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The purpose of this document is to guide you through the necessary steps to remove an employee from all positions and calculate the employee's last paycheck. There are two types of separations:

- Separation due to termination (for contract, noncontract, or salaried employees). Contracted positions are determined by the pay rate code in the appropriate salary table (e.g., daily/hourly, midpoint, or annual).
- Separation due to contract payoff.

When a separation transaction is approved, the job codes are updated for the payoff amounts and information.

This document assumes you are familiar with the basic features of the ASCENDER Business system and have reviewed the ASCENDER Business Overview guide.



Some of the images and/or examples provided in this document are for informational purposes only and may not completely represent your LEA’s process.

Process an Employee Payoff

1. Review payoff information.

   If you are performing an early payoff and need to add a new pay date to the Payroll > Tables > Pay Dates page, you can do so at this time.

   If performing an early contract payoff, it is important to verify that the payoff, pay, and accrual dates are the same prior to processing the payoff through Payroll.

   Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Job Info

   Example:

   Salary (**Total**) = $37,491 Balance = $21,869.75

   This employee was paid $15,621.25 (Standard Gross to-date from the YTD Payroll Earnings Register). The monthly pay rate is $3,124.25 and the daily rate is $146.450.

   The termination date is December 17, 2021 and the employee has worked 121 days.

   121 days based on a daily rate of $146.450 = $17,720.00.

(Note that the $17,720.00 is rounded in this example. If the **Round Salary to Nearest Whole Dollar** field is selected on the **District Administration > Options > PMIS District Options** page, the calculation of the salary will be automatically rounded in this process. If **Round Salary to Nearest Whole Dollar** field is not selected, then the salary amount used in the calculation will be $17,720.45. This will explain any differences in a manual calculation versus the system calculation on the Separation Report. If the paid amount of $15,621.25 is subtracted, this employee is owed $2,098.75.

2. Perform a CIP separation.

   Position Management > Maintenance > PMIS Change in Position > Separation

   Complete the following to process an employee separation.

   Current Position

   ❑ Complete the following fields:

