

**SAP Concur** 

# REQUEST APPROVER





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# HOME PAGE

As an approver, the requests pending approval will be visible on your home screen in the **Required Approvals** box.

The screenshot shows the SAP Concur home page for user KATHLEEN. The top navigation bar includes 'Requests', 'Expense', 'Approvals', and 'App Center'. The main dashboard features a 'Hello, KATHLEEN' greeting and a summary of key metrics: '+ New', '01 Required Approvals', '00 Authorization Requests', '00 Available Expenses', and '00 Open Reports'. Below this is a 'COMPANY NOTES' section with a link to 'Concur Training Toolkit'. The 'MY TASKS' section is highlighted with a red box and contains three task cards: '01 Required Approvals' (with a red border and a right arrow), '00 Available Expenses' (with a right arrow and a checkmark icon), and '00 Open Reports' (with a right arrow and a checkmark icon). The 'Required Approvals' card includes details for 'LINDSAY B. | Denver, CO - 11/10-11/15/18' and '\$3,028.00 — Travel'.



## APPROVALS TAB

If there are more reports pending than are visible in this area, you can click on the **Required Approvals** link to be redirected to the **Approvals** tab on the menu bar.

The screenshot shows the SAP Concur interface with the 'Approvals' tab selected. The main content area is titled 'Approvals' and contains a 'Requests' section with an 'Approve' button. Below this is a table with the following data:

	Request Name	Request ID	Employee	Request Dates	Date Submitted	Total
<input type="checkbox"/>	Denver, CO - 11/10-11/15/18 Accounting Conference	33LP	BRYANT, LINDSAY	11/10/2018 11/15/2018	12/03/2018	\$3,028.00

1. Select the **Report Name** you wish to review. Note: The icons to the left of the report name help the approver identify specific items. You can hover your mouse over the icons to see what they are for or to view the comment.



Report has been returned.



Comments



# EXCEPTIONS

After opening the request, the approver should immediately see any exceptions related to the request. A common exception on requests will be when personal time is included in the travel request.

The screenshot shows the SAP Concur interface for Request 33LP. The 'Request Header' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the tabs is a table of expenses:

Date	Expense Type	Amount	Requested
11/10/2018	Airfare	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
11/10/2018	Hotel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
11/10/2018	M&IE Rate	\$418.00	\$418.00
11/10/2018	Transit Costs	\$200.00	\$200.00
11/10/2018	Baggage Fees	\$30.00	\$30.00
11/15/2018	Baggage Fees	\$30.00	\$30.00
11/15/2018	Parking - Airport	\$100.00	\$100.00
11/10/2018	Conference Registration	\$250.00	\$250.00

In this scenario, you will need to click on the Report Header tab to see more details about the exception.

The screenshot shows the SAP Concur interface for Request 33LP. The 'Request Header' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the tabs, a message states: "This Request includes personal time." Below this message, there is a 'Previous Comment' section with the text: "Entered By KATHLEEN BAXTER: Please notate personal time." Below the comment, there are several fields for request details:

Request Policy	Request Name (Destination, Travel Dates)	Start Date	End Date	Will this include days of Personal Travel?	Dates of Personal Travel
*AL-Out of State	Denver, CO - 11/10-11/15/18	11/10/2018	11/15/2018	Yes	11/11/18

Below these fields, there are more details:

Department	Accounting Group	Accounting Template	Purpose	Comment	Employee last name
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## REQUEST HEADER

The Request Header tab should be audited for the following information:

- **Request Policy** – The correct policy should be selected for the travel type (Out of State vs Instate Actual). The policy selected on the request will default on the expense report, which will drive how the expenses post in STAARS.
- **Request Name** – The name of the request should be formatted by Destination and Travel Dates. This will help the traveler and all approvers/processors identify requests that need priority.
- **Start Date** – The date the travel begins/traveler departs from base.
- **End Date** – The date the travel ends/traveler returns to base.
- **Will this include days of Personal Travel** – If personal time is included in the trip, traveler must select “Yes”.
- **Dates of Personal Travel** – If traveler selected “Yes” from the selection above, the dates of personal travel must be indicated in this field.
- **Department** - This will drive the workflow of the request. Approvers have the capability to change this information if incorrect.
- **Accounting Group** - This will drive the workflow of the request. Approvers have the capability to change this information if incorrect.
- **Accounting Template** - This will drive the workflow of the request. Approvers have the capability to change this information if incorrect.
- **Purpose** – Traveler should indicate the purpose of the travel event.
- **Comment** – This field is for informational purposes only. Any information that will be necessary to aid in the processing of the request can be entered in this field. *Examples: Motor Pool car used, Travel 100% funded by organization, Carpooling with Jane Doe, etc.*



## SEGMENTS

The segments tab will be used for details related to Air, Hotel and Car Rental. The amounts provided are estimated because travel cannot be booked until the request is approved. The estimates should be based on a Google search or hotel information provided by the conference.

