Job Aid

ESS - Create Expense Report





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Overview

This Job Aid documents traveler's Self-Service creation of an Expense Report, which must be performed no later than 14 calendar days after the trip was completed. The same requirement applies to Travel Administrator's creation of Expense Reports on behalf of travelers who do not have access to Umoja. Failure to submit an Expense Report within the specified period of time will result in an automatic recovery by payroll of previously paid travel advances for the trip. If the allowance was not paid in advance, non-submission of the Expense Report within 14 calendar days upon completion of the trip will prohibit the traveler from filing any claims after the specified period.

Objectives

This Job Aid will walk the travelers and/or Travel Administrators through the process of creating an Expense Report for an approved Travel Request. Please note that this Job Aid is a condensed version of the steps needed to perform this function. A more detailed version with steps simulation can be located here:

- To Create an Expense Report http://unsapuperform.umoja.un.org/gm/folder-1.11.11672?mode=EU
- To Create an Expense Report for Lump Sum Option (please refer to the specific Job Aid) http://unsapuperform.umoja.un.org/gm/folder-1.11.11664?mode=EU
- To Create a Stand Alone Expense Report (please refer to the specific Job Aid) http://unsapuperform.umoja.un.org/gm/folder-1.11.11668?mode=EU
- To Review Travel Expense Report Status: http://unsapuperform.umoja.un.org/gm/folder-1.11.11696?mode=EU

Note: The above links will lead you to simulations, interactive "recordings" of the Umoja system, used to help facilitate a hands-on learning experience.

Users can access simulations in three different modes:

- Show me: Users view a video of an entire transaction being conducted
- Let's do it together: Users will be prompted to input data at key points during the transaction (recommended)
- **Try it**: Users can complete an entire transaction on their own, with no additional instructions provided

Enterprise Roles

Employee Self-Service (available to those staff members with access to Umoja, otherwise a Travel Administrator has the rights to create an Expense Report).



Create an Expense Report

1. Log into Employee Self-Service Portal.

NOTE: Some screens may have been modified in production and may therefore differ slightly from the ones displayed in this job aid.



2. Click the Employee Self-Service SM tab at the top of the screen.



3. Click Create Expense Report to begin the process of creating the Expense Report for the travel.





4. On the *Create Expense Report* screen, you will see the completed list of your trips. Select the trip for which you wish to create the Expense Report.

NOTE: The traveler has 14 calendar days upon completion of his/her trip to submit an Expense Report. If the traveller received an advance and failed to submit an Expense Report within designated 14 days, the system will automatically perform the recovery of the advance once the deadline has passed.

5. Click on Start button to begin creating the Expense Report.



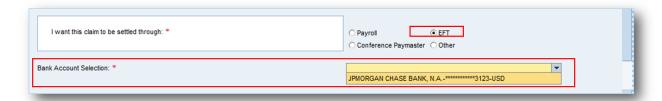
Answer all the relevant questions by selecting Yes or No radio buttons as applicable.



NOTE: If you answer **Yes** to the question "Is the travel undertaken as part of the Secretary-General's or Deputy Secretary-General's Delegation?", your Expense Report will go to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General according to the preset Umoja workflow. Therefore, it is imperative to understand that only travelers in posession of a letter from the EO of the SG confirming that they are part of such Delegation qualify to for this provision. If you do not have such a letter with your name on it, select **NO**.



- 7. Select one of the following radio buttons as applicable to confirm the claim settlement method:
 - Payroll settles your claim through next pay period's payroll
 - **EFT** Electronic Funds Transfer for payment directly to a bank account you have on file with UN Treasury
 - **Conference Paymaster** should only be used for Meeting Participants who were paid through a Paymaster (person with delegation of authority to disburse funds at the event)
 - Other allows you to indicate in the remarks if you wish to have your claim settled through Cash, Cheque, or UNDP, which will be further actioned by the TSA
- 8. Select the required option from the Bank Account Selection drop-down menu.



9. Verify that you have read, understood and agreed with the guidelines related to the submission of travel Expense Report and click on *General Data* button to go to the next page.

