

electronic Personnel Action (ePA) Form: Phase 2 Enhancements

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Employee & Assignment Information

1. Enhanced form layout

The screenshot displays the ePA Form interface. At the top left is the logo for the Division of Financial Affairs, Payroll Services. The top right corner is labeled 'ePA Form'. The form is divided into several sections:

- EMPLOYEE TYPE:** A dropdown menu with the text 'Select an item'.
- PURPOSE:** A dropdown menu with the text 'Select an item' and a checkbox for 'SUPERSEDING PA'.
- REQUISITION NUMBER:** A text input field with the placeholder 'Type a value'.
- BUDGET CHANGE FORM NUMBER(S):** Two text input fields with placeholders 'Budget Change Form No. 1' and 'Budget Change Form No. 2'.
- Enter CWID:** A text input field.
- Deans, Directors, and Department Heads Mailing List:** A dropdown menu with 'N/A' selected.
- FROM:** A section containing fields for POSITION NUMBER, SUFFIX, TITLE/RANK, ORG NUMBER, EMPLOYEE CLASS, COMPOSITE FTE, POSITION CLASS, and EEO CODE. Each field has a 'Type a value' placeholder.
- TOTAL SALARY:** A text input field with a 'Type a value' placeholder.
- MONTHLY OR HOURLY RATE:** A text input field with a 'Type a value' placeholder.
- Buttons:** '+ Add', 'Edit', and 'Delete' buttons.
- Table:** A table with columns: FUND, ORG, ACCOUNT, PROG, ACTIVITY, DIST %. Below the table is a row with '(Add new row)' and a value of '0.00' in the DIST % column.
- APPOINT, REAPPOINT, OR CHANGE TO:** A section containing fields for POSITION NUMBER, SUFFIX, TITLE/RANK, ORG NUMBER, EMPLOYEE CLASS, MAIL DISTRIBUTION ORG, POSITION CLASS, EEO CODE, COMPOSITE FTE, HOURS IN WORK WEEK, TOTAL SALARY, MONTHLY OR HOURLY RATE, and a 'Labor Distribution Calculator' button. Each field has a 'Type a value' placeholder.
- BEGIN DATE:** A date selection field.
- END DATE:** A date selection field.
- FURTHER NOTICE:** A checkbox.
- REGULAR EMPLOYEE WITH NO PERMANENT BUDGET:** A checkbox.
- HR USE ONLY (TIP):** A checkbox.
- PAYROLL USE ONLY:** A text input field.

2. Requisition Number can be added/edited by all Approvers

3. Removed FROM section for the following purposes

- Additional Assignment
- Interim
- Occasional Pay
- Summer I
- Summer II
- Summer Research
- Supplemental Pay

4. Removed "Status Change-Different Position Number"

5. Renamed "Status Change-Same Position Number" to "Status Change"

6. Deans, Directors, and Department Heads Mailing List will default to N/A

- Originators may change the selection to Add or Remove

7. Added an Additional Information button

- Button will appear after CWID entered
- When clicked, will display Enrollment Status (students only) and Job History (all employees)
- Available to Originators and Approvers and updated in real time

8. Added Labor Distribution Calculator (for those currently using the EXCEL version of the calculator)

9. If End Date is before Begin Date and dates are not corrected, Submit is disabled

10. Restricted FOAP to numeric values only and restricted number of digits allowed

- Fund – 5
- Organization – 6
- Account – 6
- Program – 3

11. Added validation for Contract & Grant Funds (funds beginning with 2, 7, 14, 17 and 19)

Funds validated in the "Appoint, Reappoint or Change TO" section only

- Org and Program Code will default from Banner
- Check Banner to ensure Fund is active
 - If not, a pop-up message will appear and must contact Contract & Grant Accounting before proceeding
- Check Begin and End Dates to ensure they fall within the period of the grant
 - If not, a pop-up message will appear and must contact Contract & Grant Accounting before proceeding
- Form automatically routed to the appropriate Principal Investigator(s) and Contract & Grant Accountant(s)

- i. Descriptions for Principal Investigators and Contract & Grant Accountants will always be PI and CGA, respectively
- ii. If PI and/or CGA is assigned to multiple funds on the same form, will only be included in the route once
- iii. PI's and CGA's should no longer be included in built or saved department routes
- iv. *Contact the ePA Admin. Team to adjust previously saved routes*

New Routing Order

- Built or Saved Department Route
- PI(s), if applicable
- CGA(s), if applicable
- University Route

12. Added total calculation on DIST AMT column

Attachments

- 13. Removed Miscellaneous Deductions type
- 14. Removed Tax Documents type (employees should complete tax forms via myBama>Employee tab>Banner Self-Service)

Build Approval List

- 15. Limited number of characters allowed in the Description field to 50 to ensure the entire Step Name is displayed in the Approval History section
- 16. Order number defaults as approvers are added
- 17. Principal Investigators (PI) and Contract & Grant Accountants (CGA) should no longer be included in built routes

Request Route

- 18. Principal Investigators (PI) and Contract & Grant Accountants (CGA) should no longer be included in saved Department Routes
 - a. *Contact the ePA Admin. Team to adjust previously saved routes.*

Action

- 19. Added a Clear button to delete all information entered on a form and start over (Originators)
- 20. Added a Save button for Approvers to save changes (Requisition Number, Budget Change Form Numbers and Attachments), close form and submit at a later time

Approval History

- 21. Added Originator's email address as an active link next to name

Transaction Number

- 22. Will appear in the bottom left corner of the form once Originator initially submits the transaction

Email Notifications

- 23. ePA Complete Email (Originators)
 - a. Completed PDF copy of the form added as an email attachment
- 24. Personnel Action Form Notification Email (Approvers)
 - a. Added links to Approver Resources
- 25. Added Escalation Emails
 - a. Department Approvers and PI's will receive one reminder email if no action is taken in 3 days
 - b. Originators will receive one reminder email for Reworks if no action is taken in 3 days

Reminders!

- 1. Check myEverest often to ensure no forms are left outstanding!
 - a. If reviewing forms via mobile device (cell phone, tablet, etc.), check myEverest to ensure forms move to the next approver once submitted.
- 2. If forms are active for longer than 90 days, Originators lose the ability to track them in myEverest.
- 3. Check your online directory listing and update if necessary. Email notifications are sent to the email address provided in the online directory. <https://www.ua.edu/directory/?q=& action=submit>
- 4. Originators, when completing forms which lack a FROM section, when necessary, please note what is changing in the Comments section (e.g. Position Modification, note what has been modified in the Comments section).
- 5. Keep Comments *brief* and *professional*. Remember, employees, auditors, legal teams, etc. may request copies of completed ePA's. Do not include information that is not pertinent to the approval process.