



ASCENDER Business Release Notes

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ASCENDER Release 7

ASCENDER 7.0700

Release Date: 3/03/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 7.0700

ASCENDER Homepage

- Corrected the Approval Summary dashboard to only display payroll approvals if the user has access to the pay frequency for a pending approval.

Finance > Maintenance > Create Chart of Accounts

- Corrected the program to allow accounts without account activity to be deleted. Previously, a message was displayed indicating that the account was being used in the general ledger history table and could not be deleted.

Finance > Maintenance > Postings > Check Processing - PA

- Corrected the program to prevent the computer check and reversal transaction from being marked for deletion (highlighted red) when changing a computer check to a district check.

Finance > Maintenance > Vendor Information > Vendor Misc - Copy from Payroll

- Corrected the functionality of the **Copy from Payroll** button. Previously, in certain scenarios, a program error could occur when adding a bank code to Finance.

Finance > Inquiry > GL Inquiry > GL Inquiry

- Added pagination to the JV detail pop-up window allowing users to view all accounts associated with the JV.

Finance > Inquiry > Vendor Inquiry

- Modified the program to retain the originator's user ID details on the original transaction. For example, if a user creates a PO/PA transaction and then another user voids, reverses, or deletes that transaction, the originator's user ID will remain associated with the original transaction and the user ID of the subsequent user will be associated with the subsequent transaction(s).

Finance > Inquiry > Travel Reimbursement

- Increased the size of the travel request details pop-up window (spyglass icon) to prevent scrollbars from being displayed.

Finance > Utilities > Positive Pay Export

- Corrected the program error that occurred when clicking the **Print** button. This issue was caused by a bank account group with a blank **Bank Account Nbr** on the Bank Reconciliation > Tables > Bank Account Fund Groups tab.
- Corrected the program error that occurred when clicking the **Print** button. This issue was caused by a blank **Employer Offset Account** on the Payroll > Tables > Bank Codes > EFT tab.

Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Journals, Checks, Detail Ledgers > FIN1360 - Travel Request Report

- Added this new report to provide a list of travel requests by vendor with all available travel details.

Reports > Finance Reports > Journals, Checks, Detail Ledgers > Travel Request Report

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Journals, Checks, Detail Ledgers

[FIN1000 - Cash Receipts Journal](#)
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FIN1360 - Travel Request Report

Parameter Description	Value
Select Travel Number(s), or blank for ALL	<input style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 20px;" type="text"/> ...
Select Vendor(s), or blank for ALL	<input style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 20px;" type="text"/> ...
Select Paid checks (P), Unpaid checks (U), or blank for ALL	<input style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 20px;" type="text"/> ...
From Entry Date (MMDDYYYY), or blank for ALL	<input style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 20px;" type="text"/> ...
To Entry Date (MMDDYYYY), or blank for ALL	<input style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 20px;" type="text"/> ...
Page Break by Vendor? (Y/N)	<input style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 20px;" type="text"/> ...

Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Summary/Miscellaneous Reports > FIN3800 - Statement of Financial Position

- Corrected out-of-balance issues that were caused by missing object codes. Also, added the missing object codes to prevent future out-of-balance issues.

Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Deductions

- Modified the program to allow 30 or more deduction codes to be saved.

Payroll > Reports > User Created Reports

- Corrected the spelling of Contract in **Contract Balance** under **Job Information**.

Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo

Modified the display of error messages on each tab to improve the user experience.

Personnel > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > HRS5250 - 1095-B Forms

Corrected the format of the value in box 17 Employer identification number (EIN) from XXX-XXXXXX to XX-XXXXXX.

Purchasing > Maintenance > Approve Requisition

Corrected the issue that prevented requisitions from being returned to the originator if the vendor number or account number was blank.

Warehouse > Maintenance

Corrected the functionality of the **Uniform Acct Distr** button to retain the percent and/or amount entered upon clicking **+Add** to add a row.

- Create/Modify Warehouse Requisitions
- Create/Modify Inventory Restock Requisitions
- Approve Warehouse Requisitions
- Approve Inventory Restock Requisitions



CareerPortal

Corrected various user interface issues to improve the user experience.



EmployeePortal

EmployeePortal

- Modified the size of the **Version** and **Host** display in Safari to prevent overlapping with other elements on a page.
- Modified the program to display the **Version** and **Host** information on all pages and expand/collapse with the main menu as applicable.

EmployeePortal > W-2

- Changed the email subject line for W2 electronic consent from "A MESSAGE FROM W2 ELECTRONIC CONSENT" to "A Message from W2 Electronic Consent" to prevent emails from being blocked by certain email security tools.



MemberPortal

MemberPortal > Budget Revision Request & Reimbursement Request

- Changed the date format in approval emails from MM/DD/YYYY to MM-DD-YYYY for consistency.

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 7

Update: 7.0420

ASCENDER 7.0420

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Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Vendor/Purchase Order Reports > FIN2100-1099 Forms

- Modified the 1099-NEC and 1099-MISC forms to print the two-digit year in the **Calendar Year** field to satisfy the new “fill in the blank” format (20_) when the report is run with the **Print 1099 Form only (1), 1099 form including 1099 file (2), Non-preprinted Copy B and C (3)** parameter set to 1.

Note: The two-digit year is retrieved from the **Tax Year** parameter beginning with the 2022 tax year.

- Corrected the alignment issue when printing 1099-NEC forms (**Non-preprinted Copy B and C (3)**).

Payroll > Reports > Quarterly/Annual Reports > HRS5100 - W-2 Forms

- Corrected the functionality of the **Consent for Terminated Employees? (Y/N)** parameter. Previously, if the report was run with the parameter set to N, W-2s were printed for all active employees with an electronic consent of Y. Now, the parameter is only used to filter terminated employees, not active employees.

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Update: 7.0415

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Payroll > Reports > TRS Reports > HRS4150 - TRS On-Behalf Payment Journal

Corrected the issue that prevented the report from being generated.

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Update: 7.0400

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ASCENDER Homepage

Added the ASCENDER News dashboard element to display important announcements or upcoming events. Each dashboard element tile has the drag-and-drop feature enabled along with column x row layout options to allow the logged-on user to customize the layout of their dashboard elements. The user's selected layout preferences are automatically saved upon logging out of the software.