NOTE: It is the traveler's responsibility to read and understand the travel Expense Report Information before submitting his/her Expense Report.

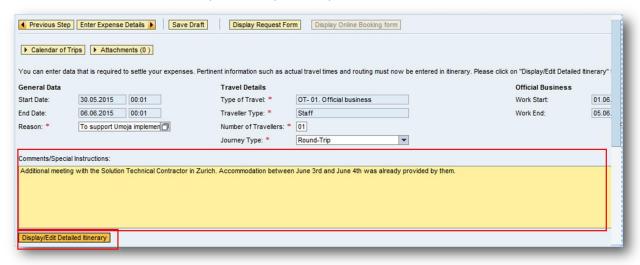
Fill in the General Data Page

10. You will find that all the details of the trip have been pre-populated on the *General Data* page. Fill in the required text in *Comments/Special Instructions* as applicable.

NOTE: You can click the *Attachments* button to add any relevant scanned documents (for example, Special DSA Approval, Ad-Hoc Approval, etc.). **Travellers are required to attach proof of travel in the form of scanned boarding passes or entry/departure stamps in their passports** For further information about how to attach files, please refer to the Job Aid "ESS – Create Expense Report (Stand Alone)".



11. Click on *Display/Edit Detailed Itinerary* button to update the itinerary details to accurately reflect the travel undertaken. In our example the traveler has taken an additional side trip which was not part of the original Travel Request itinerary. To reflect the side trip, two lines will need to be added to the itinerary on the Expense Report (see instructions below).



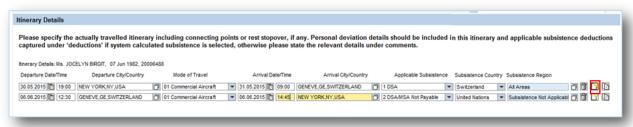
NOTE: Use the *Comments* boxes throughout the form to provide as much additional information as possible to ensure against delay in review and approval process of the claim due to missing details.

12. Enter the required Departure and Arrival time for the trip.



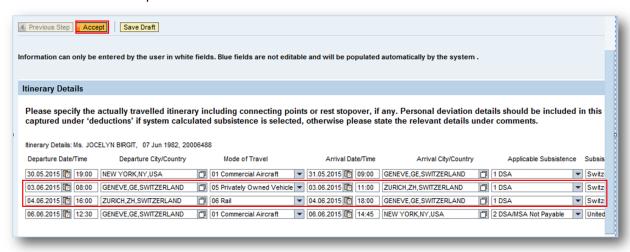
NOTE: In the event that your journey included a deviation, please ensure the actually travelled itinerary is recorded here, including the deviation legs/details

13. In our example the traveler had undertaken a side trip from Geneva to Zurich by a private car, and a returned from Zurich to Geneva with a self-ticket by rail. For that purpose, click on *Create Itinerary* icon to specify the details of the additional side trip.

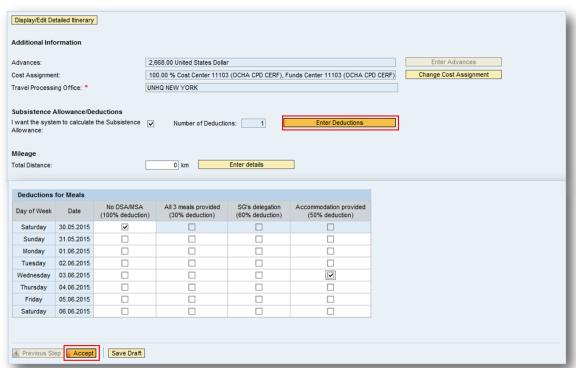




14. Enter details of the additional side trip. Once all the additional side trip details have been added, click on the *Accept* button.



15. Click on *Enter Deductions* button to select the dates, for which you are not entitled to full or partial DSA. After entering the deductions, click on *Accept* button to verify the selections.



