# VACATION & SICK LEAVE (VSL) APPLICATION HR USER GUIDE (EXEMPT-CIVIL SERVICE)

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# **Application Information**

The Vacation & Sick Leave (VSL) application is used to manage University leave benefits for academic and exempt civil service employees. The primary functions are 1) tracking the request/approval process and 2) maintaining vacation and sick leave balance information.

# **Logging In**

HR contacts access the application through the my.dot portal (<a href="https://my.yourportal.illinois.edu">https://my.yourportal.illinois.edu</a>, replacing the "yourportal" with department/unit portal information, for example: <a href="https://my.engr.illinois.edu">https://my.engr.illinois.edu</a>).

You may access the application by clicking on the Vacation/Sick Leave Reporting link under the HR dropdown and log in with your NetID and Active Directory password.



If there is not a link listed under the HR dropdown, you may go directly to the application by typing the following URL into a browser <a href="http://my.yourportal.illinois.edu/vacation">http://my.yourportal.illinois.edu/vacation</a>, replacing "yourportal" with the department/unit portal information, example: <a href="https://my.engr.illinois.edu/vacation">https://my.engr.illinois.edu/vacation</a>.

If a permission denied error is received, please contact <a href="mailto:engrit-apps@illinois.edu">engrit-apps@illinois.edu</a> for assistance.



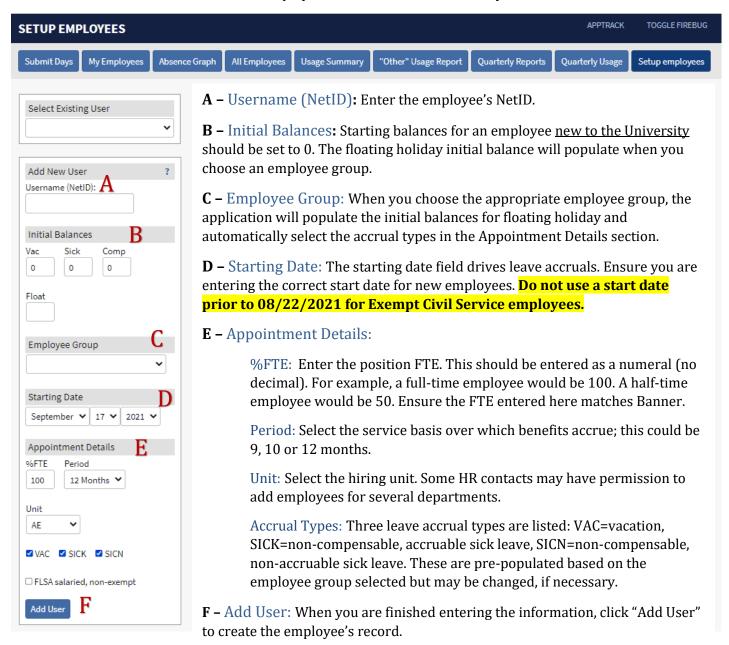
## **Setup Employees**

The "Setup Employees" tab is the main HR setup page in the VSL application. HR contacts will utilize this page to add new users and modify existing user records.



