



# **Admin Guide: ASCENDER EmployeePortal WorkJournal Setup**



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The WorkJournal feature allows employees to create timesheet entries for time worked on a specific day.

This guide provides the necessary steps to set up the appropriate access for employee WorkJournal requests via EmployeePortal.

This guide assumes you are familiar with the basic features of the ASCENDER Business system and have reviewed the [ASCENDER Business Overview guide](#).

## Prerequisites

Update roles/users in Security Administration to allow WorkJournal permissions. You can add permissions to an existing role or create a new role.

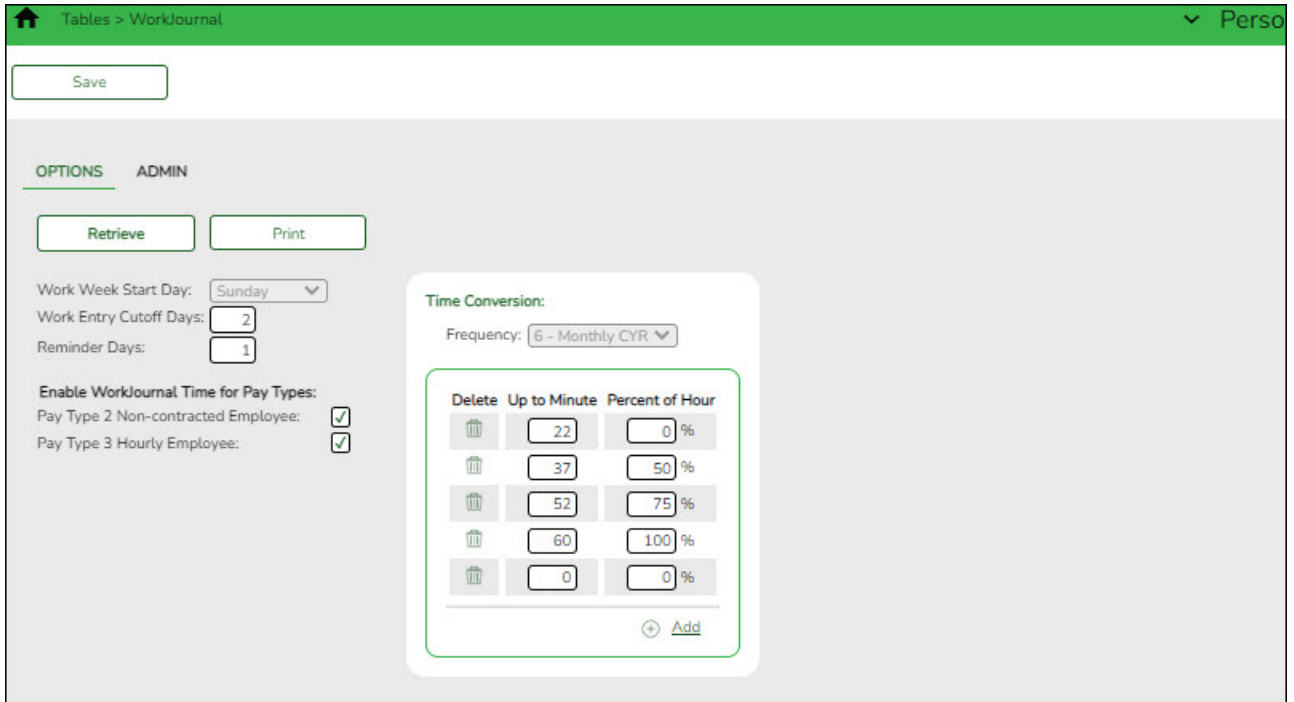
## Set up Personnel Options

Perform the following tasks to ensure that the WorkJournal request feature in EmployeePortal is set up properly and functions as intended for employees.

1. [Set EmployeePortal WorkJournal options](#).

[Personnel > Tables > WorkJournal > Options](#)

Set up the following WorkJournal options to determine how employees enter their time based on the work week, time conversion table, and pay type when creating WorkJournal entries in EmployeePortal.




Field	Description
<b>Work Week Start Day</b>	<p>Click <b>▼</b> to select the beginning day of the work week. This day determines the day that the employee can select in the <b>Work Week Start Date</b> field in EmployeePortal. For example, if the selected day is Tuesday, then the employee can only select Tuesday dates when entering WorkJournal entries in EmployeePortal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday</li> <li>• Monday</li> <li>• Tuesday</li> <li>• Wednesday</li> <li>• Thursday</li> <li>• Friday</li> <li>• Saturday</li> </ul> <p>This day cannot be changed if there is at least one employee record in the employee WorkJournal time table.</p>
<b>Work Entry Cutoff Days</b>	Type the number of cutoff days the employee has to enter a timesheet entry. Valid values are 0-30.
<b>Reminder Days</b>	Type the number of days before the cutoff day that an automated email message will be sent to employees as a reminder that they have yet to submit their timesheet entries. Valid values are 0-9.

