



Guide to Employment and Finance Approvals including Delegation

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Introduction

This Guidance describes how Employment and Finance approvals have been designed and operate in People and Money, including the Principles of Adoption and System Delegation.

The Principles of Adoption and System Delegation were agreed by the Design Authority in June 2020. These have been reviewed by the Enactment Group (November 2021). These are:

We want to achieve our design principles/business case through simplification, standardisation, reduction of duplication and unnecessary steps and automation of administrative workload and not through displacement of work from one part of the organisation to another or from one group of colleagues to another – professional services staff to academic staff; junior to more senior – where there could be hidden costs.

The Design Authority has agreed the following for direct access, system delegation and system roles:

Benefits Realisation

- Benefits will be realised through the simplification, standardisation and reduction of duplication and automation of administrative workloads.
- Benefits will not be realised through the displacement of work from one part of the organisation to another or from one group of colleagues to another where there could be hidden costs – such as professional services staff to academic staff or junior to more senior staff.

Accountabilities and Responsibilities

- The approved financial control environment is a set of policies and procedures that enables the University to operate effectively to achieve its objectives in an environment that focuses on accountability and ethics along with the prevention of theft, fraud and reputational damage.
- The future HR and Finance end-to-end processes include a consistent approach to line management responsibilities throughout the University and make clear accountability for decisions.
- Line managers remain responsible and accountable for ensuring policies and procedures are adhered to, and they retain accountability for ensuring their line manager responsibilities are completed.
- Only University of Edinburgh employees may carry out employment and financial approvals

Standard Delegation Criteria

To ensure that delegation is utilised appropriately and consistently, the following Standard Delegation criteria must be adopted:

- Delegation is for ALL People and Money approval responsibilities to a single person, who must be a University of Edinburgh employee.
- Delegation is in response to a short term need i.e. annual leave, specific work priorities compromising capacity for a period, a period of someone acting up to cover additional responsibilities.

- Delegation must have an end date (exception is where someone is on long term sickness).
- Delegation is for a maximum of 3 months.
- Delegation must be to someone on a higher job grade, same grade or a maximum of two job grades below with the caveat that delegation should not be to a member of staff below a grade 6 (it is deemed appropriate that a manager passes their responsibilities to a depute for a period of time).
- Delegation should be to an appropriate deputy rather than all managers in a School/Department delegating to a single person.
- To ensure financial control and segregation of duties, where a line manager has delegated to one of their reports the delegatee must not submit transactions during the period of delegation.

Delegation in People and Money

Delegation should be set up using Vacation Period within People and Money, prior to the planned absence. A start and end date must be selected along with the name of the person to delegate to. Further information is available in the user guide [PM1167 – How to Set up Delegation for a planned or unplanned absence](#) (available under the heading of Absence and Leave).

Delegation will begin after the date of set up, if there are any 'in flight' approval tasks assigned to you before the start date of the delegation period, these will continue to sit in your worklist for action. It is therefore important to set up the vacation period and approve any inflight tasks before taking any leave.

Employment Approvals

The following tables provide a summary of the transaction approvals for each of the HR processes.

Process	GH Refresh	Recruitment (Job requisition)	Annual Leave	Change to Assignment	Timecards for Payment		Parental Leave	Unpaid leave
Process summary	Minimum hours offer for a defined period	Process to recruit new employees (all contract types)	Request of annual leave against allocated allowance	Changes to an employees grade, FTE, contract end date	Timecards claim for hours worked by an employee (includes overtime)		Enables employees who meet the necessary criteria to take unpaid leave to look after their child up to their 18th birthday.	Enables employees who meet the necessary criteria to take unpaid Special leave.
Impact of process	Financial commitment created as minimum hours must be paid even if work is not then offered	Financial commitment created per grade and FTE and contact duration (excl GH where commitment is based on offer of refresh hours)	Master data set of when an employee is working or on leave. Tracks leave against allowance. Determines leave to be paid/recovered at end of contract.	Financial commitment amended per grade and FTE and contact duration change	Results in payment of employee. GH hours paid will appear in the GH app.		Impacts on the pay of employees taking parental leave	Impacts on the pay of employees taking Unpaid special leave
Initiator	GH Administrator	Line Manager or School/ Department Administrator (SDA)*	Employee or Line Manager or SDA* on their behalf.	Line Manager or SDA*	Employee	Timekeeper	Employee or Line Manager or SDA	Employee or Line Manager or SDA
Initial Approver	None	Line Manager if initiated by SDA, otherwise it is further approval route below	Line Manager	Line Manager if initiated by SDA, otherwise it is further approval route below	Line Manager**	None	Line Manager if initiated by Employee. None if initiated by Line Manger or SDA	Line Manager if initiated by Employee. None if initiated by Line Manger or SDA