# Add New User (New to the University)

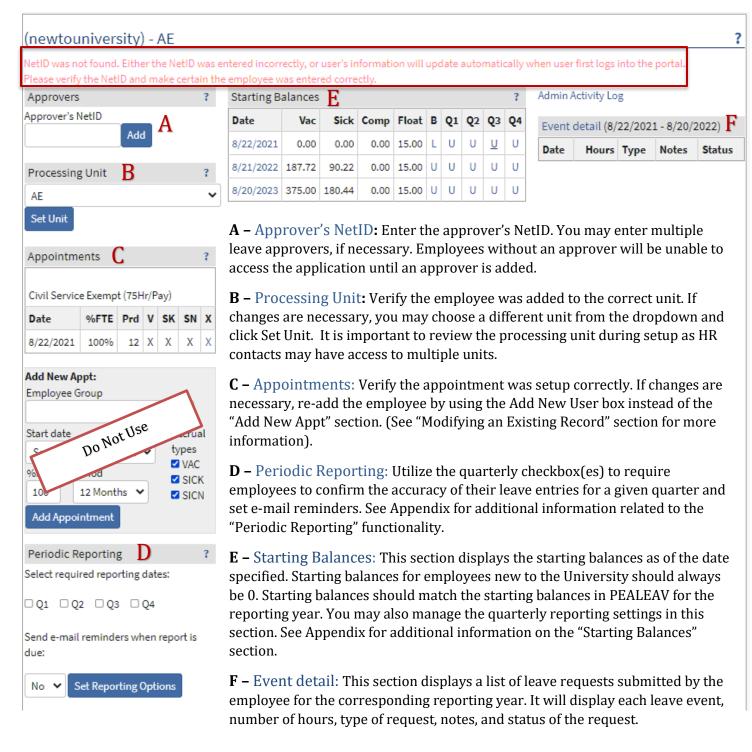
Use the Add New User section to add an employee that is new to the University.





Please follow the steps below to complete setup once the employee's record is created.

**Please note:** The message below in red may be displayed when setting up a new employee. If the NetID was entered properly, the message indicates the employee hasn't logged into the my.dot portal yet. Once the employee logs in for the first time, the message will no longer be displayed and their name will appear in the header next to the unit.



**Helpful Hints:** Each header contains a question mark symbol that users may access for additional information about that section.



Event detail (8/22/2021 - 8/20/2022)

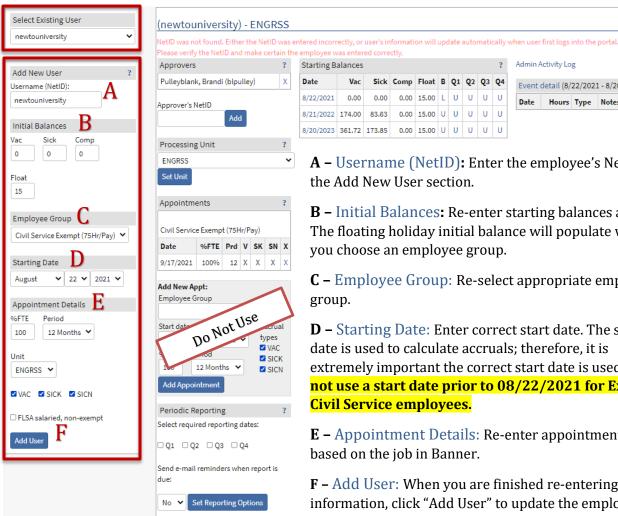
Date Hours Type Notes Status

# **Modify an Existing Record:**

This section includes different scenarios where modifying a record may be necessary and instructions on making the changes.

# Modify a Start Date (New to the University)

Select employee from the Select Existing User dropdown to begin modifying the record. If the start date was entered incorrectly during setup, follow the steps below to correct the record.



