Lawson Requisition Center – Web Entry Procedures

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Introduction

The Lawson Requisition Center (RQC) is an online application used to create purchase requisitions. RQC users can be established as either a Requester (a user who places orders) or an Approver (a user who approves orders). A requester may only have one approver but a single approver can approve for many requesters.

RQC Access is established by individual accounting unit for each user. To request new, revised, or additional access to RQC, a System Access Request Form should be submitted to FinancialSystems@luc.edu. The form and instructions can be located at https://www.luc.edu/finance/forms.shtml under the Financial Applications Forms section.

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Signature Authority

If the Requester has Signature Authority and is authorized to approve purchases for the AUs on their profile, they can be established as an Approver and approve their own requisitions. However, each Approver record should also have a secondary Approver for purchases over $5,000 to comply with the policy for Approving requests over $5k.

Purpose

Most Departmental ordering should be accomplished using Lawson Requisition Center working through the Purchasing Department. Purchase Requisitions / Purchase Orders provide for better control, tracking, and approval of University expenditures.

While not all-inclusive, the following examples illustrate the types of goods and services that should be purchased using a Lawson Requisition Center:

- Furnishings of any type
- Computers (PC and Laptops) and Tablets
- Computer Peripherals
- Computer Software and Licensing
- Contracted or Professional Services in excess of $5,000 (subject to workers classification evaluation)
- Equipment and Appliances
- Mail Services
- Printing Services
- Research Supplies (medical and academic)
- Copy Machines, Facsimile and Telecommunication Equipment
- Automobile purchase or lease
- Animals

Login Screen

Navigate to the Electronic Payment Requisition Application at [https://lawson.luc.edu](https://lawson.luc.edu). Enter your Loyola email address and the next screen will ask for your password. Finally, click Sign In.

Lawson Menu

From the Lawson Menu you can:
• Start a new requisition
• Resume a requisition draft
• View status of existing requisitions
• Approvers can approve requisitions

Start a New Requisition

1. Log into Lawson at https://lawson.luc.edu
   If you don’t see the Menu, click on the 3 bars

2. Click on Bookmarks > Requisition Center

3. Click on Shopping
Section 1: Basic Tab

4. Complete “Basic Screen Tab” for selected Requester
   Note: If the Basic Screen is blank, click the “New” button at the bottom

5. Enter Requisition description (Short Description, i.e. “Office Supplies”)

6. Requesting Company (defaults to 9100)

7. Requesting Location (defaults to Requester’s standard location or can search for alternative locations)

8. Enter Requested Delivery Date (a blank field will default to 7 days from the requisition approval date)

9. Priority Field (no entry required)

10. Enter Deliver to information (Recommended style: Building/Room, Name, Telephone Extension)
Section 2: Detail Profile

11. Complete “Detail Profile Tab”

12. Enter Cost Default Vendor – i.e., Vendor # (drop down search by vendor name or number – See item number XX for search instructions).

13. Select Buyer PUR if it has not defaulted
Section 3: Accounting Tab

14. Complete “Accounting Profile Tab” (Accounting Unit is defaulted for each Requester. You can change this if other AU’s are assigned to Requester).

15. Enter the following:
   - Accounting Unit (if different from default),
   - Account (i.e. 6100 = Supplies; a list of Account Codes can be found at the following online here.)
   - Activity and Account Category (if necessary)

If you have multiple Accounting Units or Accounts that need to be charged for your request, please refer to item number 34 below for detailed instructions.
Section 4: Comment Tab

16. Select the “Comments” tab to print on Req’s, P.O.’s, etc. (Note: Comments can be left blank)
   
   a. Select the radio button for “Comments to Print on Purchase Orders”.
   b. Add a Comment Title
   c. Add Comment Text
   d. Click on Add (You may need to scroll down to the update button).
Section 5: Specials / Services

17. Select on navigation bar and select Specials/Services:

18. Enter Item # (Please use the exact naming convention of the vendor and include any special characters and spacing. For services, use a short description of the service being provided)

19. Enter Description (i.e. Folding Hand Truck)

20. Enter Item Type
   a. Special – Use this for goods or items purchased – this is the default option
   b. Service Amount – Use this for a draw-type arrangement (i.e., $10,000 PO with sporadic and varying dollar invoices for payment)
   c. Service Quantity – Use this for a routine payment arrangement (i.e., 12 monthly payments at $500 per payment)

21. Enter Quantity

22. Enter UOM (Unit of Measure)

23. Enter Unit Cost

24. Enter Cost Default Vendor

25. Enter Accounting Unit

26. Enter Account
Section 6: Release a Requisition

27. Click on Add after reviewing entered information. If order is complete go to number 29. If additional items need to be added to the order, clear out the information for Item #, Description, Quantity, Unit of Measure, Cost and replace with the next item’s information.

You can also change the Accounting Unit, Account, Activity or Account Category if necessary (Using only those AU’s that you have access to use).

28. In some instances, you may receive an error message if there is a problem with one of your requisition lines. If you hover your mouse over the explanation point ( ), you will see a description of what the error is. An example of such an error is as follows:
29. To make changes to clear an error, click on the blue link of the item name.

30. Click on **Print** to review your requisition after all items have been entered.

31. Click on **Release** if Requisition information is complete and correct

32. After Release, pop up window appears with Date/Time and indication the requisition has been successfully submitted.

33. Requisition Status: Needs Approval (Designated Manager reviews/approves the requisition)
Section 7: Multiple Distributions

34. **Multiple Distributions**: if your requisition requires multiple distributions, you must first add the line to your requisition. Once added, you can click on the Item description (see #29) in order to update any information on the line, including adding multiple distributions.

35. From the Requisition Lines Detail screen, click on the **Line Accounting Tab** to add your multiple distribution lines. These lines can be added as a straight dollar amount or as a percentage to total line.

36. Once Complete, click on **Change**.
Find the Status of Web Requisitions

Click on Bookmarks > Requisitions Center > Status

Your Requester ID, Requesting Company, and Requesting Location auto populate by default.

Click “List Requisitions” to display a list of your requisitions by status.

To view requisition line Information, including the Purchase Order #, click on the Document Icon.

Note: you can view your approver on this screen by clicking on the Approval Info Icon.
Common requisition status codes are:

- **Unreleased** – the requisition needs to be released by the requester (see #31)
- **Released** – the requisition has been released but has not been approved
- **Rejected** – the requisition has been rejected by the approver
- **Processed** – the requisition has been approved

*Note: a PO Number will be generated within 1 hour after approval*

- **Closed** – all items have been received and invoices have been paid
Adding information to an unreleased requisition

By default, the requisition center will load the last requisition that you created. If you clicked on New it will create a new requisition. To find existing unreleased requisitions, follow the steps below.

1. Click on Shopping

2. Click on Inquire

3. Check only unreleased. Everything will be check marked by default

4. Click on the Pencil Icon next to the requisition you want to update.

5. To update the information on the rec. Click on the item line link.
6. Update the any field you would like and click on the change button. For example to update the quantity:

7. To complete the requisition, click Release.

Resources

Purchasing Department Website
Purchasing Policy
Purchasing Manual
Requisition Guidelines

Contact

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