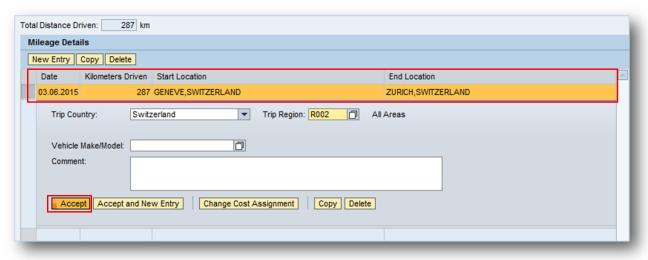
NOTE: The above screenshot covers the scenario wherein the accommodation was provided for one night and the DSA is automatically adjusted accordingly once the appropriate box has been selected.



16. Click on *Enter Details* button to enter the appropriate mileage information to reflect the distance travelled by car from Geneva to Zurich as specified in the additional side trip above. For more information on how to calculate it, please consult ST/IC/2006/52 "Rates of reimbursement for travel by private motor vehicle".

NOTE: The following steps are an example on how to claim milage. If no side trip by POV was taken during the travel, it will not be necessary to enter Milage details.

17. Enter the required details such as *Date, Kilometers Driven, Start* and *End* locations of the trip as well as *Trip Region,* and click on the *Accept* button.



18. Click on Enter Expense Details button to proceed to the next screen.



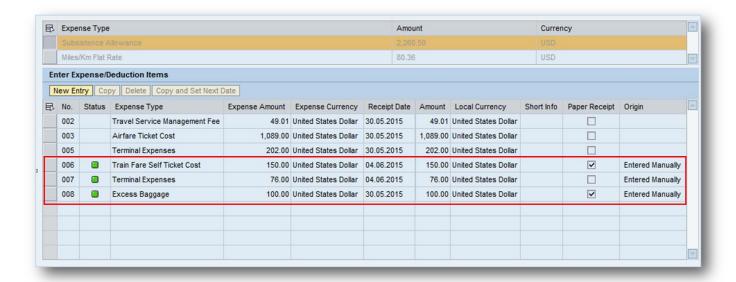


Fill in the Enter Expense Details Page

19. You can click on New Entry button to enter the appropriate expenses for your trip.

NOTE: You can use the Expense Details screen to add miscellaneous itemized expenses, for example: excess baggage fees, passport and visa fees, self-ticketing charges, etc.

20. All original expenses obligated during the creation of the initial Travel Request will be automatically displayed on the screen. You can edit the page by manually entering additional expense items incurred during the trip.



NOTE: The above screenshot covers the following additional expense items:

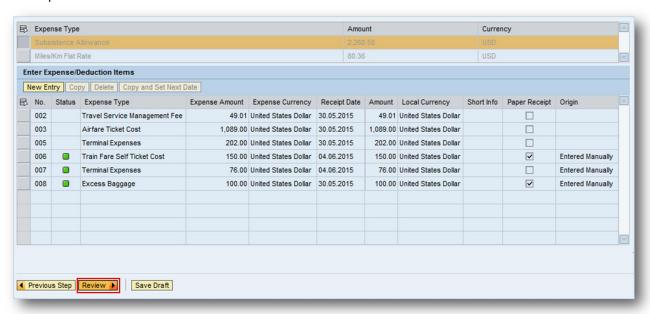
- Train self-ticket cost
- Rail terminal expenses
- Excess baggage

NOTE: Attach all receipts for items where you are claiming additional expenses. This includes hotel receipts for all pre-approved Higher Rate DSA recipients and for any items over \$30 (for more details see ST/AI/2013/3, Section 10, and ST/AI/2014/2, Section 3).

<u>NOTE</u>: Travellers are required to attach proof of travel in the form of scanned boarding passes or entry/departure stamps in their passports. Please refer to the Job Aid 'ESS – Create Stand Alone Expense Report' for further details on how to attach receipts.



21. Once you have entered all the expense items, click on *Accept* and then *Review* buttons to proceed.



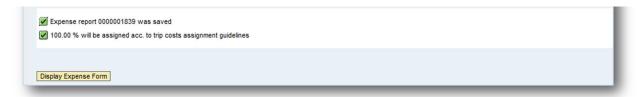


Complete the Request and Send for Approval

22. Click on Save and Send for Approval button to certify that all expenses claimed are authorized and represent actual payments made to you. If not, then Save Draft and you can get back to it later.