**A** – Username (NetID): Enter the employee's NetID in the Add New User section.

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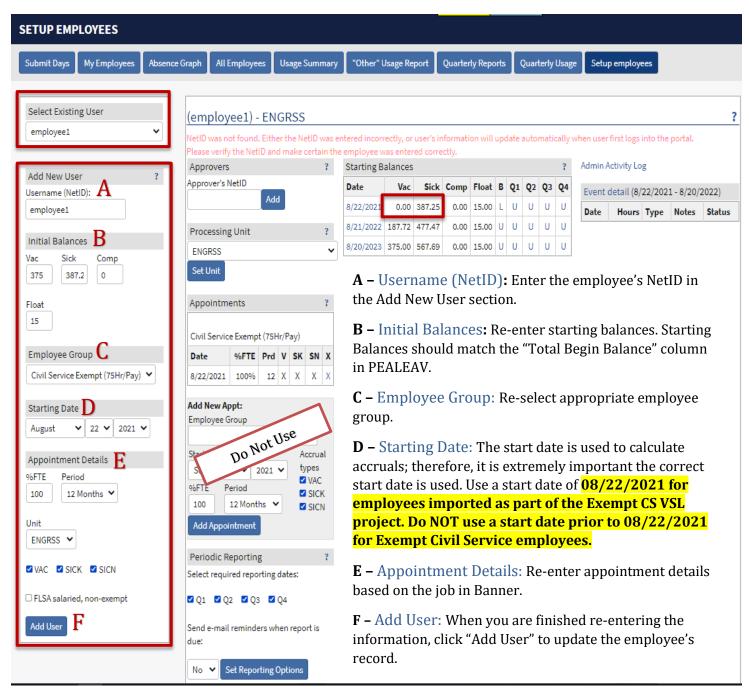
- **B** Initial Balances: Re-enter starting balances as 0. The floating holiday initial balance will populate when you choose an employee group.
- **C** Employee Group: Re-select appropriate employee group.
- **D** Starting Date: Enter correct start date. The start date is used to calculate accruals: therefore, it is extremely important the correct start date is used. **Do** not use a start date prior to 08/22/2021 for Exempt Civil Service employees.
- **E** Appointment Details: Re-enter appointment details based on the job in Banner.
- **F** Add User: When you are finished re-entering the information, click "Add User" to update the employee's record.

Once an employee record has been accurately created in VSL, the start date should NOT be changed unless changing employee groups or FTE. Do NOT add a new start date when hiring an existing University of Illinois employee when the e-class is the same as the previous position.



## **Modify Starting Balances**

Select employee from the Select Existing User dropdown to begin modifying the record. If the beginning balances are incorrect in the Starting Balances box, follow the steps below to update the balances in the record.



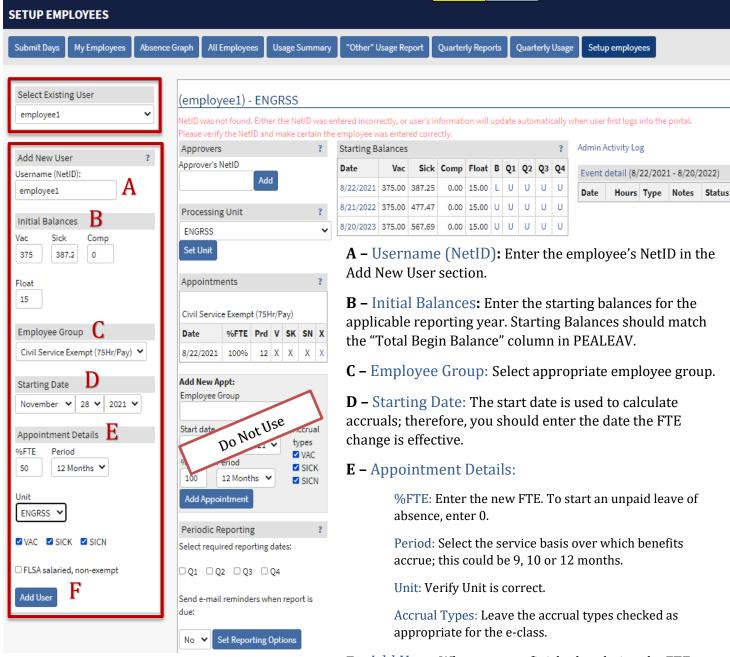
Once you click Add User button, the balances in the Starting Balances box will reflect the new initial balances.





# Modify an FTE (including Unpaid Leave of Absence)

Select employee from the Select Existing User dropdown to begin modifying the record and follow the steps below to modify the FTE in the record.



