Creating Expense Reports

Purpose: Use this document as a reference for creating an expense report from a blank expense report in ctcLink.

Audience: All travelers

ℹ️ Note: The Expense Report can be used for more than travel reimbursement, it can be used for other reimbursements. Check your local business process on other reimbursements that are not travel related.

💡 An Expense Report (ER) is Travel document created after travel to record actual cost of travel; it may also produce a reimbursement and/or reconcile a Cash Advance. It is used for **ALL Employee Reimbursements and replaces A-19.**

⚠️ To complete an Expense Report, you will need to know what Budget or Chartfield values to be added in the Accounting Details section. If unsure what values to use, please check with your supervisor.

Create an Expense Report

Navigation: Employee Self-Service > Travel and Expenses > Expense Reports > Create/ Modify

💡 Note: Depending on your role, the Empl ID will default into the field. If you are authorized to enter an expense report on behalf of someone else, then you will need to look up the Empl ID first.

1. The **Expense Report** search page displays.
2. Enter or lookup **Empl ID**.
3. Select the **Add** button.

> ℹ️ Note: From the **Create Expense Report** page you can start from a blank expense report (the default setting) or use the Quick Start drop-down button to create from an existing expense report or from a template.

4. The **Create Expense Report** page displays.
5. Select the **Business Purpose** from the drop-down menu.
6. Enter **Report Description**.
7. Select the **Default Location** from the drop-down menu.
8. Under the Expenses section, Select the **Date** from the calendar menu.
9. Select the **Expense Type** from the drop-down menu.
10. Enter **Description**.
11. Select **Payment Type** from the drop-down menu.

> 💡 For more information on Payment Types please see QRG [Expense Document Payment Types](#).

12. Enter **Amount**. Amount will not be available if the line is for a mileage-based expense type.
13. If the line is for a mileage-based expense type, select **Transportation ID** from the drop-down menu.
14. If the line is for a mileage-based expense type, enter **Miles**. (The green arrows icon will auto calculate or recalculate the mileage rate).
15. If the line is for a per diem rate-based expense type, enter **Location**. Note: Do not need to use line level location if default location in the header (top of document) is correct. (Line location overrides header default location).

16. Select the arrow to expand the **Accounting Details**.
17. Depending upon your EMPLID setup, the **Accounting Details** may auto-fill. If the Accounting Chartfields are blank, enter or lookup valid values for:
    a. **Oper Unit.**
    b. **Fund.**
    c. **Dept**. Within the drop-down menu, search for **Description** contains "travel" in the description. Select the corresponding Dept.
    d. **Class.**
    e. **State Purpose.**
    f. Scroll to the right to view or add additional fields.

18. Select the **Attachments** link to attach a document at the header level of an expense report.

💡 The selected **Expense Type** will auto generate the aligned GL Account. i.e. 5080030 = Private Auto Mileage.

19. The **Expense Report Attachments** window displays. Select the **Add Attachment** button. The **File Attachment** window appears. Select the **Chose File** button and navigate to the location where you stored your attachment and select it.
20. Select the **Upload** button.
21. Select OK when finished uploading Attachment(s).

💡 Use the **Expense Report Attachments** page to add new attachment(s) and/or remove attachment(s) from the Expense Report. Notice that the attachments link has a **"(2)"** after it. This means that there are two attachments. The system updates this number every time you add or delete an attachment.