Under **Enable WorkJournal Time for Pay Types:**

<b>Pay Type 2 Non-contracted Employee</b>	Select to enable WorkJournal time tables for pay type 2 (non-contracted) employees.
<b>Pay Type 3 Hourly Employee</b>	Select to enable WorkJournal time tables for pay type 3 (hourly) employees.

Under **Time Conversion:**

<b>Frequency</b>	<p>Click  to select the pay frequency for which you want to set up a time conversion table. Depending on the selected pay frequency, the corresponding time conversion table is displayed.</p> <p>This field is read only if your LEA only uses one pay frequency to pay employees. Pay frequencies are set up on the <a href="#">District Administration &gt; Tables &gt; District Information &gt; Payroll Frequencies</a> tab.</p>
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Click **+Add** to add a row.

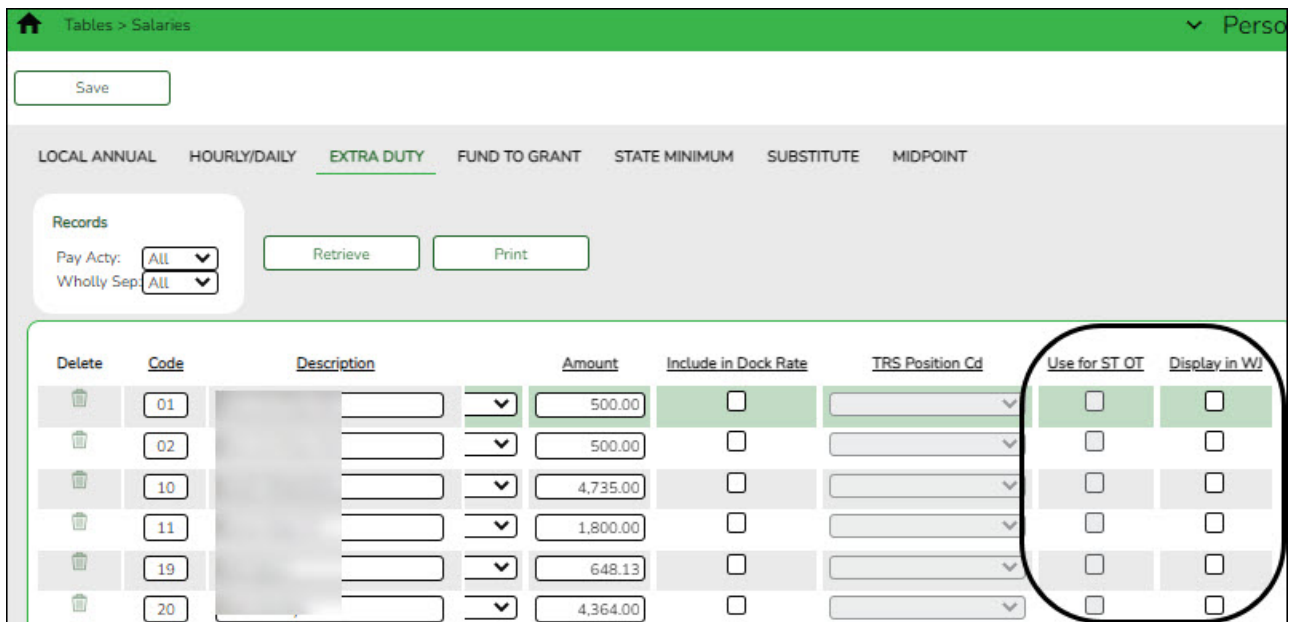
<b>Up to Minute</b>	Type the number of minutes to represent a specific percentage of the day. Valid values are 1-60.
<b>Percent of Hour</b>	Type the percent of day to represent a specific number of minutes. Valid values are 1-100%.

Click **Save**.

2. [Set WorkJournal options for extra duty codes.](#)

[Personnel > Tables > Salaries > Extra Duty](#)

Select the following to identify which extra duties will use standard overtime rates and be displayed for WorkJournal in EmployeePortal.