Further Approval Route	None	Finance Manager 2 nd Line Manager School/Dept Budget Holder College/PSG Main Budget Holder	None	Finance Manager 2 nd Line Manager School/Dept Budget Holder College/PSG Main Budget Holder	None	None	None
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*A School/Department administrator (SDA) role has been developed to initiate HR transactions on behalf of a manager as approved by the Design Authority. This allows the role holder to complete and submit HR transactions for approval but does not provide approval rights for these transactions.

**Timecard Approvals - If an employee has multiple assignments, they enter the time worked against any or all of their assignments on a single monthly timecard. Approval will be sought from the line manager of each respective assignment (or timekeeper on their behalf) before the time card is ready to be submitted to Payroll for payment. This means that if one of their managers/timekeepers fails to approve the time card before the payroll deadline the employee will not be paid for any of their assignments. Further information is available within the [Guide to Time Recording](#).

Finance Approvals

The following tables provide a summary of the approvals for each of the Finance processes.

General Ledger and Planning and Budgeting Module (EPM)

The standard approval routing in People and Money includes approval by every line manager in the requestor's hierarchy until the transaction is approved by a line manager with the required job level/approval limit. There will be between 1 and 8 approval points depending on the value of the transaction and the job levels held by approvers in the hierarchy. Details of job levels and financial approval limits are provided at [appendix 1](#).

Process	Purchase Requisition	Change Order	Manual purchase invoice exempt invoice (Offline Form)	Non-trade vendor payments (Offline Form)	Accounts Payable Credit Memo	Employee Expenses	Expense Advances	Sales Invoice	Accounts Receivable Credit Memo (Offline Form)	Refunds	GL Journals	Budgets and Forecasts	Salary Costing Changes (Form 13 offline)
Process summary	Initial request to start the purchase to pay process, and to check budget available	Make a change to a purchase order	Manual input and approval of a supplier invoice for payment	Manual input and approval of a payment to a non-trade vendor or student	Allocate a credit from a supplier to the appropriate account code	An employee claiming payment of appropriate personal expenditure in line with the Expenses Policy	Employee request for an advance payment for travel and subsistence expenses	Sales invoice to be generated for customer or student	Apply a credit to a customer's account	Issue a refund to a customer	Ability to add or move actual, accrued or prepaid costs or income	Submission and approval of draft financial budgets and forecasts	Changes to the chart of account coding values and/or percentage split if multiple coding allocations per employee assignment
Impact of process	Approval of the requisition creates the financial	Approval of the change order updates	Approval will allow the payment to be	Approval will allow the payment to be made	Approval will allow the credit to be allocated	Uncommitted cost where approval will allow	Approval allows the expense advance to be paid	Monies due to the university are	Approval will allow the debit to be allocated	Refund paid into the customer's	Actual, accrued or prepaid costs or	Approval of the draft completes draft	Changes the budget the actual

