

Introduction to Manual Encumbrances

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DEFINITION

Encumbrance

Accounting: contingent liability, contract, purchases order, payroll commitment, tax payable, or legal penalty that is chargeable to an appropriation account. It ceases to be an encumbrance when paid-out or when the actual liability amount is determined and recorded as an expense

Read more: http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/encumbrance.html#ixzz130NOgLud



PURPOSE

To record an entry in Banner to set aside budget dollars for planned expenditures.



EXAMPLE

Travel to a conference scheduled for Spring 2011

Cost estimated to be \$3,000



Benefits include:

 The encumbrance entry is recorded in Banner and appears on the monthly financial statements effectively reducing the available budget balance.



Benefits include:

Planning is transparent.



Benefits include:

 Provides the ability to track multiple commitments.



Benefits include:

 Allows tracking of approved commitments prior to the time the invoice/travel documents are processed.



Benefits include:

• Encumbrance amounts can be adjusted or liquidated as needed.



STEPS

What steps are used to enter and manage an encumbrance?

Step 1: Entry in Banner is similar to entering a Journal Voucher.



STEPS

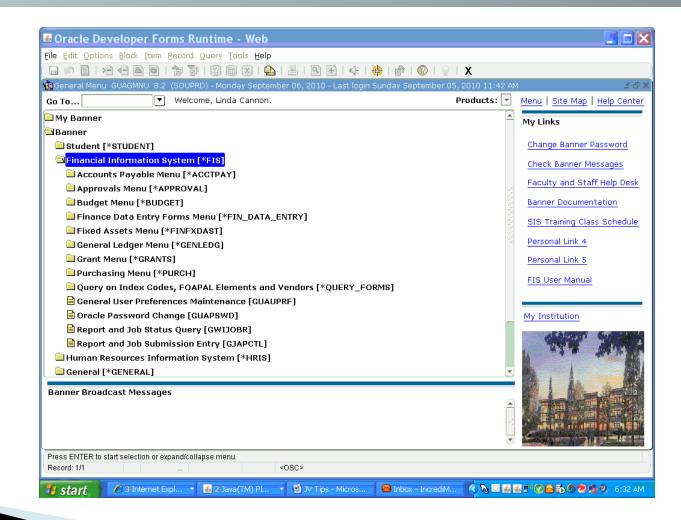
Step 2: Approval in Banner similar to a approval of a Journal Voucher.



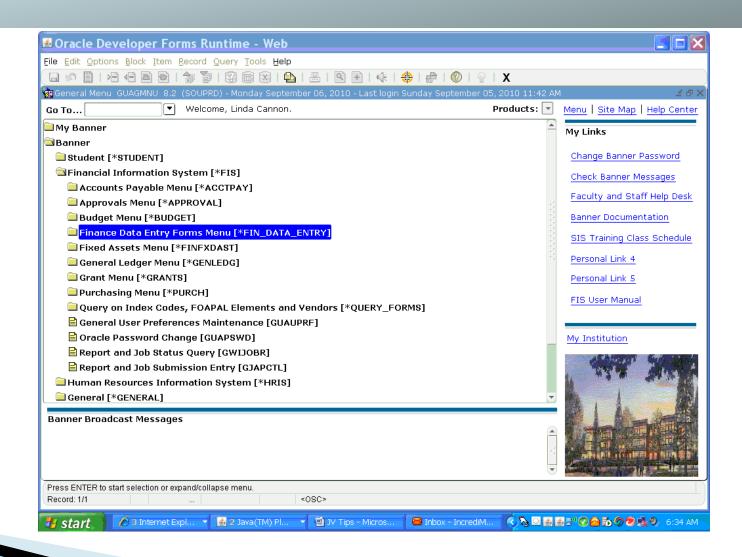
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Step 3: Liquidating and maintaining the encumbrance is through the Invoice/Credit Memo Forms in Banner.