23. The final screen should look similar to the screenshot below. If there is any error message, it will appear on this screen.



NOTE: You can click on *Display Expense Form* button to view the Expense Report in the pdf format.

Express Expense Report

For Official Business travel, when a traveler submits an Expense Report for a Travel Request that was undertaken exactly as authorized and the claim is only for DSA and terminal, the claim is processed automatically as an **Express Expense Report** without any need for review and approval of the Travel and Shipment Approver or Travel Claims Processor. For entitlement travel such as Home Leave, the claim will be an Express Expense Report if there is no deviation from the authorized travel.

Detailed Expense Report

When a traveller submits an Expense Report for a Travel Request with requests for additional expenses to be paid, such as excess baggage (EBG) fees, or deviates from the previously approved itinerary in any way, the claim is routed to the Travel and Shipment Approver and Travel Claims Processor for review and approval. This is referred to as a **Detailed Expense Report**.

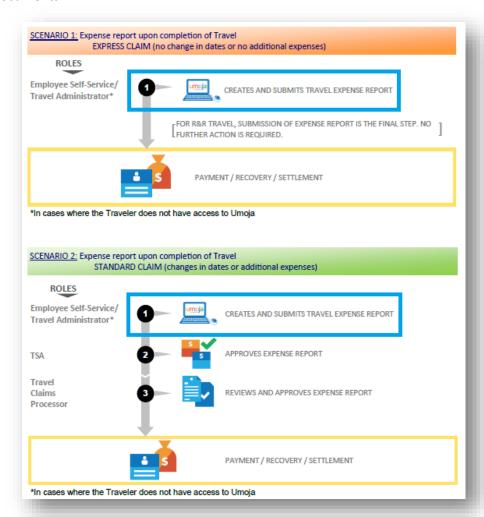


General Overview on the Subsequent Approval Process

After submitting the travel Expense Report, the system will determine if certification and approval are required. If certification is required, the travel Expense Report is routed to the **Travel and Shipment Approver (TSA)**. The certification is required if there are changes to the ticket cost and/or itinerary or if there are expense claims that were not reflected in the original Travel Request. Once certified, the travel Expense Report is sent to the **Travel Claims Processor** for approval. If not approved, the travel Expense Report is returned to the traveler (or Travel Administrator) for modification.

If the travel Expense Report contains any expense types which are flagged for manual validation and approval, the system routes it to the respective office for approval based on the type of expense claimed. For more information on deleting or cancelling the Expense Report, please consult the Job Aid "ESS – How to Delete or Cancel an Expense Report".

In case the certification and/or manual review are not required, the system automatically sets the travel Expense Report status to "Approved" which makes it available for posting (Express Claim). Once the travel Expense Report is set to "Approved", the system picks it up in a nightly batch job that creates Finance documents.



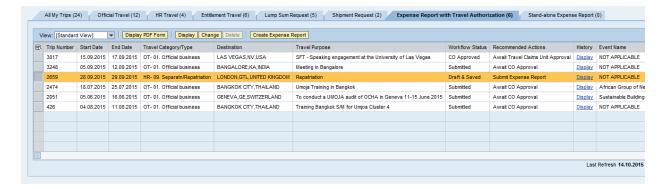


Amending an Expense Report

You can change an Expense Report or view its status on the Employee Self-Service (ESS) portal's front screen under *Traveler Work Center*.

Before the Expense Report is submitted for approval, it can be modified by following these steps:

- 1. Go to Employee Self-Service (ESS) portal *Traveler Work Center*
- 2. Under the Expense Report with Travel Authorization tab, find and highlight the Expense Report you wish to amend.
- 3. Click on Change button to amend the Expense Report.
- 4. The Expense Report cannot be deleted (please see that the *Delete* button is disabled).



After the Expense Report has been Approved

To amend or have the Expense Report returned back to the staff member for any changes once it has been approved, a staff member or a **Travel Administrator** will have to contact the HR Office by phone or email but outside of Umoja. If the Expense Report has not been approved it, it can be returned to the staff member and/or Travel Administrator for revision.