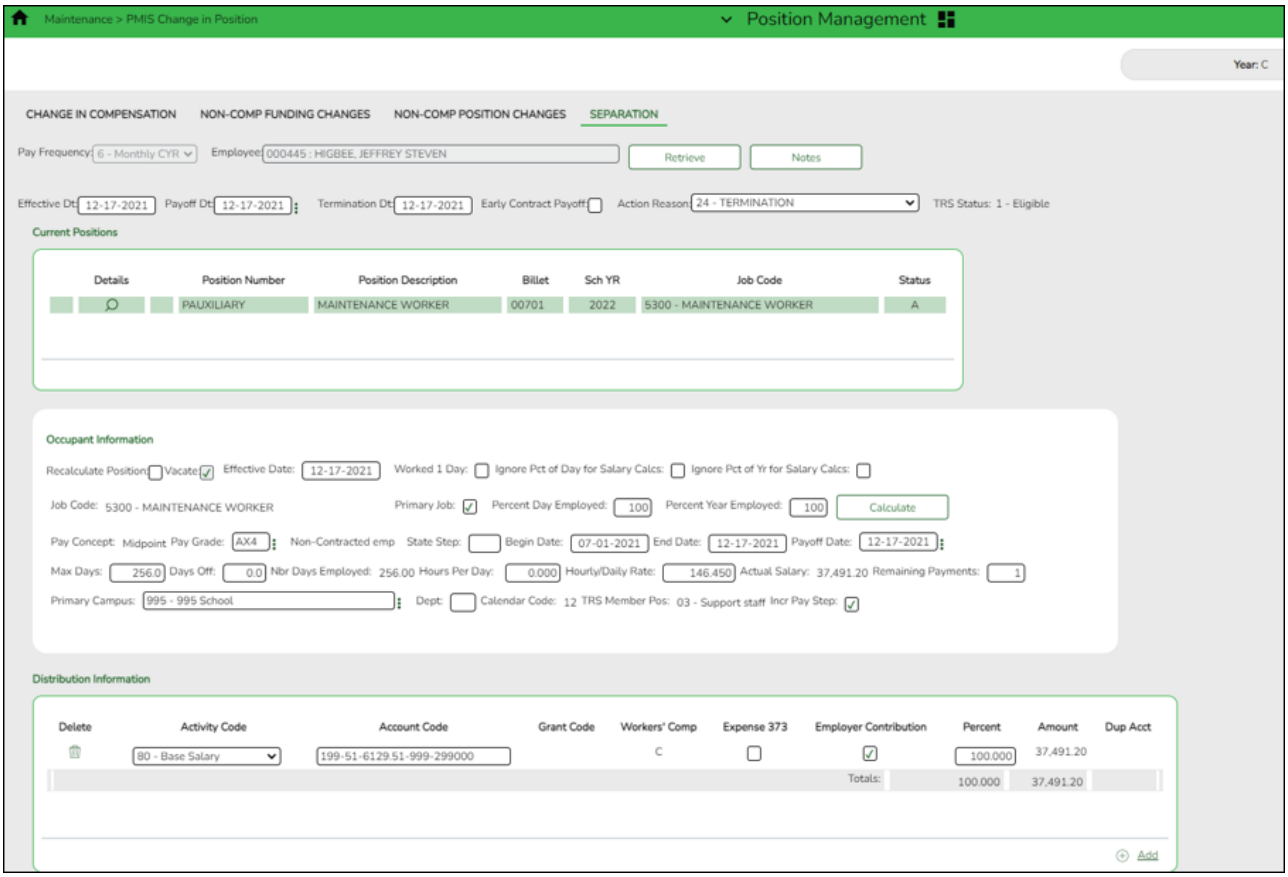
Field	Description
Pay Frequency	Click ⌄ to select a pay frequency.
Employee	Begin typing the employee name or number. As you type the data, a drop-down list of corresponding data is displayed. Select an employee and click **Retrieve**. Or, click Directory to perform a search in the Employees directory.
Effective Dt	Type the effective date for the change in compensation in MMDDYYYY format. For example, what is the last day that should be considered for payoff calculations? If this employee is terminating employment, use the termination date.

   ❑ Be sure to click **Retrieve** to view and update the next few fields. If not retrieved, payoff dates are not available in the **Payoff Dt** drop-down field.

Payoff Dt	Type the payoff date, which is typically the date of the final check.
Termination Date	Type the date on which the employee will terminate employment. **Note**: This field can be left blank if the employee is on a leave of absence and is being paid off for now, but will be returning to the LEA at a later date. Or, if the employee is being paid off for one contract to begin a new contract with the LEA.
Early Contract Payoff	Select to indicate that the change is for an early contract payoff.
Action Reason	Select the reason for separation from the position. The action reason codes are maintained on the District Administration > Tables > PMIS > Action Reason page.
TRS Status	This field displays the employee's TRS status. The field is populated based on the employee's payroll record.

