

## Accounting Services Guide

### Purchase Requisitions

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A purchase requisition is a request or instruction to Purchasing Services to procure a certain quantity of a material or a service so that it is available at a certain point in time. Purchase requisitions generally include information on the department requesting materials, the exact number of supplies requested, a general description of those supplies, the legal name of the supplier and the expected price of the purchase. It is an internal document which, if approved, will be incorporated into a purchase order submitted to the supplier.

## Purchase requisition form (Appendix A)

The following information is required when completing a purchase requisition.

- **Date Ordered:** This field is useful in case procurement is asked to track the progress of the purchase.
- **Date required:** If your purchase must fit into a certain time frame, use this field to inform Purchasing Services. Everything will be done to expedite any purchase within a reasonable span of dates. Please use the following as a guide:
  - **Regular purchases** - Completed purchase requisitions will be processed within a timely manner with consideration towards time constraints, product availability etc. Purchasing Services goal is to process requests within 7-9 working days of receipt
  - **Rush** - A purchase requisition to meet an unplanned urgent need, but is not health & safety related, nor executive requested. Every effort will be made to process urgent purchase requests within 2 working days of submission.
- **Department Account No.:** You must provide the four (4) digit department code and (5) digit account code to which the purchase is to be charged.
- **Deliver to:** The name, department, extension, building, room fields must be completed in order to ensure proper delivery.
- **Recommended supplier:** You may fill this field out if you are sure of the supplier (Note: Purchasing Services have final say over suppliers selected). If unsure, Purchasing Services will choose the supplier.
- **Director/Supervisor/manager signature:** All requisitions must be signed on behalf of the department or account to be charged by an authorized signatory, as evidenced by the list maintained by Financial Services.
- **Budget Control Approval:** The authorized signatory is responsible for ensuring that sufficient funds are in place before requesting that a purchase is made.

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- **Items section:** If you know exactly which items you would like to purchase, provide the full item code, full name of item, and quantity desired. Otherwise, please give a detailed description of the type of item you would like to purchase. The unit of measure should be included if the item is not sold in a set quantity. The unit price field does not need to be completed. If you have received a quote, attach the quote or enter the unit price with the name of the person who gave you the quote (or if received online).
- **Additional Information/Specifications:** Use this section to provide any additional commentary to support your purchase and ensure that your requirements are clear.

Incomplete purchase requisitions are often the primary cause for unnecessary delays in the buying process. Beyond detailing what is being bought and for how much, other aspects must be addressed such as which department is paying for the purchase and what business objectives are accomplished by making the purchase (in cases where a significant buy is being proposed). Addressing these issues in the requisition commentary equips decision makers to act and reduces the amount of follow-up inquiry that can add time to the buying process.

## A purchase requisition is required for:

### Purchases of \$1,000 - \$2,000

- A purchase requisition is required along with a minimum of two (2) verbal quotes complete with notes (if applicable). If solicited by the Requisitioner, these are to be forwarded to Purchasing, who will decide whether or not to pursue further competitive tendering, in consultation with the requisitioning department.

### Purchases of \$2,001 - \$5,000

- A purchase requisition is required along with a minimum of three (3) competitive quotes (if available), either verbal (complete with names on same), or written if solicited by the Requisitioner. Purchasing Services will decide whether or not to pursue further competitive tendering, in consultation with the requisitioning department.

### Purchases over \$5,000

- Detailed procedures and approval requirements for any purchases over \$5,000 can be found in the University's Purchase Policy Procedures. Please review the procedures prior to committing to any purchases.
- Any questions should be directed to the Director of Purchasing.

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#### **Purchases of Capital Expenditures**

- Capital Expenditures are purchases of furnishings/equipment and renovations projects exceeding \$5,000, where the economic life of the purchase is in excess of one(1) year.
- A Capital Expenditure Form must be completed prior to requisitioning, in compliance with the Capital Expenditures/Leases/Services Contracts Policy.

#### **Purchases using research grant funding**

- Purchase requisitions for purchases using research grant funding must follow all normal purchasing procedures and be reviewed by the research office. The AVP Research (or designate) must sign as one of the authorized signatures.

## **A purchase requisition is not required for:**

- Material for resale
- Travel, entertainment, honoraria, stipends, subscriptions, memberships
- Professional and pre-approved services including, but not limited to audit, architectural (structural, mechanical and electrical), legal, banking, investment management and acquisition of real estate
- Utilities (i.e.: heat, power, telephones, cable, cellular phone & internet service)
- Major construction contracts, where project or construction management consultants are engaged
- Other exceptions where documented and authorized by the VP Finance & Administration
- Purchases specifically approved by the Board of Regents.

## **Emergency purchases**

A purchase that is health/safety related and/or executive dictated will be handled by Purchasing Services immediately upon submission. In these circumstances normal paperwork can be completed after the purchase has been confirmed.

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### Further guidance

All purchases must adhere to the Universities Purchasing Policy and Procedures.

The University's Purchasing Policy can be found on our website at:

<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/cms-filesystem-action/pdfs/admin/policies/purchasing-policy.pdf>

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