**F** – Add User: When you are finished updating the FTE, click "Add User" to update the employee's record.



# **Verify Balances and Accruals**

Vacation Accruals Based on Years of Service: The following employees earn vacation leave at the rate shown below in Schedule B based on their years of service:

- Civil Service Exempt employees Defined as employees who are expected to perform the work required by their position without a fixed schedule of hours and receive no overtime compensation.
- Civil Service Professional employees As defined under the Fair Labor Standards Act and who are required to work a fixed shift

Schedule B Years of Service Completed													
					75Hr/Pa	ay	80Hr/Pay						
At	Not		Approximate Leave Earned in One Year		Leave Earned in One Year	Yearly Rollover Maximum	Leave Earned per Pay Period	Leave Earned in One Year	Yearly Rollover Maximum				
Least	Than	Overtime)	(Days)	(Hours)	(Hours)	(Hours)	(Hours)	(Hours)	(Hours)				
0	3	.0962	25	7.22	187.72	375	7.70	200.20	400				
3	6	.1000	26	7.50	195	390	8.00	208	416				
6	9	.1038	27	7.79	202.54	405	8.30	215.80	432				
9	-	.1077	28	8.08	210.08	420	8.62	224.12	448				

**Example:** An employee with an adjusted service date of 08/25/2019 (2 years of service) accrues vacation at a rate of .0962 per hour in pay status. If the employee is a 75hr/pay employee, they will accrue 7.22 hours per pay period (75\*.0962=7.215 rounded to 7.22) and 187.72 per year (7.22\*26 pay periods, BW19 thru BW18 annually).

## Sick Leave Accruals

**SICK** (Accruable Sick Leave) = Approximately 12 Days, 90.22 hours (3.47 hours \* 26 pay periods)

**SICN** (Non-Accruable Sick Leave) = 13 Days, 97.50 hours (3.75 hours \* 26 pay periods)

## Yearly Rollover Maximums

Civil Service Exempt employees can rollover a maximum of two years of vacation accruals. Any vacation leave over the maximum will be lost if not used within the reporting year.

**Example:** The above employee is allowed to roll over 375 vacation hours/50 days each year. If the employee has a balance of 405 vacation hours at the end of BW18, they will lose 30 hours of leave for the reporting year. Thus, their beginning balance for the new reporting year (starting in BW19), will be 375 hours.

# Accrual Increases Based on Anniversary Date

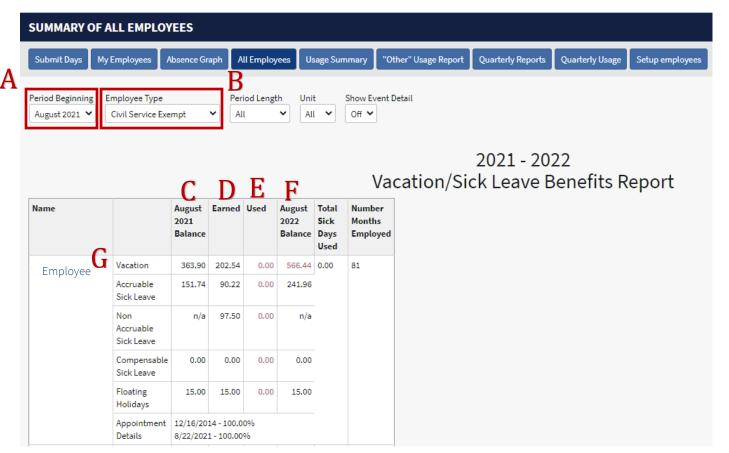
When an employee's accrual rate and rollover maximums increase due to years of service (based on the Adjusted Service Date in Banner), the effective date of the rate change/increase is the beginning of the pay period in which the anniversary date is met.

**Example:** The above employee will achieve 3 years of service on 08/25/2022, therefore the accrual rate and rollover maximums will increase effective 08/21/2022, the beginning of 2022 BW19.



## All Employees Tab

You may view and verify beginning balances, accruals and usage for a given reporting year on the All Employees page.