22. Enter any additional attributes or details for the Expense Report line item as necessary, such as indicators for:
    • **Non-Reimbursable**
    • **No Receipt**
    • **Attendees**
    • **Ticket Number**
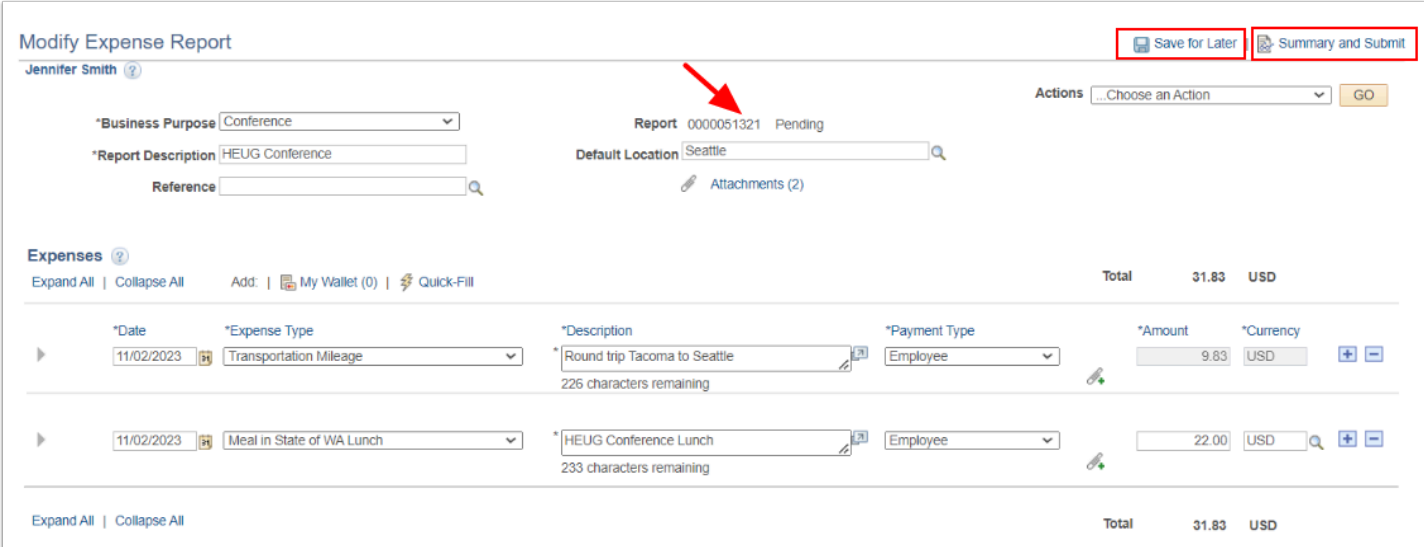
❗ Depending upon your college business unit setup, you maybe required to attach receipts at the **Line Level** or select **No Receipt** and enter a comment.

23. If the Expense Report needs lines added or removed, select the **Add a New Row [+]** or **Delete a Row [-]** icon. If new lines are added, repeat steps 8 - 22 above.

24. Select **Save for Later.** Notice the page changes from *Create Expense Report* to *Modify Expense Report*. Your **Report ID** has also been generated and is in 'Pending' status.

Selecting the **Save for Later** link to save the Expense Report without submitting it for approval lets you save the report with or without invalid or missing information, and you can modify it later.

When you select the Save for Later link, Expenses displays the Save Confirmation page to indicate that it successfully saved the Expense Report and indicates if missing or invalid information exists.

25. Select the **Summary and Submit** link.

Submit Expense Report

1. The Modify Expense Report **Summary and Submit** page displays. Select the **checkbox** to certify that the expenses submitted are accurate and comply with expense policies.
2. Select the **Submit Expense Report** button.

The ER **Summary and Submit** page is a great place to review your Expenses totals (Amount due to employee, non-reimbursable expenses, etc) for accuracy. FYI, If 'Amount due to Employee' is 0.00, no payment will generate. If this is not expected, then do not submit. Instead, close this window and review your expense lines to remove 'non-reimbursable' where appropriate.

> ⓘ Toggle from the **Summary and Submit** page and the **Expense Details** page to review and/or update as needed.

3. The **Expense Report Submit Confirmation** page displays.
4. Select **OK.**

> 💡 Optional to refresh the View Expense Report page to view the Approval History.

View Expense Report

Jennifer Smith

Business Purpose	Conference		Report	0000051321	Submitted for Approval	
Description	HEUG Conference		Created	11/06/2023		
Reference			Last Updated	11/06/2023		
			Post State	Not Applied		

Actions [...Choose an Action ▼] [GO]

Expense Details

Totals ⓘ   View Printable Version   View Analytics   Notes   Attachments (2)

Employee Expenses (2 Lines)	31.83 USD	Non-Reimbursable Expenses	0.00 USD	Employee Credits	0.00 USD
Cash Advances Applied	0.00 USD	Prepaid Expenses	0.00 USD	Supplier Credits	0.00 USD

Amount Due to Employee   31.83 USD   Amount Due to Supplier   0.00 USD

☑ By checking this box, I certify the expenses submitted are accurate and comply with expense policy.

[Submit Expense Report]   [Withdraw Expense Report]   Submitted On 11/06/2023   Submitted By

▼ Approval History

Submitted Jennifer Smith	HR Supervisor	Expense Manager	EXEC	Payment

Action	Role	Name	Date/Time
Submitted	Employee	Jennifer Smith	11/06/2023 1:01:22PM

[Return to Search]   [Notify]

5. Process complete.

View Error Messages / Add Line Attachments

⚠ 1. **Expenses Red Arrow Flag:** Select the drop down red arrow flag to display all errors that need to be addressed.
2. **No Receipt Comment Error**: Select the No Receipt bubble to add a comment.
3. **Attachments Icon:** Select the paperclip icon to add expense line attachments.

Video Tutorial

The video below demonstrates the process actions described in the steps listed above. There is no audio included with this video. Select the play button to start the video.

Video Tutorial Via Panopto

View the external link to Creating Expense Reports. This link will open in a new tab/window.