	commitment, reserves the funds and submits the requirement to purchase to Procurement	the financial commitment, reserves the funds and submits the amended purchase requirements to Procurement	made and the cost allocated to the correct account code	and the cost allocated to the correct account code	to the correct account code	the actual cost to be allocated to the correct account code	into the requestor's bank account	received and allocated to the correct account codes	to the correct account code and matched to the original sales invoice	bank account	income transferred to appropriate account codes	submission, escalating it to the next approval level – e.g. from school – to college – to University Group	cost is coded to and/or percentage allocation of the total cost
Initiator (Requestor)	Individual who needs to make a purchase	Individual who initiated original requisition (user within school or department) or procurement operations	Individual who requests payment of invoice (invoice owner) and submits form and backup to Finance Helpline	Individual who requests payment (payment owner)	Individual who initiated the original requisition /payment	Employee	Employee	Individual who requests the invoice (sales invoice owner) or source interface e.g. SITS	User who initiated the original sales invoice	Triggered by Sales Credit Memo process where original sales invoice is paid	Finance Business Partnering Team Member	School Finance Business Partnering team (off system Head of School/DoP)	Line Manager or SDA
Preparer (Completes request in People and Money)	Nominated user with a requisitioning role (may also be the requestor)	Nominated user with a requisitioning role or Procurement Operations buyer	Finance Operations - Accounts Payable	One Off payments - Finance Business Partner Team Non-Trade vendor and Student Supplier	Accounts Payable	Employee or their Proxy	Employee or their Proxy	Accounts Receivable	Accounts Receivable	Accounts Receivable	Finance Business Partner or FIRST (other employees can complete a manual journal request)	Finance Business Partner	Payroll

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Initial Approver	Requestor's Line Manager	Approval required where change order value is increased beyond tolerance. The first approver from the original requisition	Requestor's Line Manager	One Off payments - Manual Form approval: Requestor's Line Manager People and Money approval: Finance Business Partner preparer's Line Manager Non-Trade vendor and Student Supplier bulk upload – People and Money approval; requestor's Line Manager	Credit memo requestor's Line Manager	Employee's Line Manager (Employee approves prior to their Line Manager if the expenses have been submitted by a proxy on their behalf)	Employee's Line Manager (Employee approves prior to their Line Manager if the expense advance has been submitted by a proxy on their behalf)	No approval required	Credit Memo request form – requestors line manager	Approval is via the manual Credit Memo request form	Journal approver based on value of journal (approval groups)	Finance Business Partner/ Head of College Finance (off system Head of College/Registrar)	Form 13 Manual Approval by Line Manager
Further Approval Route (if required)	Requestor's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and	Approver from the original requisition approval hierarchy	Requestor's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value	One-off payments – manual form approval: Appropriate	Requestor's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and	Employee's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value	Final approval by Finance Operations Audit before	N/A	Credit Memo request form - Appropriate line	Approval is via the manual Credit Memo	N/A	Deputy Director/ Director of Finance (Off system –	As per Approval table below (Appendix 2)

	job level approval limits of each Line Manager	with the required job level/approval limit (last approver only - intermediate approvers are omitted from the approval routing)	and job level approval limits	Line manager based on transaction value and job level approval limits Bulk upload – People and money approval: Requestor’s Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits	job level approval limits up to minimum job level 3 only regardless of value.	and job level approval limits	payment is made		manager based on transaction value and job level approval limits	request form		Planning Triumvirate then Finance and General Purposes Committee)	
Risk	Requisition not approved promptly Appropriate budget checks not completed by Line Manager/nominated approver resulting in	Change order not approved promptly Appropriate budget checks not completed by Line Manager/nominated approver	Payment not approved promptly Appropriate budget checks not completed by Line Manager resulting in	Payment not approved promptly Appropriate budget checks not completed by Line Manager resulting in approval of non-compliant	Credit from supplier not approved promptly to allow refund payment to be issued	Appropriate budget checks and validation to policy are not completed by Line Manager resulting in approval of non-	Appropriate budget checks and validation to policy are not completed by Line Manager resulting in approval of non-compliant spend	Sales invoice issued in error or with incorrect value	Credit memo invoice issued without correct manual approval of form	Refund issued when a further invoice to replace is due	Journals not posted on time resulting in Financial position not reported correctly. Risk if key staff unavailable	Budget/forecast delays to submission process on system	Approver on form is not appropriate