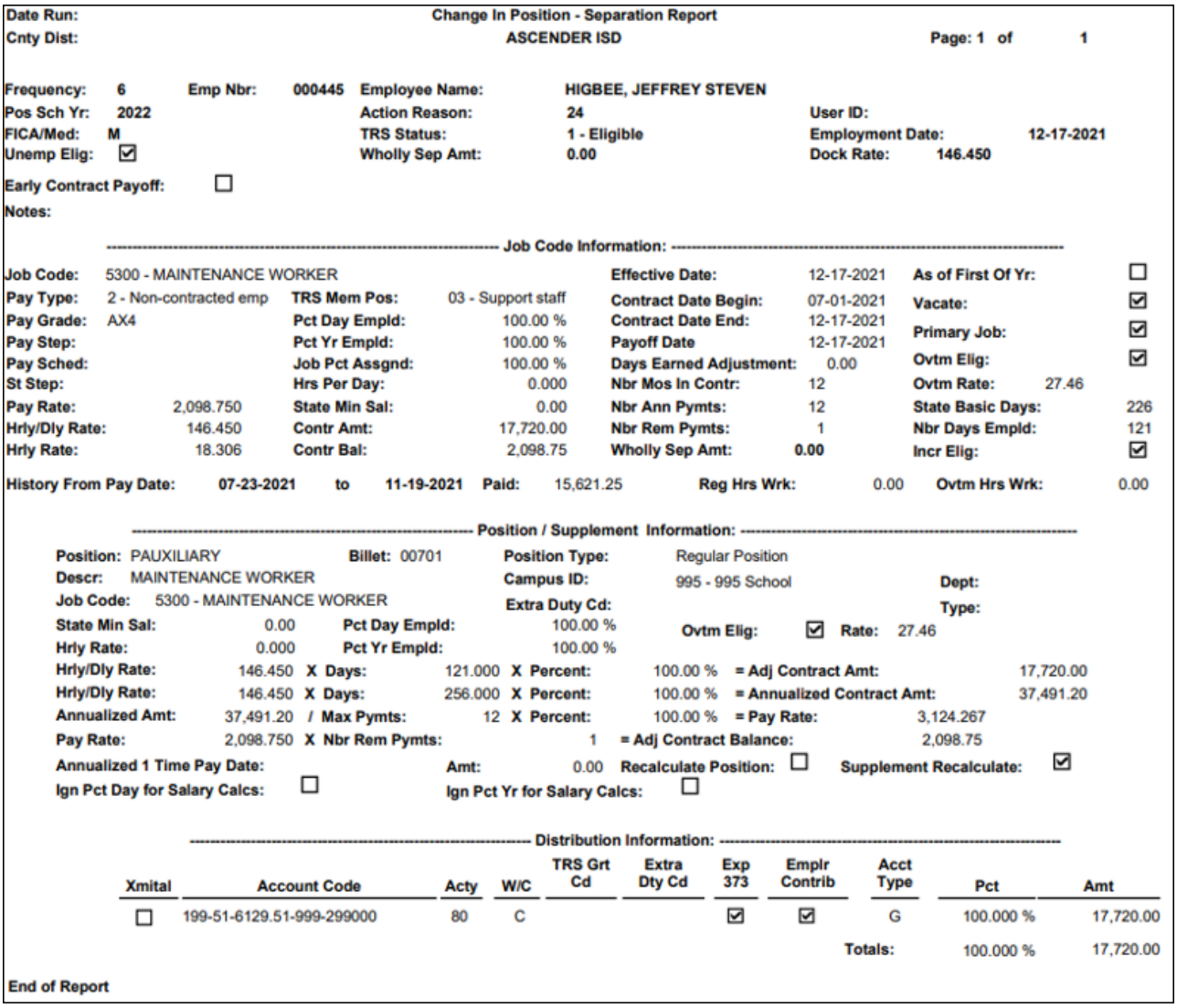
   ❑ Click **Notes** to enter any details related to the separation. The notes can be used as a form of communication between the personnel and payroll departments. The notes are displayed on the Payroll > Maintenance > Approve CIP Transaction page under **CIP Notes**.

❑ Click **Retrieve**. The **Remaining Payments** and **Payoff Date** under **Occupant Information** are updated. If the payoff amount is equivalent to the standard gross of two or three regular pay periods, manually update the number in the **Remaining Payments** field to 2 or 3 in order to correctly calculate the income tax and State Min 373 amounts.



❑ Click **Next**. The Supplements page is displayed.

❑ If a supplement position exists, update the number of **Remaining Payments** and click **Execute**. The Separation Report is displayed. In addition to the new pay rate, the salary that the employee would have earned if they worked a full year as well as the salary that the employee actually earned if they did not complete the contract year is displayed.