The screenshot shows the ASCENDER 7.0400 homepage with a green header bar. The main content area contains three dashboard tiles:

- ASCENDER News:** A tile with a green header containing the text "ASCENDER News". It displays a message: "ASCENDER User Conference" followed by "The ASCENDER User Conference is June 27 - 29, 2023 at the Grand Hyatt in SA...".
- Approval Summary:** A tile with a green header containing the text "Approval Summary". It shows a table with four rows:

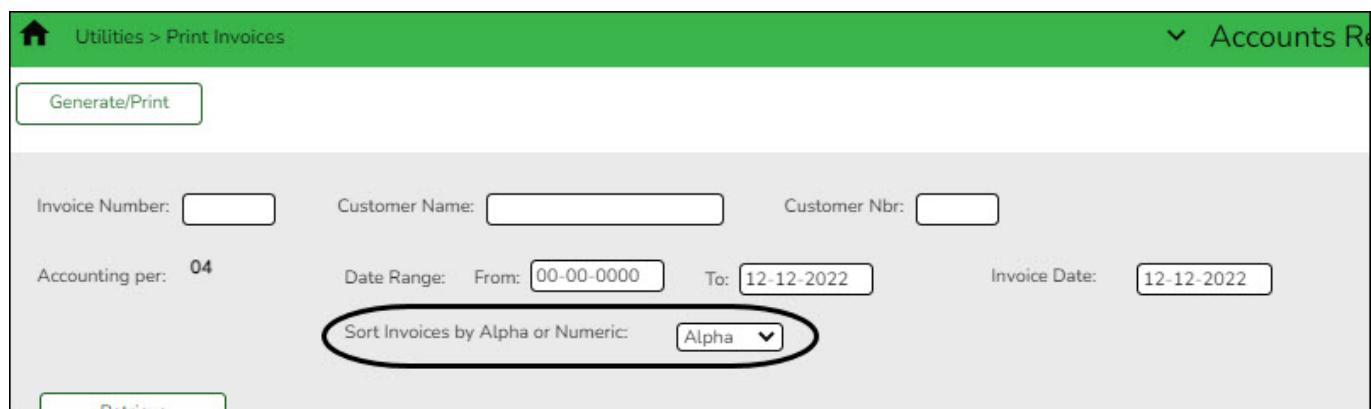
# Pending	ID/Freq	Approval Type
0	C	Finance > Approve Budget Amendment
0	7	Finance > Approve Budget Amendment
0	C/4	Payroll > Approve CIP Transaction
- Online Registration:** A tile with a green header containing the text "Online Registration". It shows a table with three columns: "# Pending", "Campus", and "Registration Type".

A vertical sidebar on the right side of the screen has a dark grey background with the letters "QV" in white.

Accounts Receivable > Utilities > Print Invoices

Added the **Sort Invoices by Alpha or Numeric** drop-down field to select a sort order for printed invoices. The following options are available:

- **Alpha** - Sort invoices alphabetically by customer name.
- **Numeric** - Sort invoices numerically by invoice number.



Utilities > Print Invoices

Generate/Print

Invoice Number: Customer Name: Customer Nbr:

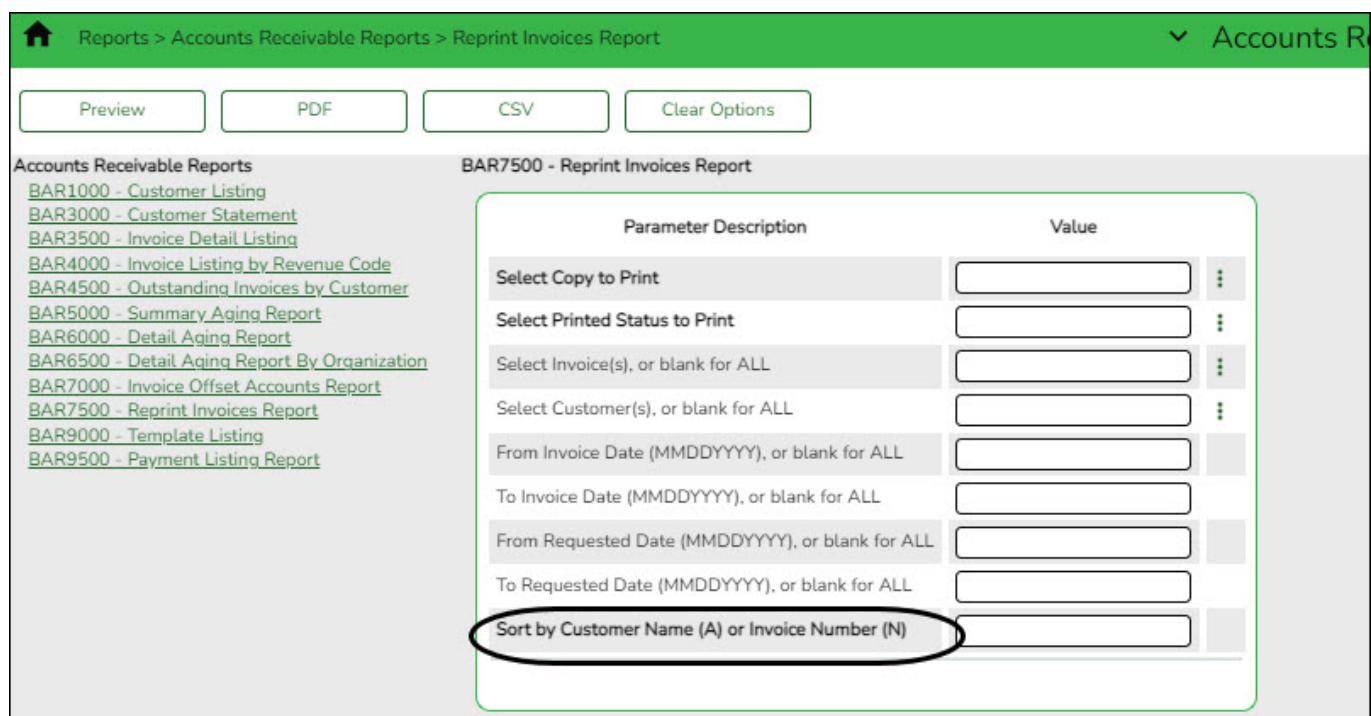
Accounting per: 04 Date Range: From: 00-00-0000 To: 12-12-2022 Invoice Date: 12-12-2022

Sort Invoices by Alpha or Numeric:

Retrieve

Accounts Receivable > Reports > Accounts Receivable Reports > BAR7500 - Reprint Invoices Report

Added the **Sort by Customer Name (A) or Invoice Number (N)** parameter to select a sort order for printed invoices.