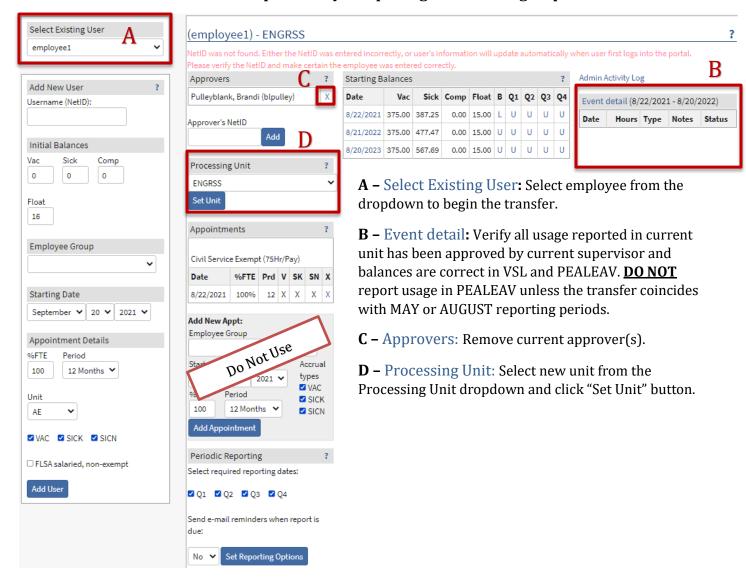
- **A. Period Beginning:** Choose the reporting period you wish to view from the dropdown. Reporting periods begin in August each year. The specific dates for the reporting period are shown in the Employee Detail Section (See D, G & H below for additional information).
  - a. **Please note:** When new reporting periods open in August, the Period Beginning filter will automatically default to the new reporting period. If you are expecting to see the previous reporting period's information, please ensure the Period Beginning filter is set to the previous year.
- **B. Employee Type:** Select an employee group to view.
- **C. August 2021 Balance:** Displays the beginning balances for the reporting year. This should match the "Total Begin Balance" in PEALEAV after BW19 calc each year.
- **D. Earned:** Displays the total amount of leave the employee accrued for the reporting year. This should match the "Total Accrued" column in PEALEAV after BW18 calc each year.
- **E. Used:** Displays the total amount of leave the employee has requested/used for the reporting vear.
- **F.** August 2022 Balance: Displays the amount of leave the employee will have at the end of the reporting year based on beginning balance, accruals, and current reported usage. If the Vacation balance is highlighted in red that indicates the employee is over the maximum rollover threshold and will lose leave time if it is not used by the end of BW18(the end of the reporting year).
- **G.** Navigating to the Employee Detail Screen: Click on the name of the employee to navigate to the User Details page where you can view leave usage requests.



# Transfer an Employee from One Unit to Another

Transferring records within VSL is possible when both units use VSL. The transfer should be initiated by the current unit.

The current unit should start the process by completing the following steps:

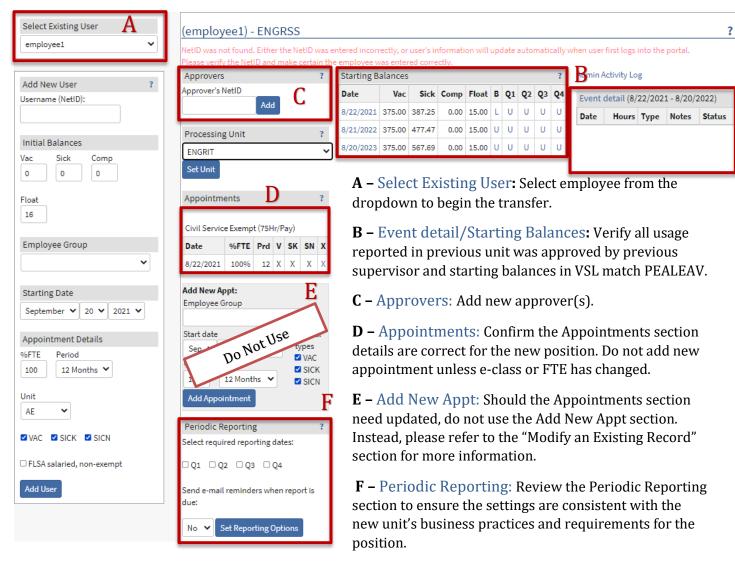


Once the current unit has transferred the record, please notify the new unit HR contact and indicate the record has been transferred. If you are transferring a record in May prior to June calc or in August prior to September calc, include in your communication to the new unit whether you reported the usage in Banner or if they will need to transmit the leave usage.

