

PayServ Chart of Account Conversion Question and Answer Sheet

	Question	Answer
1.	When choosing chartfield values, you mentioned that in the search and drop down menus that it does show valid values. Will it also only allow me to enter valid chartfield combinations (strings)?	Each individual field for an individual chartfield will only allow a valid value for that particular chartfield. The system also will validate your chartfield combination once it is entered, when you try to save the transaction.
2.	Why does a Position Pool require the Budget Reference field?	It is required in SFS, therefore it is required in PayServ. PayServ uses SFS chartfield strings.
3.	Will SUNY and CUNY position pools/information be rolled over as in prior years? Our fiscal year is not the same as the rest of NYS.	Yes, CUNY and SUNY will not be changed until July 1st. The Budget Reference is matched to the position pool to determine what is rolled over.
4.	Will Payserv be converting over project information?	If it is in SFS and coded on the COA profile with a matching setup in Payserv today(Account Code/Cost Center) it will be converted.
5.	The effective date for Earnings Distribution will always be a date that is the beginning of a pay period?	Yes, the system only allows pay period begin dates on the Department Budget Earnings page to avoid payroll distribution errors.
6.	Is the Payserv freeze mentioned earlier on March 2nd for all of Payserv?	No, the freeze of March 2nd is only for changes to position pool information. Position data can be updated with pool information that is existing, but changes to the position pools is forbidden after March 2nd.
7.	Our agency has a large volume of federal funds; will we need to manually update this information after conversion?	If it is in SFS and coded on the COA profile with a matching setup in Payserv today(Account Code/Cost Center) it will be converted.
8.	Our agency uses the reports associated with payroll distribution-the NHRP712, NHRP721, NHRP726, NHRP727. Will these be changing as part of this process?	Yes. OSC is currently developing one report that will hopefully display all the information currently included in these four reports. OSC is requesting agency feedback on this prototype. The prototype can be found on the OSC website. Bulletin 1354 has the link to the proposed report. All feedback should be submitted to payrollsystemquestions@osc.state.ny.us .
9.	Our agency submits the NHRP521 to OSC. Is OSC asking for test files from our agency? If so, when should the test file be submitted?	Yes, OSC welcomes test files for the NHRP521 process. OSC is requesting your test files as soon as possible to test this process.
10.	Our agency on our reports currently gets our distribution splits for payroll in dollars, not percentages. Will this continue?	Yes, agencies will continue to get dollar values for their distribution splits.
11.	Will the test reports that OSC will be giving to agencies have real data?	Initially OSC reports will come from a reduced population database so they will be small, but it will be actual data.
12.	Currently in Control-D our agency has the ability to get our NHRP721 in text format or PDF format. Will that continue for the new report?	Yes, the same options will apply to the new report in Control-D.
13.	Will the new report be available in excel?	No, Control-D only allows PDF and text, but several agencies choose text format and move the data to excel for their purposes. This is agency discretion.
14.	Will the new report contain hourly information?	Yes, the new report will contain hourly information.
15.	Will PS Query be impacted?	Yes. OSC is currently reviewing the impacted tables and locked queries that are impacted by this conversion and will be communicating with agencies any changes that will be made.
16.	Our agency position pools are associated with a PayServ special accumulator. Will this linkage be continued after the conversion?	No, this linkage will not continue. Originally the special accumulator linkage was used for the legacy Central Accounting System (CAS). At the time of SFS go live, agencies were directed to use Chartfield 1 instead of the special accumulator so that the information was captured on the chartfield string.