Date Run: Change In Position - Separation Report
Cnty Dist: ASCENDER ISD Page: 1 of 1

Frequency: 6 Emp Nbr: 000445 Employee Name: HIGBEE, JEFFREY STEVEN
Pos Sch Yr: 2022 Action Reason: 24 User ID:
FICA/Med: M TRS Status: 1 - Eligible Employment Date: 12-17-2021
Unemp Elig: ☑ Wholly Sep Amt: 0.00 Dock Rate: 146.450
Early Contract Payoff: ☐
Notes:

Job Code Information:

Job Code:	5300 - MAINTENANCE WORKER			Effective Date:	12-17-2021	As of First Of Yr:	☐
Pay Type:	2 - Non-contracted emp	TRS Mem Pos:	03 - Support staff	Contract Date Begin:	07-01-2021	Vacate:	☑
Pay Grade:	AX4	Pct Day Empld:	100.00 %	Contract Date End:	12-17-2021	Primary Job:	☑
Pay Step:		Pct Yr Empld:	100.00 %	Payoff Date	12-17-2021	Ovtm Elig:	☑
Pay Sched:		Job Pct Assgnd:	100.00 %	Days Earned Adjustment:	0.00	Ovtm Rate:	27.46
St Step:		Hrs Per Day:	0.000	Nbr Mos In Contr:	12	State Basic Days:	226
Pay Rate:	2,098.750	State Min Sal:	0.00	Nbr Ann Pymts:	12	Nbr Days Empld:	121
Hrly/Dly Rate:	146.450	Contr Amt:	17,720.00	Nbr Rem Pymts:	1	Incr Elig:	☑
Hrly Rate:	18.306	Contr Bal:	2,098.75	Wholly Sep Amt:	0.00		

History From Pay Date: 07-23-2021 to 11-19-2021 Paid: 15,621.25 Reg Hrs Wrk: 0.00 Ovtm Hrs Wrk: 0.00

Position / Supplement Information:

Position:	PAUXILIARY	Billet: 00701		Position Type:	Regular Position		
Descr:	MAINTENANCE WORKER			Campus ID:	995 - 995 School	Dept:	
Job Code:	5300 - MAINTENANCE WORKER			Extra Duty Cd:		Type:	
State Min Sal:	0.00	Pct Day Empld:	100.00 %	Ovtm Elig:	☑	Rate:	27.46
Hrly Rate:	0.000	Pct Yr Empld:	100.00 %				

Hrly/Dly Rate: 146.450 X Days: 121.000 X Percent: 100.00 % = Adj Contract Amt: 17,720.00
Hrly/Dly Rate: 146.450 X Days: 256.000 X Percent: 100.00 % = Annualized Contract Amt: 37,491.20
Annualized Amt: 37,491.20 / Max Pymts: 12 X Percent: 100.00 % = Pay Rate: 3,124.267
Pay Rate: 2,098.750 X Nbr Rem Pymts: 1 = Adj Contract Balance: 2,098.75
Annualized 1 Time Pay Date: Amt: 0.00 Recalculate Position: ☐ Supplement Recalculate: ☑
Ign Pct Day for Salary Calcs: ☐ Ign Pct Yr for Salary Calcs: ☐

Distribution Information:

Xmital	Account Code	Acty	W/C	TRS Grt Cd	Extra Dty Cd	Exp 373	Emplr Contrib	Acct Type	Pct	Amt
☐	199-51-6129.51-999-299000	80	C			☑	☑	G	100.000 %	17,720.00
								Totals:	100.000 %	17,720.00

End of Report

❑ Review the report for accuracy. If the information is correct, click **Process**. A message is displayed indicating that the Change in Position was successfully processed.

> **Note**: In rare situations, the information calculated in a payoff may include special circumstances making it impossible for the system to perform the calculation. If the separation process is not used, it is important to manually update the position in the current year PMIS if the Staff Job/Pay Data fields were manually updated. Keep in mind that manual updates made in Payroll will not be displayed in PMIS historical records.