	potential overspend.	resulting in potential overspend	approval of non-compliant spend and/or incorrect allocation of costs	spend and/or incorrect allocation of costs		compliant spend and/or incorrect allocation of costs	and/or incorrect allocation of costs				le at month end		
Mitigation	Preparer able to view approval hierarchy and follow up with relevant approver if delays. Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Preparer able to view approval hierarchy and follow up with relevant approver if delays. Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Requestor can contact Finance Operations – Accounts Payable team to check approval status. Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Preparer can contact Finance Operations – Accounts Payable team to check approval status. Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Requestor can contact Finance Operations – Accounts Payable team to check approval status.	Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Credit Memo issued to correct any identified errors	Finance to review approver information	Ensure replacement invoices are submitted at the same time as the sales credit memo request	FBP and FIRST monitor outstanding approvals	Visibility of deadlines to allow budget holder discussion and data review in advance of finalising submission	Payroll review approver information

Note: Write-offs should be approved by Director of Finance / PRC / Court, although this may in practice be delegated to the Accounts Receivable Manager by the Director of Finance. Further guidance is available within [PM-3660- How to Raise a write off](#).

Projects and Grants

Approval routing for projects and grants transactions is different to the standard line manager approval hierarchy in that the approvals initially flow to the research project principal investigator/estates project manager with further approval (if required) following their line manager hierarchy.

Research project principal investigators/Estates project managers may also delegate approval authority for requisitions up to the value of £10,000 to a project team member (minimum grade UE06) allocated to the requisition approver project role on request . If the project requisition transaction value is £10,000 or less the approval will flow to them only.

Project team members allocated to the Project Manager or Requisition Approver roles on a Project must be University of Edinburgh employees.

Process	Purchase Requisition	Change Order	Manual purchase invoice exempt invoice (Offline Form)	Non-trade vendor payments (Offline Form)	Accounts Payable Credit Memo	Employee Expenses	Expense Advances	Sales Invoice	Accounts receivable credit Memo (Offline Form)	Refunds	Journals (Cost Loader)	Salary Costing Changes (Offline Form)	Timesheets For Research Projects (Sharepoint Forms)
Process summary	Initial request to start the purchase to pay process, and to check budget available	Make a change to a purchase order	Manual input and approval of a supplier invoice for payment	Manual input and approval of a payment to a non-trade vendor or student	Allocate a credit from a supplier to the appropriate account code	An employee claiming payment of appropriate personal expenditure in line with the Expenses Policy	Employee request for an advance payment for travel and subsistence expenses	Sales invoice to be generated for customer or student	Apply a credit to a customer's account	Issue a refund to a customer	Ability to add or move actual, accrued or prepaid costs or income	Changes to the chart of account coding values and/or percentage split if multiple coding allocations per employee assignment to allow	Timesheet submitted to record time worked on projects which require enhanced timesheet

												update to monthly manual costing allocation spreadsheet	t information
Impact of process	Approval of the requisition creates the financial commitment, reserves the funds and submits the requirement to purchase to Procurement	Approval of the change order creates the financial commitment, reserves the funds and submits the requirement to purchase to Procurement	Approval will allow the payment to be made and the cost allocated to the correct project	Approval will allow the payment to be made and the cost allocated to the correct project	Approval will allow the credit to be allocated to the correct project	Uncommitted cost where approval will allow the actual cost to be allocated to the correct project	Approval allows the expense advance to be paid into the requestor's bank account	Monies due to the university are received and allocated to the correct project	Approval will allow the debit to be allocated to the correct account code	Refund paid into the customer's bank account	Actual, accrued or prepaid costs or income transferred to appropriate codes	Changes the budget the actual cost is coded to and/or percentage allocation of the total cost	Approved timesheets available for funders and audit purposes where required
Initiator (Requestor)	Project Team Member who needs to make a purchase	Project Team Member who initiated the original requisition or Procurement Operations	Project Team Member who requests payment of invoice (invoice owner)	Project Team Member who requests payment (payment owner)	Project Team Member who initiated the original requisition/payment	Project Team Member	Project Team Member	Project Team Member who requests the invoice (sales invoice)	Project Team Member who initiated the original sales invoice	Triggered by Sales Credit Memo process where original sales invoice is paid	Project Team Member	Principal Investigator /project manager/ Project Administrator	Project Team Member