Reports > Accounts Receivable Reports > Reprint Invoices Report

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Accounts Receivable Reports

- [BAR1000 - Customer Listing](#)
- [BAR3000 - Customer Statement](#)
- [BAR3500 - Invoice Detail Listing](#)
- [BAR4000 - Invoice Listing by Revenue Code](#)
- [BAR4500 - Outstanding Invoices by Customer](#)
- [BAR5000 - Summary Aging Report](#)
- [BAR6000 - Detail Aging Report](#)
- [BAR6500 - Detail Aging Report By Organization](#)
- [BAR7000 - Invoice Offset Accounts Report](#)
- [BAR7500 - Reprint Invoices Report](#)
- [BAR9000 - Template Listing](#)
- [BAR9500 - Payment Listing Report](#)

BAR7500 - Reprint Invoices Report

Parameter Description	Value
Select Copy to Print	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="..."/>
Select Printed Status to Print	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="..."/>
Select Invoice(s), or blank for ALL	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="..."/>
Select Customer(s), or blank for ALL	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="..."/>
From Invoice Date (MMDDYYYY), or blank for ALL	<input type="text"/>
To Invoice Date (MMDDYYYY), or blank for ALL	<input type="text"/>
From Requested Date (MMDDYYYY), or blank for ALL	<input type="text"/>
To Requested Date (MMDDYYYY), or blank for ALL	<input type="text"/>
Sort by Customer Name (A) or Invoice Number (N)	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="..."/>

Budget > Maintenance > Budget Data

Modified the program to allow an account with object code 8XXX to be added with any valid function code. Previously, accounts with object code 8XXX were restricted to a 00 function code.

Finance > Maintenance > Vendor Information > Vendor Misc - Copy from Payroll

Modified the **Copy from Payroll** button functionality to compare the employee's bank information from Payroll to Finance, and automatically add the bank record to the Finance > Tables > Bank Codes > Bank Codes tab if it does not already exist. The bank record in Finance may be added with a different bank code than Payroll as it uses the next available bank code when adding the new record. Previously, if the bank information in Payroll did not exist in Finance, an error message was displayed prompting the user to manually add the bank information in Finance.

Finance > Maintenance > Create Chart of Accounts

Modified the program to allow an account with object code 8XXX to be added with any valid function code. Previously, accounts with object code 8XXX were restricted to a 00 or 99 function code.

Finance > Maintenance > Postings

Corrected the program to only display the **Documents** button after retrieving a valid record. Previously, the **Documents** button was displayed after clicking **Retrieve** even if a valid record was not retrieved.

- Journal Budget
- Purchase Order
- Cash Receipt
- Journal Actual

Finance > Maintenance > Postings > Check Processing-PO

Corrected the trashcan icon to remain displayed on the page after changing the **Type** on a line item from *Computer* to *District*.

Finance > Maintenance > Pending Payables

Corrected the program to maintain the **EFT** selection when processing payments. Previously, if **EFT**

was selected for the vendor, the payment records did not maintain the **EFT** selection.

Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Journals, Checks, Detail Ledgers > FIN1450 - Detail General Ledger by Acct Per

Added the **Include Budget? (Y/N)** parameter with the following options:

- Y - Include all accounts
- N - Exclude 5XXX-8XXX accounts

Reports > Finance Reports > Journals, Checks, Detail Ledgers > Detail General Ledger by Acct Per

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Journals, Checks, Detail Ledgers
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FIN1450 - Detail General Ledger by Acct Per

Parameter Description	Value
Include Previous Months' Balances? (Y/N)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enter the Starting Accounting Period for the Finance Fiscal Year	<input type="text"/>
From Accounting Period	<input type="text"/>
To Accounting Period	<input type="text"/>
Print Vendor Name (N), Reason (R)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Include Requisition soft encumbrance transactions when PO encumbrance exists? (Y/N)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use Check date (C) or Transaction date (T) for check transactions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enter significant digits for fields to select on	<input type="text"/>
Enter Optional Report Title	<input type="text"/>
Include Budget? (Y/N)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Vendor/Purchase Order Reports > FIN2100 - 1099 Forms

Per IRS requirements, updated the 1099-MISC/1099-NEC forms/instructions and all 1099-MISC/1099-NEC functionality to support the 2022 tax year.

Grants and Projects > Tables > Manage Users

Corrected various user interface issues to improve the user experience.

Grants and Projects > Utilities > Copy Payment Dates

Corrected various user interface issues to improve the user experience.

Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Deductions

Modified the program to display 15 rows in the grid instead of 10 before adding a scrollbar.

Payroll > Payroll Processing > Deduction Checks > Process Deduction Checks

Modified the program to display the menu breadcrumbs on subsequent processing pages.

Payroll > Payroll Processing > Payroll Adjustments > Check Void

Corrected the primary key error that occurred when voiding a check.

Payroll > Utilities > Transfer Transaction Processing > Process Transfer Checks

Modified the program to display the menu breadcrumbs on subsequent processing pages.

Payroll > Reports > Payroll Reports > HRS2400 - Bank Account Listing

Added the **Include SSN on Report? (Y/N)** parameter with the following options:

- Y - Include the employee's social security number on the report.
- N - Do not include the employee's social security number on the report.

Payroll > Reports > WorkJournal Reports

Modified the reports to include leave total amounts in the **Total Hours** calculation and display the

value in decimal format.

Payroll > Reports > Quarterly/Annual Reports > HRS5100 - W-2 Forms

- Per IRS requirements, updated the W-2 form/instructions and all W-2 functionality to support the 2022 tax year.
- Added the **Consent for Terminated Employees? (Y/N)** parameter with the following options:
 - Y - Use the W-2 electronic consent selection for each terminated employee (from EmployeePortal) to determine whether or not to print a W-2.
 - If the W-2 electronic consent is Y for a terminated employee, a W-2 is not printed.
 - If the W-2 electronic consent is N for a terminated employee, a W-2 is printed.
 - If the W-2 electronic consent is blank for a terminated employee, a W-2 is printed.
 - N - Print W-2s for all terminated employees regardless of W-2 electronic consent selection.
 - If the W-2 electronic consent is blank for a terminated employee, a W-2 is not printed.

