Cost Centers Introduction

Cost Centers are a breakdown of the account (budget/fund combination) to capture income and expense details in "subaccounts." The Financial Officer (or users with access to UCCA) can add Cost Centers to an account based on the financial management and reporting needs of the department.

Example:
ACCT # 01-023-45 UP 10010

Cost Centers:

- Smith
- Jones
- Miller
- King

A financial detail posted to the Account # 01-023-45 UP 10010 will also be posted to one or more of the Cost Centers through a process called resolution. During resolution, the amount that should post to the cost center(s) is specified.

Cost Center Guidelines:

1. **Minimum number** of Cost Centers on an account: 2.

2. **Maximum number** of Cost Centers on an account: 10,000.

3. **Only** one set of Cost Centers per account.

   Example:
   If account #01-023-45 UP 10010 is broken down into Smith, Jones, Miller, and
King, it cannot also be broken down into a separate set of Cost Centers of Task A, Task B, Task C.

4. **All details** on the account must be resolved into the Cost Centers.

5. **A set of Cost Centers** can be started anytime; however, it will have to be determined if the previously-posted details should be resolved into the newly created Cost Centers.

> **Note:**
The system will not force the user to resolve these previously-posted details, but it will allow the details to be redistributed into the newly created Cost Centers. To resolve the previously-posted details into the new Cost Centers, you must use the redistribution functions **RBCC** (Redistribute Budgets among Cost Centers), **RECC** (Redistribute Encumbrances among Cost Centers) and **RACC** (Redistribute Actuals among Cost Centers).

---

**Cost Center Names:**

1. **Cost center names** (up to 10 characters) are **administrative-area-specific**.

   **Example:**
   Admin Area 015 (Engineering) can have only one cost center on all its accounts named "SMITH", but Admin Area 004 (Agriculture) can have a cost center named SMITH, too. However, Engineering could name additional Cost Centers in admin area 015 SMITH1, SMITH2, SMITHA, SMITHB, etc., — just not another SMITH….

2. **Cost center names can be changed at any time** without affecting the details that have already been resolved to the cost center.

   **Example:**
   Cost Center JONES can be renamed MCFADDEN to reflect a personnel change or a name change as a result of marital status. All of the details that had been resolved to JONES will still be posted to the MCFADDEN cost center.

3. **Cost Centers will be displayed** in the FANS window and on the ICAG and BEAD selection screens in **alphabetical** order. There is a "go to" select field on the FANS window to help the resolver to get to the desired cost center more quickly than using **PF8** to go through hundreds of Cost Centers.

   **Remember:**
   You can have a maximum of 10,000 Cost Centers per account! However, there is
4. **QUICK TIP:** If you will be resolving the majority of details on an account into one particular cost center, assign that cost center a name that will force it to be displayed at the top of the alphabetical list.

   **Example:**
   If most of your account details will be resolved into the ZOOLOGY cost center, assign the cost center the name A ZOOLOGY. In the FANS window and on ICAG and BEAD, A ZOOLOGY will appear at the beginning of the list.

### Viewing Cost Center Details:

1. **Cost Center details** can be viewed on ICAG or BEAD, or you can use the PC/Mac Reporting Tools (FIT or the IBISFIN database on the data warehouse) to view the cost center information.

2. The mainframe function UDFS (Update Description/Free Space) can be used to view the resolution of a particular detail.

   *If you would like to use Cost Centers on an account, please call your Financial Officer for assistance.*

---

**Create/Update Account Cost Center — UCCA**

At **Next Function**, type **UCCA** (Maintain Cost Centers) and press **Enter**.
At Next Acct#, enter the Account (budget/fund) in which you want to set up account Cost Centers.

1. At Cost Center 1, enter the name of the first cost center.

2. At Description, enter a description of the cost center.
3. At Financial Access, enter the userIDs of those people who will be able to modify and update this cost center. Do not include yourself since you are the original creator. Your userid will be generated in one of the blank financial access lines when the Cost Centers are processed.

> Note:
You can create as many Cost Centers as needed but must process them in increments of three.

Press PF12 to process the first three account Cost Centers.

Other Functions

| Press PF8 | if you need to process more account Cost Centers. |

> Note:
The first three must be processed before proceeding.

| Press PF7 | to cancel any changes that you have made. |
| Press PF5 | to go to the top of the list of account Cost Centers. |
| Press PF9 | to return to the UCCA select screen. |

Delete A Cost Center — UCCA

If you need to delete an Account Cost Center, use the UCCA function.
At **Next Function**, type **UCCA** (Maintain Cost Centers) and press **Enter**.

1. At **Update Cost Center Dates**, enter the name of the **Account Cost Center** to be deleted.

   Press **PF12** to display the Cost Center dates.

   ![Image of Cost Center Details]

1. To **delete the cost center**, change the end date in the appropriate fiscal year to the date you wish to end posting to the cost center.

   Press **PF12** to process the delete.

   > **Note:**
   After the end date has been reached, the cost center will not appear in the FANS window for resolution and on ICAG the cost center will be marked with a **C** for Closed.