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Preparer (Complete request in People and Money)	Nominated user with a requisitioning role (may be the requestor)	Nominated user with a requisitioning role (Requestor or Preparer) or Procurement Operations Buyer	Accounts Payable	One Off payments - Finance Business Partner Team Non-trade vendor bulk upload – Accounts Payable	Accounts Payable	Project Team Member or proxy	Project Team Member or Proxy	Edinburgh Research Office	Edinburgh Research Office	Accounts Receivable	Research Grants Section (Finance)	Finance Systems team uploads allocation journal	Project Team Member or proxy
Initial Approver	Principal Investigator/Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator) Where the Principal Investigator / Project Manager has delegated requisiti	Approval required where change order value is increased beyond tolerance. Principal Investigator /Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator)	Principal Investigator /Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator)	One Off payments - Manual Form approval: principal investigator /project manager. People and Money approval: Finance Business Partner preparer's Line Manager Non-Trade vendor Supplier bulk upload – People	Principal Investigator/Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator)	Principal Investigator /Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator) (Employee approves prior to the Principal Investigator /Project Manager if the expenses have been submitted by a proxy on their behalf)	Employee's Line Manager (Employee approves prior to the Line Manager if the expenses have been submitted by a proxy on their behalf)	No approval required	Credit Memo request form: Principal Investigator /project manager	Approval is via the manual credit memo request form	Research Grants Section (Finance)	Manual Form Approval by Principal Investigator /project manager	Principal Investigator

	on approval authority to a Project Team Member they will be the initial (and only) financial approver for requisitions up to the value of £10k			and Money approval: Principal Investigator /Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator)									
Further Approval Route	Principal Investigator/Project Manager's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits	Line Manager in Principal Investigator /Project Manager's hierarchy with required job level/approval limit (last approver only - intermediate approvers are omitted from the approval routing)	Principal Investigator /Project Manager's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits	One-off payments – manual form approval - Appropriate line manager based on transaction value and job level approval limits Bulk upload - People and	Principal Investigator/Project Manager's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits up to minimum job level 3 only regardless of value	Principal Investigator's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits	Final approval by Finance Operations Audit before payment is made	N/A	Credit Memo request form - Appropriate line manager based on transaction value and job level approval limits	Approval is via the manual Credit Memo request form	N/A	N/A	N/A

				Money approval - Principal Investigator /Project Manager's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits									
Risk	Requisition not approved promptly – delaying project Appropriate budget checks not completed – risk of non-compliant spend/overspend	Change order not approved promptly – delaying project Appropriate budget checks not completed – risk of non-compliant spend/overspend	Payment not approved promptly Appropriate budget checks not completed by approver resulting in approval of non-compliant spend and/or incorrect allocation of costs	Payment not approved promptly Appropriate budget checks not completed by approver resulting in approval of non-compliant spend and/or incorrect allocation of costs	Credit from supplier not applied promptly to achieve refund.	Delay in reimbursing staff Appropriate budget checks and validation to policy are not completed by approver resulting in approval of non-compliant spend and/or incorrect allocation of costs	Appropriate budget checks and validation to policy are not completed by approver resulting in approval of non-compliant spend and/or incorrect allocation of costs	Sales invoice issued in error or with incorrect value	Credit memo invoice issued without correct manual approval of form	Refund issued when a further invoice to replace is due	Cost reallocations not processed timely resulting in financial position not reported correctly and grant claim is incorrect	Allocation changes are applied without approval	Timesheet evidence unavailable for funders where required may result in grant payment being withheld.