3. Approve a CIP transaction.

   Payroll > Maintenance > Approve CIP Transaction

   After processing the Change In Position - Separation Report, the information is displayed on the Approve CIP Transaction page, which is the final step before the employee record is updated on the Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data page.

   If the LEA has a personnel and a payroll department, it is possible that the personnel

department submitted the information on the Change in Position - Change in Compensation page. This step allows the payroll department to review the salary calculation for the employee and perform one of the following actions:

- **Mark Reviewed** - If the payroll department needs additional time to review the information before approving it, enter a date in the **Date Reviewed** field and click **Mark Reviewed**. This informs the personnel department that the payroll department is still reviewing the information.
- **Approve** - If you click **Approve**, the Staff Job/Pay Data fields from the position. A message indicating that the transaction was approved is displayed.
- **Reject** - If the information is incorrect, click **Reject**. You are prompted to enter the rejection date and reason. Once an item is rejected, it must be reviewed on the Position Management > Maintenance > PMIS Payroll Rejections page. If you need to reverse and remove it from a pending status, click **Rollback**. All changes from the initial Change in Position request are reversed.

After processing, the following pages/fields are updated.

- If the employee had extra duty pay, the amounts are reflected on the Pay Info tab.
- The **Balance** and **Pay Rate** displays the payoff amount. The **End Date** is populated with the new date and the **Payoff Date** displays the employee's new payoff date.
- The distribution amount should display the amount that the employee earned for the current year based on the number of days worked.

Additional Verification & Updates

When completing a payoff, verify or manually update the following fields:

Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Pay Info

Verify Bank/EFT information. If issuing the payoff in the form of a check, delete the bank information. Or, if the check is generated in a separate pay run from your regular payroll, select **Checks Issue** from the **Payment Method** drop-down field on the Payroll > Payroll Processing > Run Payroll page.

Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Job Info

Do not change or delete the **Accrual Code**, **Accrual Rate**, or the Workers' Comp payments during a contract payoff.

Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Deductions

Verify the **Net Amount** and **Remaining Payments** for each voluntary deduction. If the number of remaining payments is 99 or 1, the system only deducts one deduction; otherwise, it takes the number of remaining payments times the net amount.

If multiple Employer Contributions need to be expensed, type the number of times the LEA's contribution should be applied in the **Emplr Contrib Factor** field.

Note: It may be necessary to take multiple deductions for an employee who is being paid off early or who will not receive summer paychecks. Multiple deductions for the employee and/or employer-paid contributions may be deducted from either the employee's last paycheck or across multiple paychecks. The deductions are submitted in a timely manner to the vendors during the regular monthly billing statements. This process eliminates the task of collecting personal checks from employees to cover insurance premiums during the summer months. The Payroll > Maintenance > Hours/Pay Transmittals > Addl Ded tab can be used to enter multiple deductions for both employee and employer contributions.

Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Leave Balance

If all earned leave is posted at the beginning of the school year instead of being incremented monthly, it may be necessary to adjust the **Earned** column to reflect only the leave earned with your LEA for the number of days worked during the school year. State leave detail is displayed on service records.

Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info

Update the **Termination Date** field on the tab as it is not automatically updated. Also, if applicable, enter the **Retirement Date**.

Payroll > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > HRS6050 - Contract Balance Variance Report

After the Staff Job/Pay Data page is updated, print the Contract Balance Variance Report to verify the totals. If the remaining payments were set to 2 to correctly calculate the income tax, the employee is displayed with an out-of-balance condition. In this scenario, the out-of-balance condition is acceptable as long as the payoff amount was verified and you are aware of the out-of-balance condition.

Payroll or Personnel > Tables > District HR Options

Verify that the **Max Gross Amt for District** field is greater than the employee's payoff amount.

The following occurs for a contract payoff: The contract balance is paid, the employee is inactivated, the remaining number of deductions are deducted, and any accrual balances are reversed.

If the leave earned for the year is changed due to the number of days worked for the year, consider re-classifying posted leave days used. State leave detail is displayed on the employee’s service record.