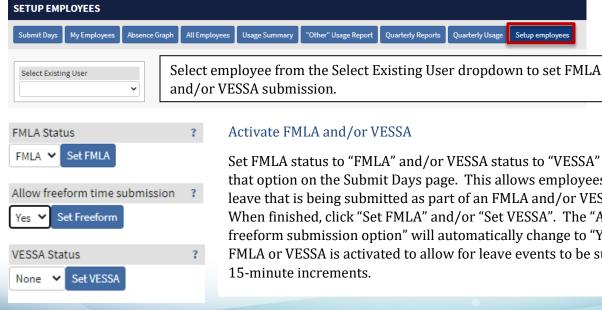
The new unit HR contact should follow the steps on the next page to complete the transfer.



## The new unit should follow these steps to complete the transfer:



# Activate FMLA and/or VESSA



#### Activate FMLA and/or VESSA

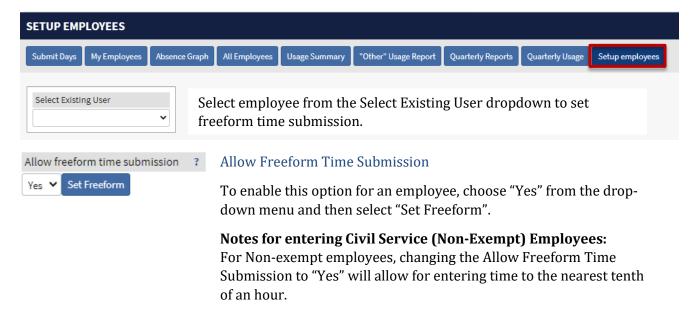
Set FMLA status to "FMLA" and/or VESSA status to "VESSA" to enable that option on the Submit Days page. This allows employees to indicate leave that is being submitted as part of an FMLA and/or VESSA event. When finished, click "Set FMLA" and/or "Set VESSA". The "Allow freeform submission option" will automatically change to "Yes" once FMLA or VESSA is activated to allow for leave events to be submitted in 15-minute increments.



## **Set Freeform Time Submission**

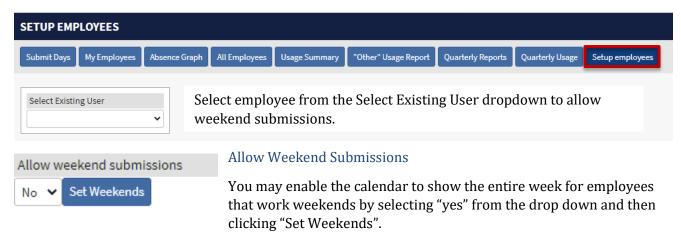
By default, the system calculates the number of hours of leave time to deduct for full and half-day absences using a uniform five-day work week. However, some employees work non-uniform schedules.

Given the variety of possible situations, freeform time submission, provides users with unique work schedules the ability to submit the appropriate number of hours for full and half-day absences based on their standard schedule.



## Weekend Submissions

By default, the calendar on the Submit Days page displays Monday through Friday only.



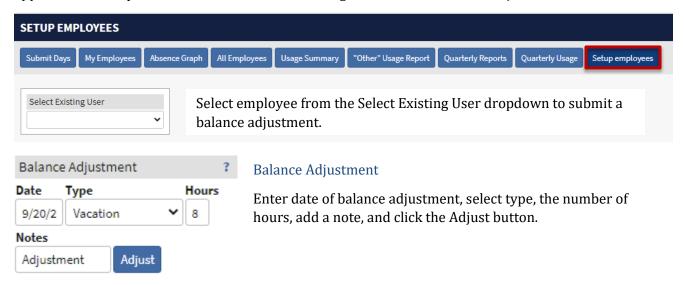


## **Balance Adjustment**

Use the balance adjustment section to deduct donations to the shared benefit pool, or correct balance discrepancies. You can also use this feature to change an existing submission from one benefit type to another on behalf of an employee.