Reports > Quarterly/Annual Reports > W-2 Forms

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Quarterly/Annual Reports

- [HRS5000 - 941 Worksheet](#)
- [HRS5050 - TWC Wage List](#)
- [HRS5100 - W-2 Forms](#)
- [HRS5150 - FICA Annual Report](#)
- [HRS5200 - Third Party Sick Pay Report](#)

HRSS5100 - W-2 Forms

Parameter Description	Value
Validation Rpt (V): W2 Forms - Copy A (A), Non-preprinted 3 Up (N); or W2REPORT File (F)	<input type="text"/>
For Tax Year > 2018, Include instructions (Y/N) or Print instructions only (I)	<input type="text"/>
Final Run - Create W-2 Historical Record ? (Y/N)	<input type="text"/>
Sort by Alpha (A), SSN (S), or Pay Campus (C)	<input type="text"/>
Tax Year (####)	<input type="text"/>
Select Frequency(ies), or blank for ALL	<input type="text"/>
Select Pay Campus(es), or blank for ALL	<input type="text"/>
Select Employee(s), or blank for ALL	<input type="text"/>
Company Name (up to 57 characters)	<input type="text"/>
Company Street (up to 22 characters)	<input type="text"/>
Company Location Address (up to 22 characters)	<input type="text"/>
Company City (up to 22 characters)	<input type="text"/>
Company State : (2 characters)	<input type="text"/>
Company Zip : #####-####	<input type="text"/>
Resubmit W2 Indicator (0) or (1)	<input type="text"/>
Resubmit WFID sent by SSA	<input type="text"/>
Problem Notification Code (1) or (2)	<input type="text"/>
Preparer Code (A), (L), (S), (P) or (O)	<input type="text"/>
User ID (8 characters)	<input type="text"/>
Contact Name (up to 27 characters)	<input type="text"/>
Contact Phone Number (###-###-####)	<input type="text"/>
Contact Phone Extension (####)	<input type="text"/>
Contact E-mail (up to 40 characters)	<input type="text"/>
Contact Fax (###-###-####)	<input type="text"/>
Business Terminated? (Y/N)	<input type="text"/>
Kind of Employer (F), (S), (T), (Y), (N)	<input type="text"/>
Use Consent for Terminated Employees? (Y/N)	<input type="text"/>

Payroll > Reports > TRS Reports

Added the **File ID Current (C) or Previous Year File ID (P) (only for Worksheet and General Journals)** parameter to retrieve and calculate data for the current and previous year file IDs.

- HRS7810 - TRS Statutory Minimum Report 373
- HRS7815 - TRS Non-OASDI Employer Contribution

Reports > TRS Reports > TRS Statutory Minimum Report 373

TRS Reports

- [HRS4150 - TRS On-Behalf Payment Journal](#)
- [HRS4250 - TRS Eligible Employees List](#)
- [HRS4300 - Health Insurance Participation Report](#)
- [HRS4450 - PSP Staff Salary Report](#)
- [HRS4550 - Payroll Benefits Expense Distribution](#)
- [HRS7810 - TRS Statutory Minimum Report #373](#)
- [HRS7815 - TRS Non-OASDI Employer Contribution](#)
- [HRS7820 - TRS 3 Report](#)
- [HRS7825 - TRS 489 Report](#)
- [HRS7840 - TRS Federal Grant Report](#)
- [HRS7850 - TRS Adjustment Days Report](#)
- [HRS8900 - Employee Data \(ED\)](#)
- [HRS8905 - Regular Payroll \(RPI\)](#)
- [HRS8910 - Employment After Retirement \(ER\)](#)
- [HRS9865 - Payments for New Member](#)
- [HRS9870 - Retiree Pension Surcharge](#)
- [HRS9875 - Retiree TRS Care Surcharge](#)

HRS7810 - TRS Statutory Minimum Report #373

Parameter Description	Value
Print TRS373 Worksheet only (1) or TRS373 and General Journals (2)	<input type="text"/>
Report Month (01-12)	<input type="text"/>
Report Year (YYYY)	<input type="text"/>
Select Frequency(ies), or blank for ALL	<input type="text"/>
File ID Current (C) or Previous Year File ID (P) (only for Worksheet and General Journals)	<input type="text"/>

Personnel

- Updated the automated batch processing in Personnel. Instructions for this process are located on the TCC Technical Documentation > ASCENDER Personnel Import page in the ASCENDER Wiki.

Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info

- Corrected the issue that prevented validation from occurring simultaneously for the **Auxiliary Role ID** and **Paraprofessional Certification** sections.
- Corrected the issue that prevented an **Auxiliary Role ID** from being completely deleted from all required tables.
- Corrected the issue that prevented the **Paraprofessional Certification End Date** from being properly saved to the employee's record.

Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility

- Modified the program to allow days and minutes weekly values to be saved for the following service IDs: PES00051 and PES00056. Previously, an error message was displayed.

Personnel > Utilities > Mass Delete > Employee Data

- Added the paraprofessional certification and auxiliary role ID data to the mass deletion process.

Personnel > Utilities > ACA 1094/1095 Correction/Replacement

- Per IRS requirements, updated the utility to support the 2022 tax year.

Personnel > Reports > Personnel Reports > HRS1550 - New Hire Report

- Renamed the output file from New_Hire_MMDDYYYY.txt to EINnhMMDDYYYY.txt where EIN is the **District Federal ID Number** on the Finance > Tables > District Finance Options > Finance Options tab, nh is new hire, and MMDDYYYY is the current system date.

Personnel > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > HRS5250 - 1095-B Forms

- Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-B form/instructions and all 1095-B functionality to support the 2022 tax year.

Personnel > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > HRS5255 - 1095-C Forms

- Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-C form/instructions and all 1095-C functionality to support the 2022 tax year.

Personnel > Reports > User Created Reports

- Corrected the **Employed Only** field to function as intended by including employees who are currently employed based on the current date, employment date, reemployment date, and term date.

Position Management

- Corrected the Employee Directory functionality. Previously, users could not select and retrieve records for employee numbers tied to employee names with an apostrophe.

