How to Reduce or Limit an Expense Reimbursement to a Fixed Budget Amount

University Policy 405 - General Travel and Expense requires that University travel rates be uniformly and consistently applied for all who travel on University sponsored business, including non-employees and students.

Travelers, funding departments or institutions cannot limit or change individual expense reimbursement rates (i.e. M&IE per diem or mileage rates etc.) however due to budget limitations are able to reduce the overall University support (limiting overall travel expenses to a fixed budget) for a trip or related business activity.

Within E-Reimbursement there are two options to limit the overall expense reimbursement.

Note: Institutions may have a requirement on which option to use for this entry requirement. Consult with your institution’s travel office on any requirement for utilizing the options specified.

Option 1: Travel Reduction (Preferred)

- Utilizing this new expense type limits the overall expenses report reducing the reimbursement to a traveler’s budget limit

Option 2: Receipt Split Function

- Utilizing this function reduces an individual expense line making a portion of the expense non-reimbursable
How to use Travel Reduction Expense Type

A new Expense Type in E-Reimbursement has been created called: Travel Reduction

You cannot select the Payment Type of University Prepaid if the Expense Type is *Travel Reduction*. Also, the total amount for the overall report cannot be negative.

Once you enter a negative amount and submit the expense report or check for errors, a page called Credit Information will be displayed. A short description (60 characters or less) is required to be entered. Click OK.
The screen/image shown below will be displayed when a negative amount is entered for an expense line. The message is to notify and confirm that the traveler acknowledges that their reimbursement will be reduced. After you have read, click Return.
Create Expense Report

Credit information for line 2.

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Please check the payment type that you are using for this expense line. For correct credit handling the payment type should be the same value as the one used in the original transaction.

If the expense line is reimbursable to the employee then the action will reduce the total reimbursement to the employee. If the expense line is reimbursable to a vendor, such as a corporate card, then the action will be to reduce the total reimbursement to the vendor.

Examples:

If the employee used their own cash then the credit will result in reducing the reimbursement to the employee.

If a corporate card was used where the vendor is reimbursed directly the credit will result in reducing the reimbursement to the vendor.

If you are unsure of the correct payment type to use please contact your administrative department.
Description box is required to be completed for the Travel Reduction expense type.

In the event that the traveler receives additional funding for the trip at a later date and the original expenses were filed within the required timeframe, additional reimbursement may be claimed by completing the following:

Enter a positive expense line amount with the Expense Type of **Travel Reduction**. Reference the original Expense Report ID Number with Expense/travel justification as part of Additional Information before submitting the Expense Report.
Expense Report Summary

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total (4 Items)</td>
<td>500.00 USD</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employee Credits</td>
<td>60.00 USD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-Reimbursable</td>
<td>50.00 USD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prepaid Expenses</td>
<td>150.00 USD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due to Employee</td>
<td>240.00 USD</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Approval Status

Report ID: 000537518
Pending

Additional Information

Travel Authorization
You have 1 approved Travel Authorization(s) that can be associated to this report.

View Analytics
Justification (IS MISSING)
View Printable Report
How to Use the Receipt Split Function in the Expense Module

**Note:** The expense type Mileage cannot be split for these purposes.

1) Click on the **Receipt Split** link located near the bottom of the page.
2) Perform the following actions on the Receipt Detail page that appears:

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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>05/01/2018</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expense Type</td>
<td>Airfare</td>
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<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Air Ticket</td>
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<tr>
<td>Payment</td>
<td>Personal Funds</td>
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<td>Amount</td>
<td>350.00 USD</td>
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<td>Merchant</td>
<td>Preferred</td>
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<td>Preferred Merchant</td>
<td>DELTA</td>
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<td>Ticket #</td>
<td>006838493949</td>
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**Exceptions**

- Personal Expense: No

[Circle the Receipt Split button]
Click the *Expense Type* drop-down menu and select the appropriate expense type of the non-reimbursable portion of the expense line. In some cases, this might be the same expense type as the original expense line. Click the **Receipt Split** button.

Add the new expense line.
- Make sure the Expense Date is correct for newly entering line
- Enter Expense Type
  - In the *Amount* field, enter the non-reimbursable amount. The totals on the top will adjust.
- Click the **Personal Expense** switch. Update the *Description* field with details explaining why the expense line is non-reimbursable.
- Click the **Done** button.