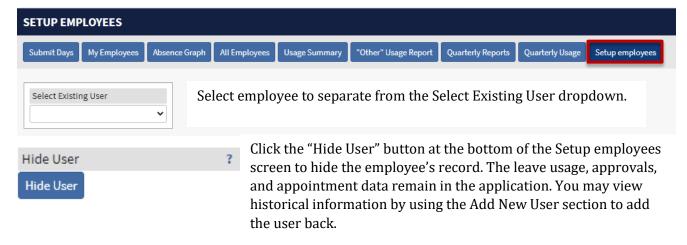
For instance, if an employee has submitted a vacation day for 7.5 hours on a given date, you can switch that to a floating holiday by entering a balance adjustment for that same day with type set to Floating Holiday. Your adjustment will override the prior submission for that day and change it to a floating holiday.

Please note: Balance adjustments made through the Balance Adjustment form are automatically approved. It is important to include a note indicating the reason for balance adjustment.



# Separate an Employee

When an employee separates from the University or transfers to a non-VSL unit and after the final leave usage reporting and payouts have occurred, you will need to remove the employee's record from the application to stop application generated reminders.





## **Reports**

## **Usage Summary**

This page was designed to handle University reporting requirements. It breaks down the total time off reported for each employee (for all quarters) and allows Banner submission for specific AY reporting periods. Note that you can only submit time to Banner for the AY appropriate for the current reporting period; the button will be disabled otherwise. Continue reading below for more specifics on the Banner submission process.

## **Submitting Time to Banner**

In the screenshot below, you will notice that the right-most three columns deal with the submissions to Banner (PEALEAV) as we only submit approved leave. During an appropriate reporting period there will be checkboxes for employees not configured as Civil Service Non-Exempt. If there are outstanding, pending/unconfirmed entries the summary will display an orange background, since the amount that we will submit does not match the amount requested.

When all (or any) employees are ready to be reported, simply check the box in their row, select the appropriate "Available Date" and "Change Reason" (located at the bottom of the page), and click the "Submit to Banner" button. Upon doing so, the interface will display a spinner while the submissions are going through, and come back with a green check if OK, or will display errors if there were any issues with the submission.

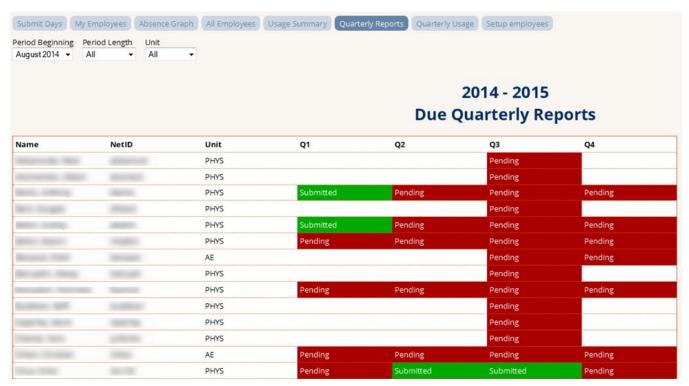
When this page loads during a reporting period, the system checks Banner to see if the values match what we show for usage in VSL. All employees should be submitted at least once during each reporting period, even if the numbers confirm a match. If someone's leave has already been submitted, and now shows a yellow warning triangle, the values may have been updated and need to be re-submitted to update the values in Banner.





## **Quarterly Reports**

The Quarterly Reports page tracks periodic reporting that is due. Anyone who is required to report will display on this screen until they do so, once the employee finalizes their period, they will be removed from the list. This is a handy tool to track employees who have not reported. Note that you may copy and paste the information into excel.



## Quarterly Usage

This report displays employees' information such as Unit, FTE status, start date, benefit totals at the start and end of each quarter. This report can be exported to excel, but keep in mind that it's broken out by quarter. Filtering options are available for changing period beginning, length and unit (for those who have multiple).

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	-	-	MRL	100%	12	X	X		na	na	na na	5/5/2014	94.55	164.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	258.91	99.27	82.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	181.45	0.00
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# **Appendix:**

## **Periodic Reporting**

You may utilize the quarterly checkbox(es) to require employees to confirm the accuracy of their leave entries for a given quarter.