Warehouse > Maintenance > Bid Processing > Request Vendor Quote

Corrected the program error that occurred when selecting a bid from this page.

Warehouse > Maintenance > Bid Processing > Vendor Response

Corrected the issue that prevented some **Bid Nbrs** from displaying after retrieving a bid.

Warehouse > Reports > Warehouse Reports > BWH1450 - Print Purchase Order Form

Corrected the program error that occurred when printing individual purchase orders.

**CareerPortal****CareerPortal**

Added the Document Attachments functionality to view and download documents (e.g., resumes) that were uploaded during the application process.

- Core Questions
- Profile
- Application
- Search Applicant

CareerPortal > Help

Corrected the **Help** button to function as intended.



EmployeePortal

EmployeePortal > Help

Corrected the program to display all appropriate Help content in Spanish when selected.

EmployeePortal > Inquiry > W-2 Information

Per IRS requirements, updated the W-2 form/instructions and all W-2 functionality to support the 2022 tax year.

Removed the following Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) fields for the 2022 tax year and beyond as it is now obsolete.

Note: These fields will still be displayed for the 2020 and 2021 calendar years.

- **EPSL1**
- **EPSL1**
- **EFMLEA**

EmployeePortal > Inquiry > 1095 Information

Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-B/1095-C forms/instructions and all 1095-B/1095-C functionality to support the 2022 tax year.

EmployeePortal > Travel Reimbursement Requests > Travel Requests

Modified the **Purpose** field to only allow letters, numbers, commas, periods, and dashes.



MemberPortal

MemberPortal > Grant List

- Corrected various user interface issues to improve the user experience.

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ASCENDER > Homepage

- Increased the 60-minute session timer on the homepage (Main Menu) to 300 minutes.

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Finance > Maintenance > Vendor Information > Vendor Miscellaneous

- Corrected the **Copy from Payroll** functionality to copy the complete bank account number from Payroll instead of only the last four digits.

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

- Corrected the **Exclude Days for TEA** checkbox to default to 0 (not selected) instead of 1 (selected) when adding a new job record.

Payroll > Reports > Year To Date Reports > HRS3500 - YTD Wage and Earning Statements

- Corrected the **E-mail** functionality to only include the year-to-date statements that coincide with the dates entered in the **From Pay Date (MMDDYYYY), or blank for ALL** and **To Pay Date (MMDDYYYY), or blank for ALL** parameters. Previously, all year-to-date statements for an employee were included.

Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility

- Removed the validation that required the **Begin Date**, **Staff Service**, and **Monthly Minutes** to be entered if the **Role ID/Staff Classification** was selected.

Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info

- Removed the Paraprofessional Certification records that were erroneously created for employees without a certification.
- Removed all validations related to the **Estimated Annual Salary (Hourly Employees Only)** section as it is now obsolete.

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ASCENDER > Homepage

Added a 60-minute session timer to the homepage (Main Menu). This timer redirects the user to the ASCENDER Login page and requires them to log on again if they attempt to launch an application after being inactive on the homepage for more than 60 minutes.

Note: This timer is separate from the individual application session timers that are set up in District Administration.

Per the 2022 National Automated Clearing House Association (Nach) Operating Rules & Guidelines, modified the program to store an encrypted version of bank account and employer offset account values in the database. The encrypted values are decrypted via a stored procedure allowing the entire value to be displayed for viewing, editing, and/or approval purposes on the following pages. Also, modified reports to display only the last four digits of the bank account number.

- Bank Reconciliation > Tables > Bank Account Fund Groups > Bank Account Group
- Finance > Tables > Bank Codes > EFT
- Finance > Maintenance > Vendor Information > Vendor Miscellaneous
- Finance > Maintenance > EFT Processing
- Finance > Utilities > Export Finance Tables
- Finance > Utilities > Import Finance Tables
- Finance > Utilities > Positive Pay Export
- Grants and Projects > Tables > SSA Members > Bank Code
- Grants and Projects > Utilities > Grant Payments > Create EFT File
- Payroll > Tables > Bank Codes > EFT
- Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Pay Info
- Payroll > Payroll Processing > Run Payroll
- Payroll > Payroll Processing > EFT Processing
- Payroll > Self-Service > Payroll Approval
- Payroll > Self-Service > Pending by Alternate
- Payroll > Next Year > Copy CYR Staff to NYR
 - Added the **Bank Acct Nbr Enc** column to the Copy and Delete Bank Deposit reports.
- Payroll > Next Year > Copy NYR Staff to CYR
 - Added the **Bank Acct Nbr Enc** column to the Copy and Delete Bank Deposit reports.
- Payroll > Utilities > Payroll Simulation > Pay Info
- Payroll > Utilities > Positive Pay Export
- Payroll > Reports > Payroll Reports > HRS2400 - Bank Account Listing
- EmployeePortal > Self-Service

Accounts Receivable > Maintenance > Create/Modify Invoice

Added validation to allow all valid accounts (except 4XXX accounts) in Finance file ID C to be

displayed in the **Account Code** drop-down. As a result, removed the validation restricting the drop-down to only 5XXX and 7XXX accounts.

Note: These changes are also effective on the Accounts Receivable > Maintenance > Invoice Voids/Adjustments, Create/Modify Template, and Credit Memo pages.

Modified the program to default the account codes using the new account code fields on the District Administration > Maintenance > User Profiles > Permissions page. If the District Administration fields are blank, then the **Offset Obj** and **Offset Sobj** fields default to the values in the **Accounts Receivable** field on the Finance > Tables > District Finance Options > Clearing Fund Maintenance tab and the **Offset Org** field is set to 000.

Accounts Receivable > Maintenance > Invoice Payments > Payments

Corrected the **Date Range** parameter to use the invoice date instead of the entry date when retrieving invoices.

Accounts Receivable > Utilities > Import Invoices

Added the following fields to the import as they are also included on the Accounts Receivable > Maintenance > Create/Modify Invoice page.

- **Reference**
- **Due Date**
- **Quantity**
- **Unit of Issue**
- **Product Type**
- **Unit Price**

Asset Management > Maintenance > Inventory Maintenance

Corrected the pagination functionality in the Directory to display all available pages when performing a search by **Property Class**. Previously, the pagination feature only displayed the first page of the search results.

Finance > Maintenance > Postings > Check Processing - PA and - PO

- Modified the program to allow prior year invoices to be processed regardless of the year in which they originated. Previously, an error message was displayed.