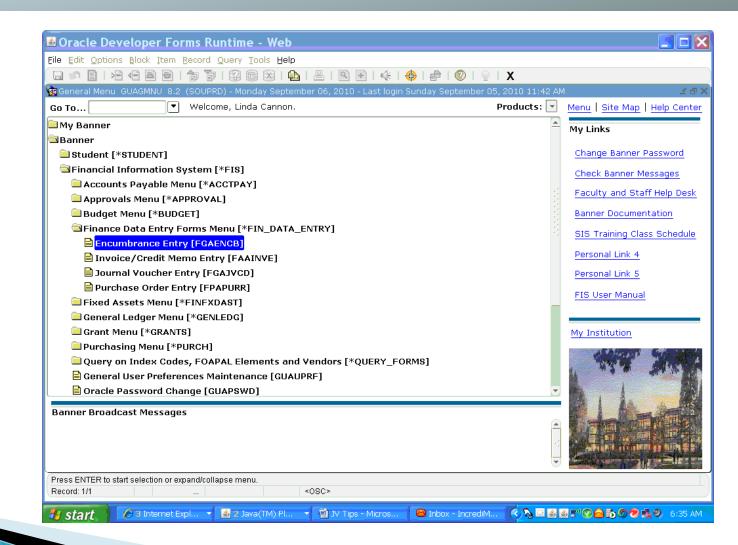




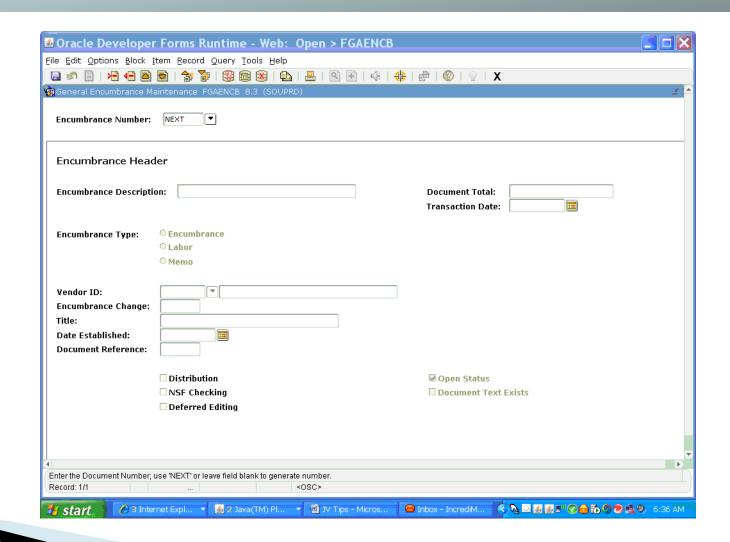




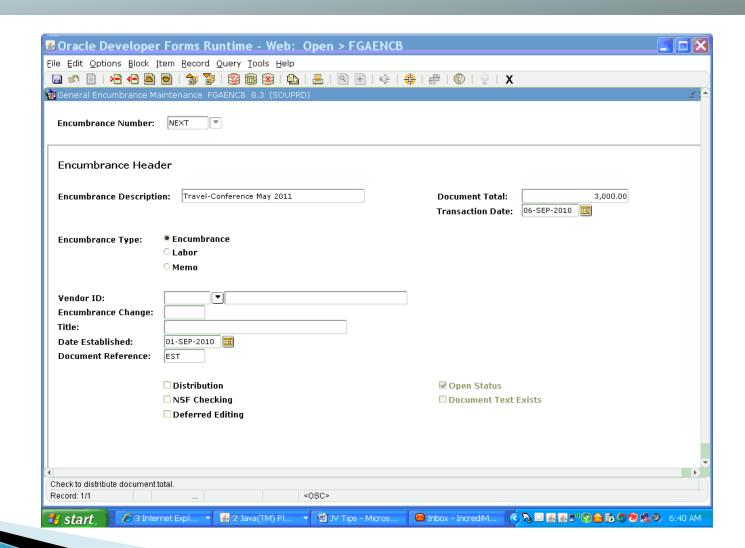




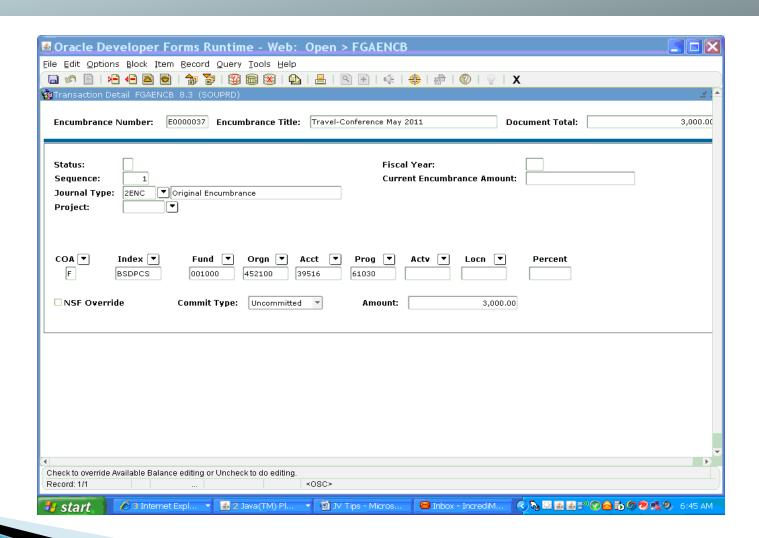




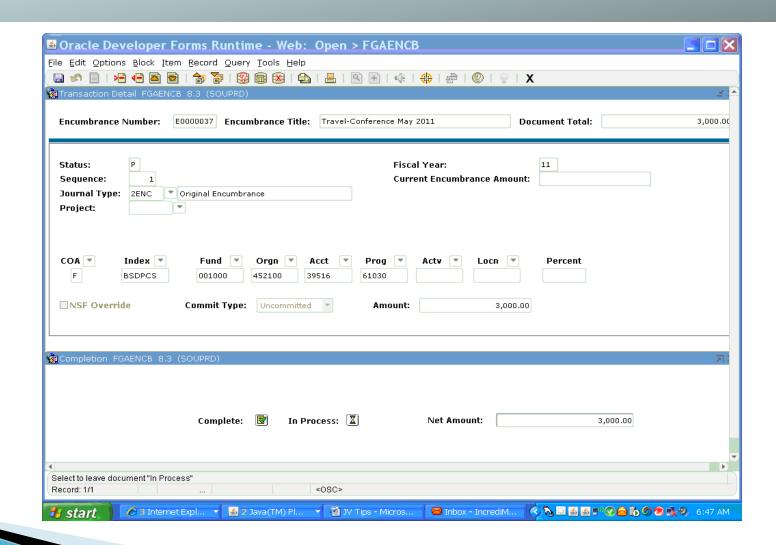














Where do I find the list of open encumbrances?

 Use the encumbrance list form (FGIENCB)

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Encumbrance Number	Туре	Description	Current Balance	FY	*	Status	Establish Date	Last Activity Date
E0000037	E	Travel-Conference May 2011	3,000.00	11		0	01-OCT-2010	23-OCT-2010

The current example is shown for training purposes only



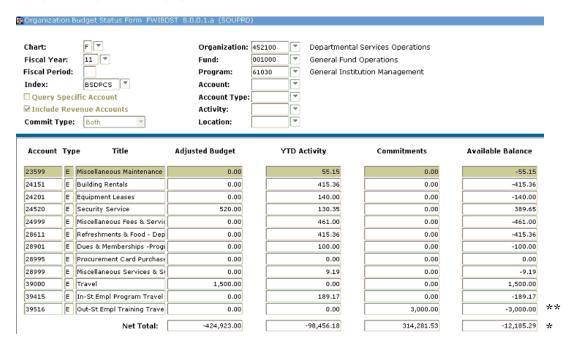
The following is a snapshot of the index before posting the manual encumbrance:

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Account	Ту	pe Title	Adjusted Budget	YTD A	ctivity	Commitments	Available Balance
23513	Е	Software Maintenance Cont	0.00		24.00	0.00	-24.00
23599	Ε	Miscellaneous Maintenance	0.00		55.15	0.00	-55.15
24151	Ε	Building Rentals	0.00		415.36	0.00	-415.36
24201	Ε	Equipment Leases	0.00		140.00	0.00	-140.00
24520	Ε	Security Service	520.00		130.35	0.00	389.65
24999	Ε	Miscellaneous Fees & Service	0.00		461.00	0.00	-461.00
28611	Ε	Refreshments & Food - Dep	0.00		415.36	0.00	-415.36
28901	E	Dues & Memberships -Prog	0.00		100.00	0.00	-100.00
28995	Ε	Procurement Card Purchase	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
28999	Ε	Miscellaneous Services & Si	0.00		9.19	0.00	-9.19
	Ε	Travel	1,500.00		0.00	0.00	1,500.00
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39000 39415	Ε	In-St Empl Program Travel	0.00		189.17	0.00	-189.17

** Available balance before manual encumbrance posts.



The following is a snapshot after posting the manual encumbrance:



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Note the change in the available budget balance. Note the new commitment exceeds the travel budget and will prompt additional planning and discussion.



MORE INSTRUCTION

Where do I find more detailed instruction on encumbrances?