The quarters are defined by the following date ranges for academic employees:

- Q1 8/16 to 11/15
- Q2 11/16 to 2/15
- 03 2/16 to 5/15
- Q4 5/16 to 8/15

The quarters are defined by the following date ranges for Civil Service exempt employees:

- Q1 BW19 to BW24
- Q2 BW25 to BW04
- Q3 BW05 to BW10
- Q4 BW11 to BW18

Please note that Quarters 3 and 4 correspond to the required university reporting periods in May and August, thus employees are required to report and confirm their leave usage for these two quarters. However, units may choose to collect leave usage for all 4 quarters. For faculty (generally 9-month appointees), you may wish to select only Q3.

At the end of each of the selected quarterly reporting period(s), users will see a summary table in the Leave Reporting portlet showing a summary of leave usage during that period. See Figure 1 at right.

After selecting the "Finalize submissions for this period" link, users will be asked to verify their submissions are complete and accurate. They may also amend their submissions, if necessary, before final submission.

When a reporting period is submitted, the period locks and additional changes to the reporting period cannot be made. In the calendar on the "Submit Days" page, the locked periods will appear with a light blue background and the form for submitting leave will be disabled. As a Vacation and Sick Leave application manager, you can unlock the quarters manually in the Starting Balances table on the <a href="employee setup">employee setup</a> page.



Figure 1: Reporting Period

When a reporting period is submitted by an employee, an email containing the detailed leave time usage is sent to the employee's leave approver(s) asking them to discuss any potential discrepancies with the employee and the HR office.

You can set automatic employee reminder emails if there are required reporting periods that have ended which have not been submitted. This e-mail will be sent daily until the reporting period in question is submitted.

## **Starting Balances**

Starting Balances														
Date	Vac	Sick	Comp	Float	В	Q1	<b>Q</b> 2	<b>Q</b> 3	Q4					
8/22/2021	375.00	387.25	0.00	15.00	L	U	U	U	U					
8/21/2022	375.00	477.47	0.00	15.00	U	U	U	U	U					
8/20/2023	375.00	567.69	0.00	15.00	U	U	U	U	U					

This section displays historical beginning-of-year balances for all years the employee has used the VSL application. The "L" and "U" stand for locked and unlocked. Each required quarter of reporting (Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4) will lock automatically when an employee finalizes that period. You can lock or unlocked a quarter by clicking on "L" or "U". If an employee finalizes a quarter then needs to make changes to a quarter, you must unlock the quarter to allow modifications.

The "B" column allows you to lock or unlock starting balances for the reporting year. Starting balances that aren't locked are automatically calculated using information in the VSL application (accruals based on appointment type and FTE, as well as leave usage). The starting balance is automatically locked when an employee submits all required reporting periods for the previous year. It is extremely important to remember that if you've done a manual adjustment to the starting balances rather than using the application calculated balances unlocking the B column will revert the balance back to the application generated calculations.

Occasionally, when adjusting balances or transferring records the initial balances inadvertently get set to zero. To correct this, you must Unlock the balance column for that year. You will do that in the Starting Balances section under the B column by clicking the L. Once it's unlocked, the balances will carry forward and then you need to relock the balances by clicking the U under the B column for that year.

Clicking on a date in the **Date** column allows you to display that reporting year in the Event Detail section. Submitted leave events for the selected year will be displayed.

**Please note:** If you need to correct an employee's starting balances, you can do so by re-entering them as if they were a new user in the **Add New User** form. Please see the "How to modify starting balances" section for more information.

#### **Banner Balances**

This section shows the beginning-of-period balances as recorded in Banner or the Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW). You can compare these with the balances displayed in the Starting Balances table. If you need to transfer the Banner numbers in the Starting Balances table for a given year, you may do so by clicking the "R" link on the row for the balances you want to import. Please note that floating holiday balances are not affected by this process as Banner does not track these days.

## Admin Activity Log

The Admin Activity Log displays all administrative activity along with events deleted by the employee, supervisor, and HR.