check or a prepared and signed check is lost or stolen enter as a spoil on the positive pay system.
 - Make a note in the memo field for the check on the positive pay system.
 - Prepare a stop payment request (available on the Accounts Payable website).
 - DO NOT REISSUE THE CHECK until you are notified by Accounts Payable that the bank has accepted the stop payment request.





Conclusion

- These checks are your responsibility.
- Read the User's Guide
 - Familiarize yourself and others who will also issue the checks with the university's policies, procedures, and guidelines to avoid violations and loss of privileges.
- Quiz.
- Evaluations.
- Comments.





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Appendix

- Vendor Data Verification
- LPC Cancellation
- Travel Related Forms
- IRS Form W-9
 - Summary
 - Instructions
 - o Form
- Resources







Appendix – Vendor Data

VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

W-9 or

- When AP requests it
- For Taxable Transactions
- New vendors
- Vendor changes its name
- Guidelines stated on AP link "what is an IRS form W-9 and when do we need it?

DOUBLE VERIFICATION

Definition: Two documents that verify the spelling of the payee's first and last name.

Examples: brochure, business card, ID, invoice. etc

- AP requests it
- New vendors
 - Reimbursements
 - Refunds



Appendix – LPC Cancellation

SUMMARY OF CANCELING A CHECK **TYPFS SPOIL VOID STOP** STATUS ON POSITIVE Bank issued Bank issued Not issued **REASON** Clerical error I ost Payee returned ck Realized that there is Printer ate it no need for issue Spilled Coffee Do not have check LOCATION OF CHECK Check in hand Check in hand **ACTION IN SUBMISSION** Send to A.P. yellow Send A.P yellow Fill out a "stop **TO ACCOUNTS** copy and original ck. copy and original ck. payment form" **PAYABLE** Mark void across ck Mark void across ck. Wait at least 24 hrs for to issue out a new State reason for void State reason for spoil check **ACTION IN POSITIVE** In Maintain section In void section select Enter comment on the correct ck # to void select Spoil check - reason for stop

^{* &}quot;bank issued" is when the check is prepared and is released to the Payee



Appendix – Travel Related Forms

 One or more of these requests must be attached if travel is involved.

Register Trip Confirmation

1st Approval Name

Do Not Send To Travel Traveler: Woman, Wonder Prepared By: SuperMan 303803 traveli@admin.utah.edu (800) 581-1111 Depart: 4/16/2006 **Conference Prepayment Request** Return: 4/22/2006 Print and Submit one copy to Travel Accounting Expense Make a Copy for Departmental Records Airfare Travel # Traveler: Woman, Wonder 111 Park Airfare Agency Fee 303803 travelifiadmin utah edu Personal Auto (800) 581-1111 Lodging Meals Depart: 4/16/2006 Desti **Hotel Prepayment Request** Conference Fee Return: 4/22/2006 Car Rental Agency Print and Submit one copy to Travel Accounting Insurance Surcharge How Paid: IPC Make a Copy for Departmental Records Conf. Name: SuperFriends Marriott Taxi, Bus, etc. 1212 Rosqie Rosqie Avenue Travel # Traveler: Woman, Wonder Parking 111 Park Other 303803 travel@admin.utah.edu Other (800) 581-1111 Expense Chain Other Airfare Depart: 4/16/2006 Destination: FAIRFAX, CALIFORNIA USA Audit Fee Airfare Agency Fee Purpose: conference - Save the EARTH Personal Auto Total Trip Expense Lodging How Paid: LPC Handling: US Postal Service Deduct Prepayments Meals Hotel: SuperFriends Marriott Notes: Paid on LPC # 4444444 Deduct Pcard, LPC Prepaids 1212 Boogie Boogie Avenue Fairfax, CA 90555 Conference Fee Car Rental Agency Deduct Insurance Surcharge Insurance Surcharge Deduct Audit Fee Expense Detail Total Taxi, Bus, etc. Deduct Cash Advance Parking Due Traveler or () Due Universit Airfare Agency Fee Other Personal Auto Other Lodging Meals MARRIOT 5 nights (days @ \$89.74 \$448.7 BU ORG FUI Other Audit Fee Audit Fee: 01 00222 22: Conference Fee Car Rental Agency **Total Trip Expense** Insurance Surcharge Beginning October 1, 2005, air transportation costs that exceed th Taxi, Bus, etc. Deduct Pcard, LPC Prepaids State contracted rates may be deemed unallowable. Travelers sho not exceed rates listed below: Parking days @ Deduct Insurance Surcharge Other Deduct Audit Fee Other BURBANK - \$296.00 Deduct Cash Advance Other FRESNO - \$614.00 Audit Fee mandator Due Traveler or () Due University LOS ANGELES - \$286,00 BU ORG FUND ACTIVITY PROJE MONTEREY - \$350.00 Total Trip Expense \$453.70 OAKLAND - \$244.00 01 00222 2222 22222 Deduct Pcard, LPC Prepaids ONTARIO - \$348.00 Deduct Insurance Surcharge ORANGE COUNTY - \$324.00 Deduct Audit Fee \$5.00 PALM SPRINGS - \$240.00 SACRAMENTO - \$420.00 \$448.70 Due Traveler or () Due University SAN DIEGO - \$370.00 Traveler's Signature SAN FRANCISCO - \$240,00 BU ORG FUND ACTIVITY PROJECT ACCOUNT AU AMOUNT By my signature, I agree that any money advanced to me including prepaid airfare charges, business days after conclusion of bavel, complete and file the reimbursement portion of this are not propelly substantiated. All other travel costs not substantiated within 60 calendar d annual W-2 report. SAN JOSE - \$298.00 01 00222 2222 22222 60000 £448.70 SANTA BARBARA - \$422.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 Traveler's Signature Traveler's Signature Woman, Wonder By my signature, I agree that any money advanced to me including prepaid airfure changes, registration fees, prepaid hotel expenses, is a personal advance. I will, within 20 business days after conclusion of tweel, complete and like the reimbursement portion of this form. I agree make cash advances may be deducted from my payrol check? they are not properly substitutional. All other travel costs not substantiated. All other travel costs not substantiated and with one added to my Traveler's Name 1st Approval Signature

Traveler's Signature

Woman, Wonder

2nd Approval Signature

2nd Approval Name

Green Lantern



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Appendix – IRS Form W-9

- Use the most currentversion.
- Make sure everything is completed and legible.
 - Taxpayer's name
 - Type of Entity
 - Taxpayer's address'
 - Taxpayer's SSN or ___
 EIN
 - Authorized signature

	Form W-9 (Fev. November 2005) Department of the Treasury Internal Pervenue Service			Request for Taxpayer cation Number and Certification					Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.			
ľ	Name (as shown on your income tax return)											
	<u>/</u>	Business name, if different from above										
/	Check appropriate box: Individual/ Corporation Partne				Partnership Other	ilp ☐ Other ▶				Exempt from backup withholding		
	Print or type ic Instructions	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) Requester's name and add						nd add	ddress (optional)			
	Specific	City, state, and 2	tiP code									
	See S	List account nun	nber(s) here (optional)									
	Part	Taxpay	er Identification Nur	mber (TIN)								
	Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a 7th on page 3.											
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	Part	II Certific	cation									
	Under	penalties of per	ury, I certify that:									
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	8 I a	am a U.S. person	(including a U.S. resident	allen).								
	Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRM), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. (See the instructions on page 4.)									ply.		
	Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person				Date ►						
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Appendix – Resources