Finance > Tables > TSDS Crosswalks

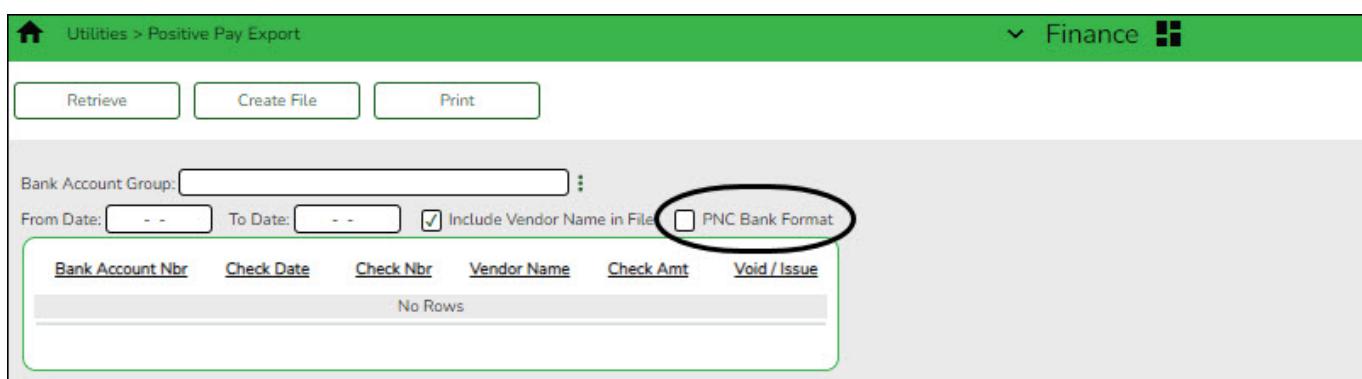
- Added this new page to map financial data (actual and budget) from the LEA's set of accounts to TEA's Chart of Accounts.

Finance > Inquiry > Travel Reimbursement Inquiry

- Corrected the issue that prevented the travel request pop-up window from being displayed when clicking the **Details** spyglass icon.
- Changed the **Travel req Nbr** column heading to **Travel Req Nbr**.

Finance > Utilities > Positive Pay Export

- Added the **PNC Bank Format** checkbox to generate a file in a layout that meets the PNC Bank format guidelines. When **PNC Bank Format** is selected, a fixed-width file is generated with a file name of PNCpositive_MMDDYYYY.txt. Also, added the new PNC Bank Pay File Layout to the Interfaces page: [PNC Bank Positive Pay File Layout](#)



Utilities > Positive Pay Export

Retrieve Create File Print

Bank Account Group:

From Date: To Date: Include Vendor Name in File PNC Bank Format

Bank Account Nbr	Check Date	Check Nbr	Vendor Name	Check Amt	Void / Issue
No Rows					

Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Journals, Checks, Detail Ledgers > FIN1250 - Check Register

- Removed the **Include Void Test Patterns? (Y/N)** parameter as it is now obsolete and should no longer be used.

Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Journals, Checks, Detail Ledgers > FIN1800 - Year-to-Date Check Register List

- Removed the **Include Void Test Patterns? (Y/N)** parameter as it is now obsolete and should no longer be used.

Grants and Projects > Tables > Grant/Project Profile

- Corrected the program to prevent a grant/project code from being deleted if it is assigned to a user on the District Administration > Maintenance > User Profiles > Grants and Projects page.

Grants and Projects > Reports > SSA Grant Reports > GP1300 - Grant Detail General Ledger Report

- Added this new report to provide a list of detailed transactions from the general ledger for a specified grant code. Users can view grant/project data for the entire grant period regardless of the school year or file ID, or retrieve data based on the school year, file ID, and from/to accounting periods.

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

- Added the **Exclude Days for TEA** checkbox (under **Calendar/Local Info**) to exclude the number of days employed (for the selected job) from TEA reporting. For example, this field would be used for an employee who performs two separate jobs on the same day. Also, renamed the **Calendar/Local Options** field to **Calendar Cd.**

Note: These changes are also effective on the Payroll > Utilities > Payroll Simulation > Job Info tab.

Payroll > Maintenance > Approve CIP Transaction

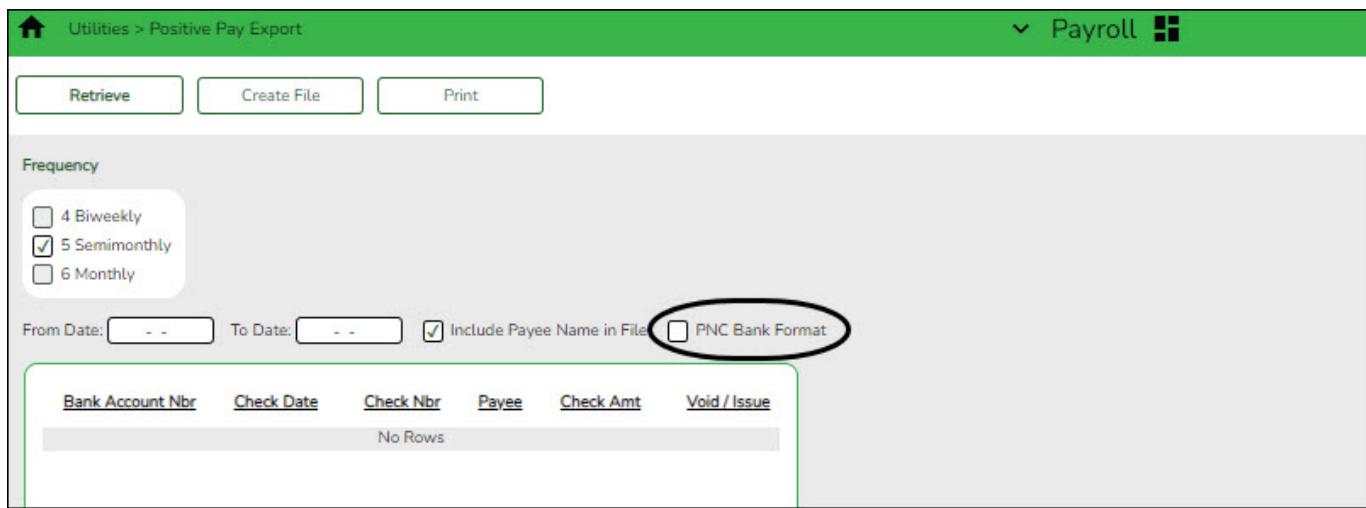
- Added the **Exclude Days for TEA** checkbox to exclude the number of days employed (for the selected job) from TEA reporting. This field is read-only and displays the selection from the Change in Position transaction.

