

RMS into Oracle Financials interface – September 2010 interface update

Introduction

On 20th September 2010 an upgrade to the interface between RMS and Oracle will take place. This paper outlines the main changes and provides guidance on new input requirements into the RMS. To be noted by all RMS users.

VAT code prompt

Users will now be prompted to update the VAT code in Oracle Financials, as appropriate, for the Funder the first time you open the R code. If you have any queries regarding the VAT code, your School accountant should be able to advise.

Service Type in Oracle automatically updated

The service type previously defaulted to state Research Councils but now the HESA category held in the RMS for each Funder will be interfaced into the Oracle Financials Project. Users should notify the Research Operations Team (edsmail@manchester.ac.uk) if they believe the HESA category is incorrect.

Project Tasks and Sub Tasks are created

Blank tasks are opened for each budget line opened in the RMS. If you do not require all the sub tasks in the RMS then please delete as appropriate before you make the RMS project an Award. Only budget lines with zero figures across all budget columns can be deleted. Users must not delete budget lines they do not require in Oracle if this will affect the fEC budgets in RMS.

To delete a budget row in the RMS, select the row you wish to delete and then click on the delete button on the tool bar.

RMS Screenshot

1. Click on the row you wish to delete.

2. Press the delete button on the tool bar and then save.

Group	Description	UoM Bid fEC	Funder Bid Revenue	UoM Award fEC	Orac. B.		
A0101	Staff academic	0.00	1.00	15,555.00			
A0105	Staff Bridging Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
A05	Travel and subsistence	0.00	0.00	50.00	11.00	100.00	
A06	Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	111.00	0.00	
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A0601	Equipment (General)	0.00	0.00	22.00	0.00	0.00	
A07	Consumables	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	0.00	
A07	Consumables	222.00	222.00	1.00	1,500.00	0.00	
A1202	Co-I	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
A1202	Co-I	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
A2001	FLS	0.00	0.00	323.00	0.00	0.00	
A2002	MIB	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	
		400,222.00	223.00	15,954.00	3,835.00	201.00	Totals
A15	School contribution for fEC	-399,999.00		-15,753.00	-3,634.00		
		223.00	223.00	201.00	201.00	201.00	Balance

Budget Tasks

The entry method should be amended to state 'Lowest task/No Period/No Res' and then the empty budget headings will be shown for completion (an example is shown below).

The total budget amount will be transferred into Oracle Financials and it is anticipated that a future update to the interface from RMS to Oracle Financials will also include the amount against each sub task taken from the budget column 'Oracle Award Budget'.

Oracle Financials screenshot

Find Budget
Project Number: R107472
Project Name: R:HMZ MAHA
Budget Type: Approved Cost Budget
Find Draft

Draft Budget
Version Name: Working
Status: Working
Change Reason:
Description: New Baselined Cost Budget
New Original: ☒

Entry Options
Entry Method: Lowest Task/No Period/No Res
Budget Entry Methods: [Dropdown Menu]
Find %
Entry Method
Lowest Task/No Period/No Res
Period/Lowest Task/No Res
Period/Project/No Res
Phased/ Top Task/No Res
Project/No Period/No Res
Top Task/No Period/No Res
Find OK Cancel

Totals
Labor
UOM Quantity
Draft 0.00
Current

History Copy Actual ... Details

Task Budgets (University of Manchester) - R107472, Approved Cost Budget

Version Number: Draft
Version Name: Working

Task Number	Task Name	UOM	Quantity	Raw Cost	Burdened Cost
A0101	Staff academic	Hour	0.00	0.00	0.00
A05	Travel and subsisten	Hour	0.00	0.00	0.00
A06	Equipment	Hour	0.00	0.00	0.00
A07	Consumables	Hour	0.00	0.00	0.00
A10	DA Estates costs	Hour	0.00	0.00	0.00
A12	DA Staff costs	Hour	0.00	0.00	0.00
A14	DA Indirect costs	Hour	0.00	0.00	0.00
A15	Internal contributio	Hour	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Total				0.00	0.00

Budget Lines

If there is more than one Funder or Funder/Debtor Selected on the Funder screen in the RMS, multiple tasks will be created in Oracle Financials, the letter shown against the Funder field in the RMS dictates the task structure that will be created in Oracle Financials,

RMS Screenshot

The screenshot shows the 'Funders' section of the Oracle Financials RMS interface. The 'Funder/Debtor' dropdown menu for the first funder, RESEPSRC, is highlighted with a red box. The dropdown menu is open, showing 'Funder' as the selected option. The interface includes fields for Principal Party Number, Account, Hesa Cat, EC Role, Funder/Debtor, Funding Body, and Ref. There are also buttons for 'Cost Headings', 'Address', 'Indicators', and 'Amendments'.

Principal Party Number	Account	Hesa Cat	EC Role	Funder/Debtor	Funding Body	Ref	SME	NW B	Cost Headings	Address	Indicators	Amendments
RESEPSRC	267500	01		Funder			N	N				
RESBBSRC	1992711	01		Funder			N	N				

There are two known issues about this interface in Oracle Financials:

1. Where the funder is not the debtor, the funder may be assigned to the top task instead of the debtor. This should be checked and amended if appropriate as the debtor should always be assigned to the top task.
2. Occasionally a customer may come across with an address that is closed.

In both cases it is the responsibility of the user to correct this in Oracle Financials.