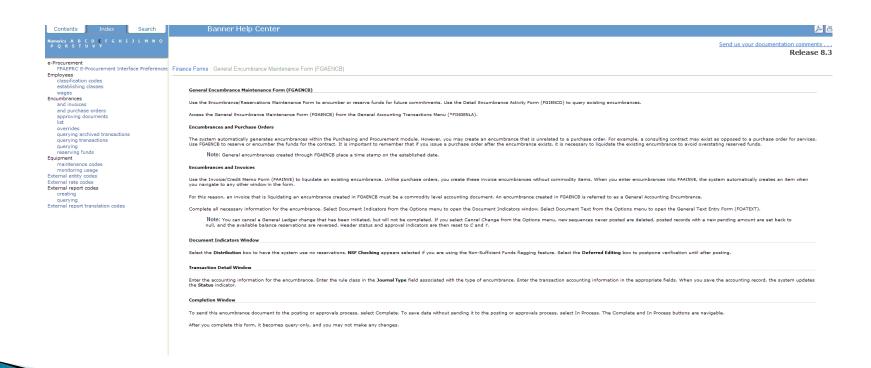
- Banner has an on-line help center
- See Link highlighted in Red below





MORE INSTRUCTION

Once in the Help Center – Search for Encumbrances





MORE INSTRUCTION

- Use the following pages from the on-line help center for reference

 Additional Training Sessions for manual encumbrances are being planned.
- Please notify Business Services if you are interested in the additional training.
 - Linda Cannon 541-552-6065



To Begin Entering an Encumbrance use: FGAENCB.

Finance Forms: General Encumbrance Maintenance Form (FGAENCB)

General Encumbrance Maintenance Form (FGAENCB)

Use the Encumbrance/Reservations Maintenance Form to encumber or reserve funds for future commitments. Use the Detail Encumbrance Activity Form (FGIENCD) to query existing encumbrances.

Access the General Encumbrance Maintenance Form (FGAENCB) from the General Accounting Transactions Menu (*FINGENLA).



The manual encumbrance is also referred to as a General Encumbrance.

Encumbrances and Purchase Orders

The system automatically generates encumbrances within the Purchasing and Procurement module. However, you may create an encumbrance that is unrelated to a purchase order. For example, a consulting contract may exist as opposed to a purchase order for services. Use FGAENCB to reserve or encumber the funds for the contract. It is important to remember that if you issue a purchase order after the encumbrance exists, it is necessary to liquidate the existing encumbrance to avoid overstating reserved funds.

Note: General encumbrances created through FGAENCB place a time stamp on the established date.



Maintaining and liquidating encumbrances are processed using the Invoice/Credit Memo Form (FAAINVE).

Encumbrances and Invoices

Use the Invoice/Credit Memo Form (FAAINVE) to liquidate an existing encumbrance. Unlike purchase orders, you create these invoice encumbrances without commodity items. When you enter encumbrances into FAAINVE, the system automatically creates an item when you navigate to any other window in the form.

For this reason, an invoice that is liquidating an encumbrance created in FGAENCB must be a commodity level accounting document. An encumbrance created in FGAENCB is referred to as a General Accounting Encumbrance.



Encumbrances and Invoices (continued)

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Complete all necessary information for the encumbrance. Select Document Indicators from the Options menu to open the Document Indicators window. Select Document Text from the Options menu to open the General Text Entry Form (FOATEXT).

Note: You can cancel a General Ledger change that has been initiated, but will not be completed. If you select Cancel Change from the Options menu, new sequences never posted are deleted, posted records with a new pending amount are set back to null, and the available balance reservations are reversed. Header status and approval indicators are then reset to C and Y.



Encumbrances and Additional Information (continued)

Document Indicators Window

Select the **Distribution** box to have the system use no reservations. **NSF Checking** appears selected if you are using the Non-Sufficient Funds flagging feature. Select the **Deferred Editing** box to postpone verification until after posting.

Transaction Detail Window

Enter the accounting information for the encumbrance. Enter the rule class in the **Journal Type** field associated with the type of encumbrance. Enter the transaction accounting information in the appropriate fields. When you save the accounting record, the system updates the **Status** indicator.

Completion Window

To send this encumbrance document to the posting or approvals process, select Complete. To save data without sending it to the posting or approvals process, select In Process. The Complete and In Process buttons are navigable.

After you complete this form, it becomes query-only, and you may not make any changes.



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