### AIR TICKET

Request Header Segments Expense Summary Approval Flow Audit Trail

**Air Ticket**  Round Trip  One Way  Multi-Segment Amount: \$1,000.00

**Outbound**

From: Dannelly Field (Airport - MGM), Montgomery, Alabama

To: Centennial (Airport - APA), Denver, Colorado

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018 Depart at 09:00 am

Comment:

**Return**

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018 Depart at 03:00 pm

Comment:

The traveler will select either Round Trip, One Way or Multi Segment.

- **Amount** – This amount is an estimate gathered from a Google search. Ticket amounts tend to increase as the travel date approaches. Be sure the amount used is reasonable and will not be less than the actual purchase price, in order to prevent errors when the expense report is created.
- **From**– This will be the airport the traveler is flying out of.
- **To** - This will be the airport the traveler is flying in to.
- **Outbound Date** – The date defaults to the travel Start Date on the Request Header tab. The time is entered by the traveler.
- **Return Date** – The date defaults to the travel End Date on the Request Header tab. The time is entered by the traveler.



## HOTEL RESERVATION

Hotel Reservation		Amount : \$1,000.00
Check-In	City: Denver, Colorado	
	Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018	
	Detail: Marriott	
Check-Out	Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018	
	Comment:	

- **Amount** – This amount is an estimate gathered from a Google search or based on pricing provided by the conference.
- **Check-In City** – The city the hotel is located.
- **Check-In Date** – The date defaults to the travel Start Date on the Request Header tab.
- **Detail** – The name of the hotel.
- **Check-Out Date** - The date defaults to the travel End Date on the Request Header tab.



## CAR RENTAL

Car Rental		Amount: \$500.00
Pick-up	City:	Denver, Colorado
	Date:	Saturday, November 10, 2018
	Detail:	
Drop-off	City:	Denver, Colorado
	Date:	Thursday, November 15, 2018
	Detail:	
Comment:		

- **Amount** – This amount is an estimate gathered from a Google search.
- **Pick-Up City** – The city the rental car is being picked up.
- **Pick-Up Date** – The date defaults to the travel Start Date on the Request Header tab.
- **Detail** – This field can be used by the traveler for informational purposes.
- **Drop-Off City** – The city the rental car will be dropped off.
- **Drop-Off Date** – The date defaults to the travel End Date on the Request Header tab.
- **Detail** – This field can be used by the traveler for informational purposes.



# EXPENSE SUMMARY

The Expense Summary tab is a listing of all expenses requested for the travel. Some of the most common that should be selected are as follows:

- **M&IE Rate** – This will give the total allowable CONUS for the dates and location being traveled.
- **Baggage Fees** – If flight information was keyed on the Segments tab, the traveler should probably have 2 line items for Baggage Fees. Separating into 2 line items will help reconciling in the expense report easier.
- **Conference Registration**
- **Mileage**
- **Airport Parking**
- **Transit Costs** – It is recommended that a traveler request at least \$150 unless they have a better estimated cost for transit in the area being traveled.

## Request 33LP [BRYANT, LINDSAY]

**Request Name (Destination, Travel Dates):** Denver, CO - 11/10-11/15/18

**Purpose:** Accounting Conference

- Request Header
- Segments
- Expense Summary
- Approval Flow
- Audit Trail

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11/15/2018	Baggage Fees	\$30.00	\$30.00
11/15/2018	Parking - Airport	\$100.00	\$100.00
11/10/2018	Conference Registration	\$250.00	\$250.00
11/10/2018	Rental Car	\$500.00	\$500.00



As an approver, each expense line should be reviewed and the amounts can be edited as necessary. If amounts are changed, please be sure to make a comment explaining the reason for the change.