Payroll > Next Year > Copy CYR Staff to NYR & Copy NYR Staff to CYR

Modified the program to include the Exclude Days for TEA and timestamp columns in the copy process.

Payroll > Utilities > Positive Pay Export

Added the **PNC Bank Format** checkbox to generate a file in a layout that meets the PNC Bank format guidelines. When **PNC Bank Format** is selected, a fixed-width file is generated with a file name of PNCpositive_MMDDYYYY.txt. Also, added the new PNC Bank Pay File Layout to the Interfaces page: [PNC Bank Positive Pay File Layout](#)



The screenshot shows the 'Utilities > Positive Pay Export' interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Retrieve', 'Create File', and 'Print'. Below these are sections for 'Frequency' (with checkboxes for '4 Biweekly', '5 Semimonthly' (which is checked), and '6 Monthly'), 'From Date' and 'To Date' (both empty), and 'Include Payee Name in File' (checked). A checkbox for 'PNC Bank Format' is also present. Below these settings is a table with columns: 'Bank Account Nbr', 'Check Date', 'Check Nbr', 'Payee', 'Check Amt', and 'Void / Issue'. The table displays 'No Rows'.

Payroll > Reports

Removed the **Print Bank Account Number? (Y/N)** and/or the **Include Bank Information? (Y/N)** parameters from the following reports as they are now obsolete and should no longer be used. Now, a masked version (last four digits) of the bank account number is always displayed on the reports.

- HRS1650 - Employee Salary Information
- HRS2500 - Wage and Earning Statement
- HRS3500 - YTD Wage and Earning Statements

Note: These changes are also effective for the reports in Personnel.

Payroll > Reports > Year To Date Reports > HRS3250 - YTD Account Distribution Journal

Added the **Account Pct** column to the report to display the percentage of the payroll distribution account.

Date Run:	YTD Payroll Account Distribution Journal ISD												Program: HRS3250 Page: 1 of 1 Frequency: 5		
Crnt Dist:	For Pay Dates	Thru	Employee Name	Emp Nbr	Chk Nbr	Pay Date	Gross Pay	Contract	Accrued	Workers	Employer	Unemploy	TEA Hlth	Federal	Emplr
			Job Cd / Accr Cd / Accr FY / ED Cd	Adj Nbr	TRS YR	Adj Nbr	Ret Pen Surch	Balance	Pay Care	Comp	Contrib	Tax	Ins Contrb	Dep/Care	457 Acct Pct

Payroll > Reports > Quarterly Annual Reports > HRS5050 - TWC Wage List

Disabled the **PDF** and **CSV** buttons. Previously, a program error occurred when clicking the **PDF** or **CSV** buttons to generate the report.

Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility

Modified the program to display responsibility records for the current PEIMS year (**School Year for PEIMS Codes**) and the current PEIMS year (**School Year for PEIMS Codes**) minus one.

Added the trashcan icon to the grid to allow responsibility records to be deleted.

Restructured the page to accommodate various field updates and additions to be used for state reporting purposes. The fields in the first and second columns are used for reporting on non-instructional employees. The fields in the second and third columns are used for instructional employees.

- Added the **Staff Classification** label to the **Role ID** field to accommodate TSDS' new naming conventions.
- Added the **Staff Service** field to indicate the services supplied by non-instructional employees.
- Added the **SPED Student Age Range** field.
- Added the **Classroom Position** field to indicate the type of position the employee holds in the specific class/section.
- Added the **Local Course Code** field to indicate the local code assigned by the LEA that identifies the course offering provided for the instruction of students.
- Added the **Section Identifier** label to the **Class ID** field to accommodate TSDS' new naming conventions.
- Added the **Session Name** field.

Maintenance > Staff Demo > Personnel

Employee: 000183

Save Retrieve Directory Documents

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION INSURANCE SERVICE RECORD RESPONSIBILITY

Delete	Details	Year	Campus	Role ID	Service ID	Class ID	Grade Level
		2022	041 - 041 School	033 - Educational Aide	SA000003 - INSTR AIDE NONE	0651-18-3-0000000	

Rows: 1 of 1

School Year for PEIMS Codes: 2023

Job Code: 0427 SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE	Campus: 041 041 School	Classroom Position:
Role ID / Staff Classification: 033 - Educational Aide	Begin Date: 08-09-2017	Local Course Code:
Staff Service:	End Date: 00-00-0000	Class ID / Section Identifier: 0651-18-3-0000000
Pop Served: 06 Special Ed Students	ESC/SSA: School District Employee	Session Name:
SPED Student Age Range:	Monthly Minutes: 09600	# of Students: 000

Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info

Added the employment status indicator. After retrieving an employee record, the employee's current employment status (**Employed/Not Employed**) is displayed next to the **Employee Status** field. The **Employed/Not Employed** status is based on the current system date and the employee's **Original Emp Date**, **Latest Re-Employ Date**, and **Termination Date**. If changes are made that affect the current employment status, the updated employment status is displayed upon saving the record.

Maintenance > Employment Info > Personnel

Employee: 888912

Save Retrieve Directory

EMPLOYMENT INFO

Employee Status: 1 Active professional	Employed	Retiree Information
Employment Dates	Employment Types	Retirement Date:
Original Emp Date: 01-05-2018	Employment Type: F Half-Time or more	Retiree Employment T
Latest Re-Employ Date: 00-00-0000	Sub Type:	Take Retiree Surcharg
Termination Date: 00-00-0000	Highly Qualified:	NY Take Retiree Surch
Termination Reason:	Year Round:	
Eligible for Re-hire:	Extract ID:	
Percent Day Employed: 100%	Highest Degree: 1 Bachelor's	

Maintenance > Employment Info

Employee: 000473 : Save Retrieve Directory

EMPLOYMENT INFO

Employee Status: 6 Substitute

Employment Dates

- Original Emp Date: 00-00-0000
- Latest Re-Employ Date: 00-00-0000
- Termination Date: 00-00-0000
- Termination Reason:
- Eligible for Re-hire:
- Percent Day Employed: 0%

Employment Types

- Employment Type:
- Sub Type:
- Highly Qualified:
- Year Round:
- Extract ID:
- Highest Degree:

Retiree Information

- Retirement Date:
- Retiree Employment Type:
- Take Retiree Surcharge:
- NY Take Retiree Surcharge:

Restructured the page to accommodate various field updates for state reporting purposes.

