Food/Beverage Expenses

Food/Beverage expenses are classified as expenses for food and/or beverages purchased in relation to business. Purchases for food and/or beverages must comply with Food and Beverage policy which places limitations on the type of circumstances where food/beverage is allowable, average amounts per person and documentation requirements depending on the number of attendees. Business Meals are defined as a provided meal in conjunction with a business objective. Light Items are defined as snack or refreshment items provided during a business objective, such as donuts, cookies, etc. Materials, in relation to food and/or beverage expenses, are defined as items needed in conjunction with meals, such as napkins, plates, etc. Please use this guide to appropriately expense Food/Beverage expenses.

Accessing Concur

1. Go to Travel.ou.edu and login with your 4x4 or username.
2. Click Expense from the main menu and either select + Create New Report or access an open report by clicking on the report name.
3. For more information on how to complete the report header, see the Report Header job aid.

Travel Card Charges

4. To expense a Travel Card charge, select Add Expense.

5. The available card charges will appear under the Available Expenses tab in the pop-up window.
6. Click the box to the left of the transaction and click Add To Report to pull the charge over to the expense report.
7. Click on the transaction.
8. If the transaction does not default to the correct expense type, use the drop-down menu under Expense Type to select the appropriate expense type.
9. Select the appropriate Meal Type.
   a. Breakfast/Reception: $25 per person
   b. Evening Meal: $100 per person
   c. Lunch: $40 per person
10. Select the appropriate Business Purpose.
    a. Business Meal. Meals for business associates, vendors or customers of the University and University hosts when such meals are in the interests of the University.
    b. Courtesy Refreshments. Light refreshments for visitors of the University.
    c. Patients and Research Subjects. Necessary nourishment provided to patients, participants, and their caregivers.
    d. Recognition/Appreciation Function. Light refreshments and meals for functions honoring faculty, staff or student recipients of awards or milestones or other appreciation.
    e. Recruiting Meal. Meals for prospective faculty, staff or students, and the spouses of any of the foregoing, and for University hosts when the meals are a necessary, customary or expected part of a recruiting process.
    f. Retirement Function. Meals and light refreshments for functions honoring departing faculty or staff.
    g. Student Meal. Meals and light refreshments for students representing the University or participating in official student activities.
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h. **Working Meal.** Meals and light refreshments consumed during work when the meals enhance or extend the quantity or quality of the work, facilitate a business meeting, or employee development activity when the meals are necessitated by workload or scheduling conflicts.

11. Ensure that the **Traveler Type, Trip Type, Report/Trip Purpose, Event Name/Nature of Business** and **City** fields all fill down appropriately from the report header as these are required entries.

12. Please see the instructions below for more information on adding attendees.

**Cash/Out of Pocket**

13. To expense a Cash/Out of Pocket charge, click on **Add Expense**.

14. Select the **+ Create New Expense** tab in the pop-up window.

15. Either type in the **appropriate expense type** in the **Expense Type** search bar or scroll through the list of expense types and select the **appropriate expense type**.

16. Select the appropriate **Meal Type**.
   a. **Breakfast/Reception:** $25 per person
   b. **Evening Meal:** $100 per person
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c. Lunch: $40 per person

17. Select the appropriate Business Purpose.

a. Business Meals. Meals for business associates, vendors or customers of the University and University hosts when such meals are in the interests of the University.

b. Courtesy Refreshments. Light refreshments for visitors of the University.

c. Patients and Research Subjects. Necessary nourishment provided to patients, participants, and their caregivers.

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18. Enter in the Transaction Date by using the calendar option or type in the date using the format of MM/DD/YYYY. The date used should be the transaction date noted on the receipt.

19. Change the Payment Type to Cash/Out of Pocket.

20. Enter the amount in the Amount field. Note that the amount will default to US Dollars (USD). Do not enter in commas or dollar signs in this field.

21. Please see the instructions below for more information on adding attendees.

Attendees: < 10 Attendees

22. To expense a transaction with less than 10 attendees (< 10 Attendees), all attendees and their affiliation must be listed. To add an attendee, click on the Attendees hyperlink.
23. By default, Concur will list you as an attendee, assuming that if you paid for the meal, you were a participant. If this is correct, leave your name selected. If it is incorrect, click the box to the left of your name and select Remove.

24. To add additional Attendees, select the Add button. Recent Attendees to previous meals will appear and can be selected. To add a new attendee, select Attendees at the top of the screen and then Create New Attendee.

25. Select the correct Attendee Type from the drop-down menu and then type in their Last Name, First Name and, if required, their Affiliation/Relationship.

26. Select Create Attendee to add the attendee to the meal. Continue to add attendees until complete and then close out of the pop-up window.
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27. The total amount of the transaction will be averaged out between the attendees and the amount per person shown under the **Amount** column.

28. If meals arrangements were made for people who did not actually attend, the number of those individuals can be entered in the **No Shows** field. Enter in the number of attendees that did not show and click **Add to List**.

29. The total amount of the transaction will be averaged out between the attendees that were present and the no shows.

30. Click **Save** to return to the expense.

31. Please note that the total number of attendees must be **less than 10** or an error will appear.

**Attendees: 10+ Attendees**

32. To expense a transaction with more than 10 attendees (**10+ Attendees**), only the group name and total number of attendees need to be provided. To add a group, click on the **Attendees** hyperlink.

33. Change the selection under **Attendee Type** to **Group Event 10+ Attendees** and select **Create New Attendee**.

34. Under **Event Name**, name the group, select **Create Attendee** at the bottom of the screen and then **close** out of the pop-up window.

35. In the **Attendee Count** field, enter in the total number of attendees.
36. To create this as a group for easy entry in the future, click the box to the left of the group name names and then click on Create Group. A pop-up will appear where you can name the group and click Save.

37. The new group will be saved as an Attendee Group for future expenses.

38. Click Save to return to the expense.

39. Please note that the total number of attendees must be more than 10 or an error will appear.

Receipts

40. All charges for Food/Beverage expenses will require a receipt. To satisfy the receipt requirement if the vendor did not provide an e-Receipt, this is a Cash/Out of Pocket expense or there is a more detailed receipt to add to the expense line, add the receipt by selecting Upload Receipt Image. Note that if the receipt field is not present, click on the Show Receipt hyperlink at the top right of the screen.
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41. A pop-up box will appear and you can click **Upload Receipt Image** to locate the receipt saved on a local device or, if the receipt image was uploaded previously, the receipt will be available to select.

42. Click on the correct **receipt** and click **Attach**.

43. The receipt image will appear to the right of the screen. Click **Save Expense** at the top right or bottom left of the screen.

**Additional Information**

44. Please be aware that meals in excess of **Food/Beverage** limits will show an alert. To ensure that the expense report can be processed in a timely manner, please either attach Executive Officer approval, reduce the amount being claimed for reimbursement or itemize the excess amount as a **Personal/Non Reimbursable** charge. Please see the documentation on Personal/Non Reimbursable expenses for more information.