

## Accounting for Accounting Model Changes

### Background

Treasury Financial Management Services (FMS) has been consolidating the reporting requirements of agencies by tying together the balances reported on the Year-End Closing Statement (FMS-2108), Statement of Budgetary Resources (SF-133), and trial balances. FMS has done this by mapping SGL accounts to specific lines on the FMS-2108 and SF-133 reports. If an agency consistently uses the SGL, then producing the reports is just an exercise in arithmetic. However, if an agency changes their accounting model, either by implementing a new accounting system, a new chart of accounts, or changing how an activity is reported (e.g., reclassifying a receivable account from reimbursable to unfunded, or reclassifying an account from an advance to a receivable), then the agency must take care to submit consistent reports. The table below shows the most commonly used SGL accounts, and how their beginning balance, ending balance, and activity are to be reported on the FMS-2108 and SF-133 reports. An asterisk (\*) indicates this item makes up only part of the balance shown on the report. For example, reimbursable agreements without advance (SGL account 4221) are reported in column 8 of the FMS-2108. The FY04 balance is one of several that makes up line 12 on the FY05 SF-133. The current FY05 balance will show up on line 14B of the FY05 SF-133, and also column 8 of the FY05 FMS-2108. The difference between the FY04 and FY05 FMS-2108 column 8 should be reported on line 3B2 of the FY05 SF-133.

Item	SGL Account(s)	Beginning Balance	Activity	Ending Balance
Reimbursement Receivables	4251	FMS-2108 col. 7 SF-133 line 12*	SF-133 line 3A2	FMS-2108 col. 7 SF-133 line 14A
Reimbursable Agreements	4221	FMS-2108 col. 8 SF-133 line 12*	SF-133 line 3B2	FMS-2108 col. 8 SF-133 line 14B
Reimbursement Advances	4222	FMS-2108 col. 5*	SF-133 lines 3B1 and 15B*	FMS-2108 col. 5*
Unpaid Obligations	4801, 4831, 4871, 4881	FMS-2108 col. 9 SF-133 line 12*	SF-133 lines 8*, 13*, and 4A*	FMS-2108 col. 9 SF-133 line 14C
Obligated Advances	4802, 4872, 4882	FMS-2108 col. 5*	SF-133 lines 8*, 3A1*, 15A and B*	FMS-2108 col. 5*
Payables	4901, 4931, 4971, 4981	FMS-2108 col. 10 SF-133 line 12*	SF-133 lines 8*, 13*, and 4A*	FMS-2108 col. 10 SF-133 line 14D

Tips to make reporting easier:

- ! Map every funded proprietary subaccount to a budgetary account. Proprietary cash subaccounts might map to more than one budgetary account, but receivables, advances, and payables should not. If a receivable, advance, or payable subaccount currently maps to more than one budgetary account (such as a receivable account that holds public vendor refunds, federal reimbursements, and overdue travel advances), consider splitting it out to two or more new proprietary subaccounts.
- ! Every month, check the trial balance or review reports that compare the balances of the proprietary subaccounts to the budgetary accounts. For example, your agency might have three different advance subaccounts 1411, 1412, and 1413 whose balances should be represented in 4802 (paid obligations). Fix any errors promptly; this will reduce the workload at year end.
- ! No net activity should be recorded in account 4201. The account may only be used to transfer balances between funds that report with the same Treasury Symbol. If the ending balance in 4201 for a Symbol does not equal the beginning balance, then lines 7 and 11 will not match on the SF-133.

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