Mitigation	Preparer able to view approval hierarchy and follow up with relevant approver if delays. Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Preparer able to view approval hierarchy and follow up with relevant approver if delays. Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Requestor can contact Finance Operations – Accounts Payable team to check approval status. Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Preparer can contact Finance Operations – Accounts Payable team to check approval status. Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Requestor can contact Finance Operations – Accounts Payable team to check approval status.	Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Approver able to reassign approval or 'route task' to add another person as an approver (e.g. budget holder or specialist to check specification)	Credit Memo issued to correct any identified errors	Finance to review approver information	Ensure replacement invoices are submitted at the same time as the sales credit memo request	Project Administrators and Edinburgh Research Office to liaise on cost allocations and ensure processed in advance of claim dates	Guidance on requirement to utilise form approval and trigger to update monthly allocation spreadsheet	Project Administrators aware of funder requirements and monitor that timesheets are recorded timely
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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Job Levels and Financial Approval Limits

A job level determines how much University resource someone can approve in line with the Delegated Authority Schedule (DAS), as outlined in the table below. Every employee within the University must have an appropriate Job level. Further information is available in the [Guide to Job Classifications and Positions](#).

Job levels and Financial Approval Limits

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General Ledger / CoA Approvals					
Job Level (i)	Approver – where defined in Delegated Authority Schedule (DAS)	Requisition Approval	Manual AP Invoice Approval	AP Credit Memo Approval	Expenses Approval
N/A	Committee – e.g. University Court	> £2m	> £50k	> £2m	> £100k
8	Principal	£2m	£50k	All values	100k
7	Head of College Head of Professional Services Groups (CSG/ISG/USG) Director of Finance Director of Estates	£1m	£50k	All values	£50k
6	Head of School/Department Dean of Deanery	£500k	£25k	All values	£10k
5	Delegation to these job levels is defined by job within People and Money	£100k	£10k	All values	£1k
4		£50k	£5k	All values	£500
3		£25k	£1k	All values	£100
2		£10k	None	None	None
1		£2k	None	None	None
0		None	None	None	None

(i) Job levels are not used for one-time payments (e.g. visitor expenses) or AP credit notes – they are approved by the requestor's line manager regardless of value.

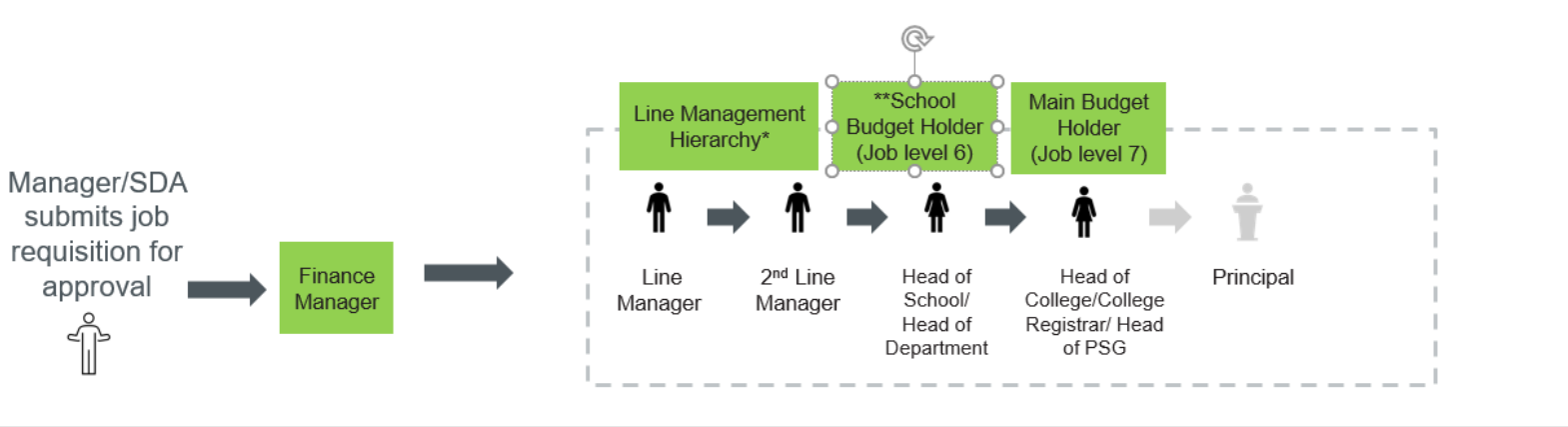
Projects and Grants Approvals					
Job Level (ii)	Approver	Requisition Approval	Manual AP Invoice Approval	AP Credit Memo Approval	Expenses Approval
N/A	Principal Investigator Project Manager (Estates)	£50k	£5k	All Values	£1k
N/A	Project Requisition Approver Role	£10k	None	None	None