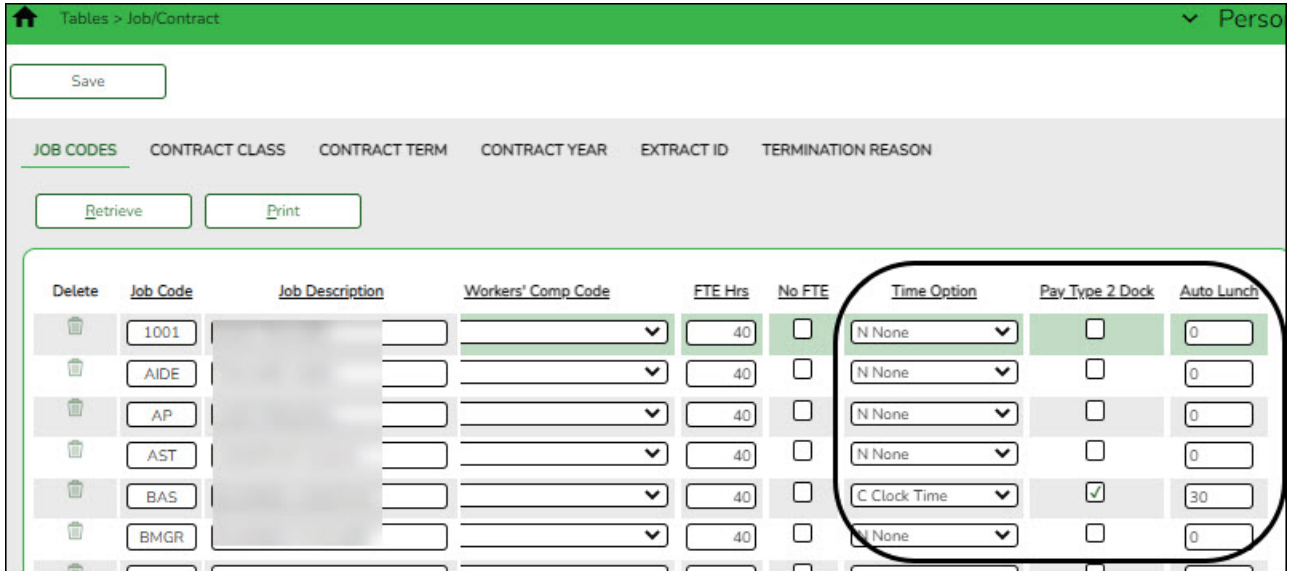
<b>Use for ST OT</b>	Select to indicate that the extra duty code will use the standard overtime rate in WorkJournal. This field is only enabled for S-type extra duty codes and can only be selected for one S-type extra duty code.
<b>Display in WJ</b>	Select to display the extra duty code in WorkJournal. This field is only enabled for G-type and S-type extra duty codes.

Click **Save**.

3. Set WorkJournal options for (CYR/NYR) job codes.

Personnel > Tables > Job/Contract > Job Codes

Use the following options to identify how employees with certain job codes enter their time and how their time is calculated for WorkJournal entries in EmployeePortal.



<p><b>Time Option</b></p>	<p>Click  to select the time option to be used for WorkJournal in EmployeePortal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A Attendance Only</i> - Select to allow the job code to be used in WorkJournal for attendance purposes only. Pay information <b>will not</b> be transferred to Payroll when the Import WorkJournal Requests utility is processed.</li> <li>• <i>C Clock Time</i> - Select to allow the job code to be used in WorkJournal for timesheet entries. Pay information will be transferred to Payroll when the Import WorkJournal Requests utility is processed.</li> <li>• <i>N None</i> - Select to exclude the job code from WorkJournal. If selected, employees will not be able to submit entries to the job code in EmployeePortal.</li> </ul> <p>This field must be set to A or C to allow the job code to accept WorkJournal entries EmployeePortal.</p>
<p><b>Pay Type 2 Dock</b></p>	<p>Select to allow docks to be created for pay type 2 employees.</p> <p>For example, if this field is selected and a pay type 2 employee has 37 in the <b>Wkly Hrs Sched</b> field on the Payroll &gt; Maintenance &gt; Staff Job/Pay data &gt; Job Info tab and only submits 35 hours in WorkJournal, the employee will be docked two hours. The system will account for any submitted leave requests.</p>
<p><b>Auto Lunch</b></p>	<p>Indicate the amount of time (<b>in minutes</b>) for the employee's lunch period. If an employee creates a timesheet entry in WorkJournal for more than five hours for a job code with an auto lunch, that amount of time is automatically deducted from their total time for the selected job code on that work day. Valid values are 1-60.</p>

Click **Save**.

## Verify Payroll Data

1. [Verify contract begin and end dates.](#) {page>general:epwj\_verifycontractdates&inline}}

## Enable the WorkJournal Request Feature

1. [Set up district EP options.](#)

[Payroll > Tables > District EP Options > EmployeePortal Options](#)

Set up the following EP options to allow employees to view the WorkJournal menu in EmployeePortal.

The screenshot shows the 'District EP Options' configuration page. The 'EMPLOYEEPORTAL OPTIONS' section is active. Under the 'Enable' column, the 'WorkJournal' checkbox is checked and circled in red. Under the 'Messages' column, the 'WorkJournal' radio button is selected and circled in red. A text box on the right contains the message 'This is a WorkJournal message for all employees.' A black arrow points from the 'WorkJournal' radio button in the 'Messages' column to the text box.

- Under **Enable**, select **WorkJournal** to enable the WorkJournal request feature in EmployeePortal.
- Under **Messages**, select **WorkJournal** to enable employees to view a preset message on the WorkJournal page in EmployeePortal.
  - Type the applicable message in the text box.
  - The message is displayed in red at the top of the WorkJournal page in EmployeePortal after the record is saved.

Pay Frequency: 6 - Monthly CYR

Work Week Start Date: 05-08-2022

**This is a WorkJournal message for all employees.**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Calendar Info							
In							
Out							
Total Time	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
Leave Total	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
Daily Total	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
Weekly Totals					Time: 0:00	Leave: 0:00	Total Hours: 0:00

Click **Save**.



After the above steps are completed, employees can submit WorkJournal requests in EmployeePortal.



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