Expense Type: Conference Registration | Transaction Date: 11/10/2018 | Description: | Transaction Amount: 250.00 USD

**Comment:** This conference has no charge for registering.

**Approved Amount:** 0.00

### Request 33LP [BRYANT, LINDSAY]

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11/15/2018	Parking - Airport	\$100.00	\$100.00
11/10/2018	Conference Registration	\$250.00	\$0.00
11/10/2018			\$500.00

**Comment History**

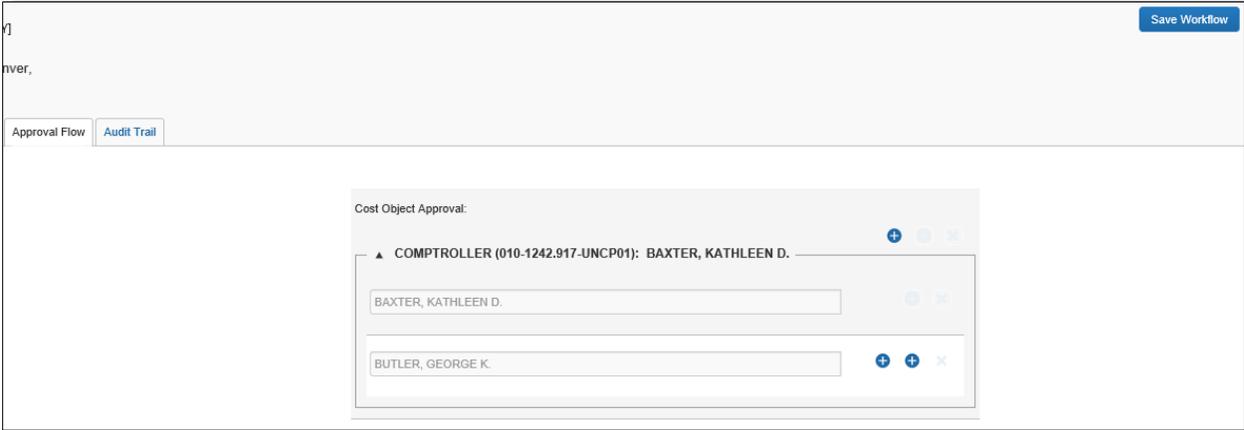
Creation date	Entered By	Comment Text
12/05/2018	BAXTER, KATHLEEN D.	This conference has no charge for registering.

COST OBJECT APPROVED AMOUNT: **\$3,528.00** | 
 TOTAL AMOUNT: **\$3,528.00** | 
 TOTAL REQUESTED: **\$3,278.00**



# APPROVAL FLOW

The Approval Flow tab is used to identify where the Request is in the approval process. An approver has the authority to add workflow to a specific Request if it needs to be looked at by additional people. This is done by selecting the **blue plus icon**. Once changes have been made, be sure to click the **Save Workflow** button at the top right of the screen.

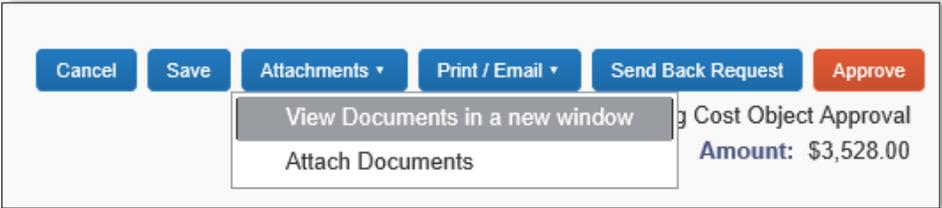


# AUDIT TRAIL

This tracks the steps of the request and changes made to it. If requests are sent back to the traveler, all comments are also documented in this area.

# ATTACHMENTS

To review attachments, select the **Attachments** button and **View Documents in a new window**.





## APPROVE OR REJECT

Once all items on the Request have been reviewed, select the **Approve** button to approve the request or the **Send Back to Employee** button to reject the request back to the traveler for correction.

Cancel Save Attachments ▾ Print / Email ▾ **Send Back Request** **Approve**

Status: Pending Cost Object Approval  
Amount: \$3,528.00

If you select to send back the report, you will be prompted to add a comment. Select **OK** when done to continue the reject.

### Send Back Request ×

Comment History

Creation date ▾	Entered By	Comment Text
12/05/2018	BAXTER, KATHLEEN D.	Please add Rental Car to your request.
12/03/2018	BAXTER, KATHLEEN D.	Please notate personal time.

Add a comment to explain why you are returning the request. Then click OK to return the request to the employee.

Comment

**OK** Cancel