Added the **Employment Dates** section with the following fields:

- **Original Emp Date**
- **Latest Re-Employ Date**
- **Termination Date** (previously named **Date** under the now removed **Termination** section)
- **Termination Reason** (previously named **Reason** under the now removed **Termination** section)
- **Eligible for Re-hire**
- **Percent Day Employed**

Added the **Employment Types** section with the following fields:

- **Employment Type**
- **Sub Type**
- **Highly Qualified**
- **Year Round**
- **Extract ID**
- **Highest Degree**

Added the **Retiree Information** section with the following fields:

- **Retirement Date**
- **Retiree Employment Type**
- **Take Retiree Surcharge**
- **NY Take Retiree Surcharge**

Added the **Electronic Consent** section with the following fields:

- **W-2** (previously named **W-2 Elec Consent**)
- **1095** (previously named **1095 Elec Consent**)

□ Added the **Service Record** section with the following fields:

- **Full Semester** (previously under the now removed **Termination** section)
- **Grades Taught** (previously under the now removed **Grade(s) Taught** section)

□ Added the **ERS Retiree Health** section with the following fields:

- **Current Year Elig** (previously named **ERS Retiree Health Elig**)
- **Next Year Elig** (previously named **NY ERS Retiree Health Elig**)

□ Added the **Auxiliary Role ID** section with the following fields:

- **Auxiliary Role ID**
- **Begin Date** (replaced the now removed **Effective Date** fields)
- **End Date** (replaced the now removed **Effective Date** fields)

□ Added the **Paraprofessional Certification** section with the following fields:

- **Para Cert**
- **Begin Date**
- **End Date**

□ Removed the **Estimated Annual Salary (Hourly Employees Only)** section. For hourly employees, use the Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Job Info tab to update contract totals with a zero balance for reporting purposes.

□ Removed the **Unemployment Eligibility** section. Use the Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Pay Info tab to update unemployment eligibility.

The screenshot shows the 'Maintenance > Employment Info' screen. At the top, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Retrieve', and 'Directory'. The main area is divided into several sections:

- Employment Dates:** Contains fields for Original Emp Date (02-20-1995), Latest Re-Employ Date (02-20-1995), Termination Date (00-00-0000), Termination Reason, Eligible for Re-hire, and Percent Day Employed (100%).
- Employment Types:** Contains fields for Employment Type (F Half-Time or more), Sub Type, Highly Qualified, Year Round, Extract ID (SEP 10 MONTH EMPLOYEES), and Highest Degree (0 No Bachelor's).
- Retiree Information:** Contains fields for Retirement Date (00-00-0000), Retiree Employment Type, Take Retiree Surcharge, and NY Take Retiree Surcharge.
- Years Experience:** Contains fields for Professional and Non-Professional experience, Total (22), In District (22), Prior Teaching, and Creditable Year of Service.
- Electronic Consent:** Contains fields for W-2 (Yes) and 1095.
- Service Record:** Contains fields for Full Semester and Grades Taught (1.2.3).
- Contract Information:** Contains fields for Class, Term, and Year.
- Extended Leave:** Contains fields for Begin (00-00-0000) and End (00-00-0000).
- Fingerprint Information:** Contains fields for Status (Y Fingerprinted), Extract Date (00-00-0000), and Fingerprint Date (07-16-2008).
- ERS Retiree Health:** Contains fields for Current Year Elig and Next Year Elig.
- Auxiliary Role ID:** Contains fields for Delete, Auxiliary Role ID, Begin Date, and End Date, with a 'Add' button.
- Paraprofessional Certification:** Contains fields for Delete, Para Cert, Begin Date, and End Date, with a 'Add' button.

Position Management > Maintenance

Added the **Exclude Days for TEA** checkbox to exclude the number of days employed (for the selected job) from TEA reporting. For example, this field would be used for an employee who performs two separate jobs on the same day.

- PMIS Position Admin > Position Record
- PMIS Position Modify > Position Record
- PMIS Position History > History > Position Record (spyglass pop-up window)
- PMIS Change in Position > Change in Compensation
- PMIS Change in Position > Non-Comp Funding Changes
- PMIS Change in Position > Non-Comp Position Changes
- PMIS Change in Position > Separation
- PMIS Forecast Change

Note: The **Exclude Days for TEA** checkbox was also added to the CIP Reports.

Position Management > Utilities

Modified the following processes to include the Exclude Days for TEA column.

- Move Forecast to CYR Position and Payroll
- Move Forecast to NYR Payroll
- Create Forecast Positions

Warehouse > Maintenance > Fill Back Orders

Corrected the **Detail** spyglass icon pop-up window to display and function as intended. Previously, the pop-up window was blank.



CareerPortal

CareerPortal > Homepage

Modified the program as follows since the portal no longer supports the mobile responsive functionality.

- Removed the blue banner with the following statement: "CAREERPORTAL IS OPTIMIZED TO WORK ON MULTIPLE PLATFORMS. DESKTOP & MOBILE."
- Removed the "mobile friendly design" label along with the images of the tablet and cell phone.

CareerPortal > Login

Corrected the program to allow a SuperAdmin user to log on even if they are an external user not assigned to an LEA.

CareerPortal > Job Details

Corrected various user interface issues to improve the user experience. Also, changed the page name from Position Details to Job Details.

CareerPortal > Applicant Detail

Corrected the program to display all questions from the application even if the applicant did not answer all questions.

Corrected various user interface issues to improve the user experience.

Added the **Position Details** accordion section to view the details of the job for which the selected applicant has applied.

CareerPortal > District Settings (Co-op)

Corrected the program to allow a new co-op to be saved with or without entering an email domain. Previously, if an email domain was entered when adding a co-op, the record was not saved.

CareerPortal > Admin Tools > User Management

Corrected the program to allow Admin-only users to edit the Users and User/Group Link pages.



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