(ii) Projects approval limits are linked to roles in the projects module rather than allocated through job levels. Where a project transaction is above the Principal Investigator/Project Manager approval limit it will be routed to their line manager for approval and refer to the line manager's job level approval limits.

(iii) A principal investigator/project manager/requisition approver can have two approval limits. As well as approval limits assigned through their project role for project transactions they may also have a job level assigned to them which gives them different approval limits for general ledger/CoA transactions

Appendix 2 – HR and Finance approval workflow

HR approvals - job requisitions and change assignments

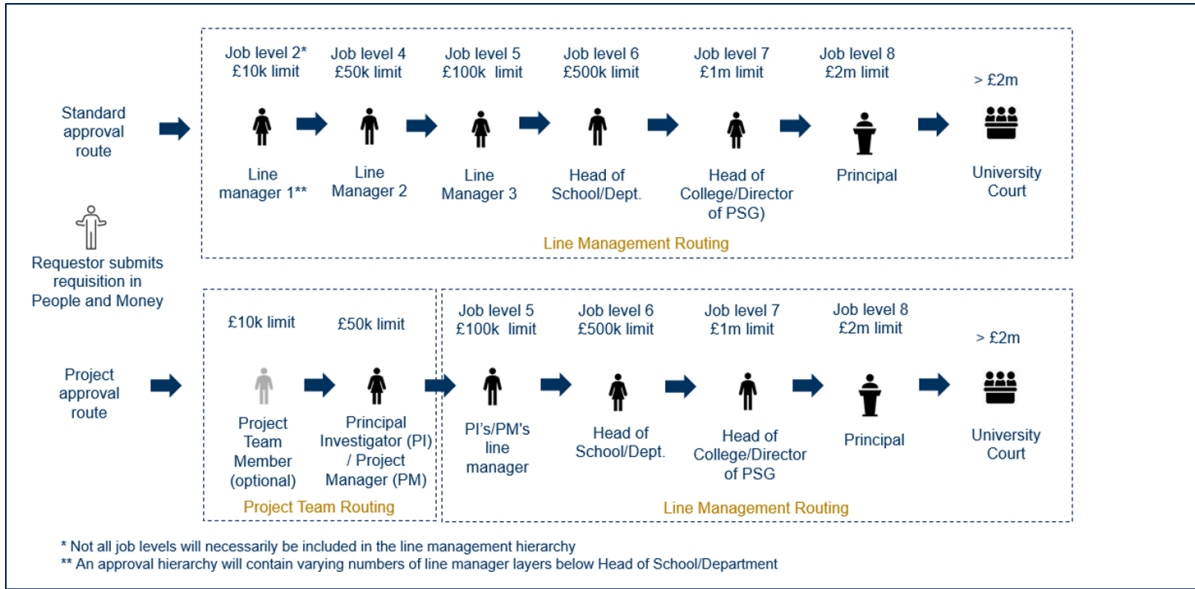


Nb. Issues identified in testing prevented HR phase 1 going live with the agreed approval model. An interim process was adopted with all approvals going to Head of College/Director of PSG with a commitment to move to the agreed approval model at a later date.

*In many schools/depts. there are more than two layers of line manager below HoS/HoD level

**Some employment approvals will stop at this level in line with the Design Authority agreement e.g. externally funded posts

Finance Approval Workflow



Appendix 3 - Finance approval workflow routing options

In addition to delegation set up through vacation period functionality described above, other approval routing options are available to the approver at the transaction approval stage for requisitions, staff expenses etc. These approval routing options may be used where it would be appropriate for someone other than, or in addition to, the requestor’s line manager to approve the transaction.

Approval Routing Actions	Functionality	Recommendation for use
Reassign	Reassigns approval task but not approval level to another user. After approval by the assignee, the approval workflow follows the assignee's hierarchy if further approval is required.	Where approval needs to be completed by a specific budget holder and then their line manager hierarchy.
Route Task	Approve and add an additional approver to the approval workflow (directly after current approver) After approval by the additional approver the approval workflow returns to the original approval hierarchy if further approval is required.	Adding a budget holder or interested person into the approval hierarchy.

Appendix 4 - HR approval scenarios and final approvers

Approval Scenario	Posts	Main Budget Holder (Level 7)	School/ Department Budget Holder (Level 6)
Additional allowances	Allowances such as: acting up, on-call, out of hours, etc.		*
Change of salary code	Change of Salary Costing from Restricted fund segments to Unrestricted fund segments irrespective of the amount.	*	
Chair appointments	Follows normal approval but has additional step of approval to Principal.*	*	
Clinical posts	Any clinical professorial post.	*	
Envelope submissions	All new Envelope Submissions* (or increases to existing Envelope Submissions)	*	
Envelope submissions	Individual vacancies where an Envelope Submission has been approved (unless to increase the size of the envelope)		*
Extension to contract (> 6 months)	Extensions of Internally funded Fixed Term Contract roles where there is an additional internal cost.	*	
Extension to contract (< 6 months, including any previous extensions)	Extensions of Internally funded Fixed Term Contract roles where there is an additional internal cost.		*
Externally funded posts	Roles that do not have a financial implication for the full duration of the commitment .i.e. externally funded posts.		*

Fixed Term Contracts to Open Ended Contract conversions	All transfers from Fixed Term to Open-ended status irrespective of funding source	*	
Guaranteed hours envelope *	All new Guaranteed Hours Envelope Submissions* (or increases to existing Envelope Submissions)	*	
Temporary absence cover	Any maternity cover (or other equivalent leave) which have internally funded financial implications for any part of the duration of the commitment	*	
UE10 posts	Any UE10 academic, professional or support post.	*	
Increase in hours (Increase is for > 10 hrs per week or more for 6 months or more).	Increase in hours where there is an additional internal cost.	*	
Increase in hours (Increase is <10 hours per week or for less than 6 months)	Increase in hours where there is an additional internal cost.		*
Increase of salary contributions (> 10% increase)	Increase of internal funding salary contribution where there is an additional internal cost	*	
Increase of salary contributions (< 10% increase)	Increase of internal funding salary contribution where there is an additional internal cost.		*
New post (> 6 months)	Any new posts to be filled which has internally funded financial implications for any part of the duration of the commitment.	*	
New post (< 6 months)	Any new posts to be filled which has internally funded financial implications for any part of the duration of the commitment.		*
Position management	New posts arising from departmental reorganisations or restructuring.	*	
Promotions	Promotions with post holder in place Note: Approval process is primarily through structured committee governance.	*(see Note)	
Re-gradings	Re-gradings with post holder(s) in place Note: Approval process is primarily through structured committee governance.	*(see Note)	
Replacement post	Internally funded non-like for like replacements of posts.	*	

Replacement post	Internally funded like-for-like replacements of posts.	*	
Secondments	Any secondment roles which have internally funded financial implications for any part of the duration of the commitment	*	
Splitting of a position into fractions or job shares	May or may not have a financial implication but will increase the number of positions in a school/ department	*	
Student experience envelope *	All new Student Experience Envelope Submissions* (or increases to existing Envelope Submissions) e.g. for Students employed in designated 'Student Experience' posts (J fixed term reason code) and 'Employed' posts (D fixed term code) roles. The contract should last no longer than the successful candidate's period of study*		*
Temporary absence cover	Sickness or other absence cover which have internally funded financial implications for any part of the duration of the commitment	*	