

Mississippi State University
Guidelines for Budget Preparation
2026-2027 Operating Budgets

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BUDGET CALENDAR FOR FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET

April 24, 2026 (Friday) - Yellow budget allocation sheets distributed to Vice Presidents.

April 27, 2026 (Monday) – Budget system unlocked by noon.

May 5, 2026 (Tuesday) - Yellow budget allocation sheets due to your Vice President by 8:00 am.

May 14, 2026 (Thursday) - All data changes and allocation sheets due from VPs to the Budget Office. The Budget System locked at 8:00 am.

May 26, 2026 (Tuesday) - Summary of budget to President for approval.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Budget System Access Request – eForm

Forward a completed Administrative Banner Access Request eForm to your Department Head or Fiscal Officer. The approver should forward the eForm to the Controller & Treasurer – Budget group. Eform instructions are listed below.

- Person’s NetID, click add person
- Phone Number
- Effective Date
- Check the “InfoSec IQ Certification” box
- Check the “Code of Responsibility for Security and Confidentiality of Records box.

- Administrative Banner Class
 - Class: **BAN_MSUBUDUSERS_C**
 - Access: **Grant**
 - Select **Add**

- Administrative Banner Page or Process
 - Page or Process: **Budget System Access**
 - Access: **Query or Update Query**
 - Select **Add**

- Organization (Org Level) Security
 - List each **ORG** code or attach a list of requested **ORGs**
 - Access: **Grant**
 - Select **Add**

- Note for Department Head or Fiscal Officer. “Under Next Recipient please approve and send the Controller & Treasurer -Budget group”.
 - Action Requested: **Approve**
 - Group: **Controller & Treasurer – Budget group.**

- Next Recipient
 - Action Requested: **Approve**
 - Person: **Department Head or Fiscal Officer**
 - Select **Add**

- Select **Submit**

ACCESSING THE BUDGET SYSTEM

The budget module is now accessible through Banner. Once you are logged into Banner, you can access the budget module pages directly in the search option or by the following:

- Banner Applications
 - Human Resources
 - MSU Budget System (MSUBUD)
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- The data provided is from the July 1, 2025, budget. However, if you made any changes in the budget module when you printed your Budget to Banner Comparison Report, the changes will be reflected in the mid-year changes block. Data is available immediately for update and, once final worksheets are printed, your data is complete.
- Security is controlled by the ORG. You must complete all funds using a specific org before selecting the final print. If you print the final for your Education and General org (i.e., 100000-ORG) you will be locked out of making changes to your other funds if they have the same org code.
- If multiple users have access to the same org, you may lock your org by printing the final report, NZRDWCR. The other user will not be locked out until they do a final print.
- Be sure the position number and title code are correct for each employee. If the position number is not the same, the new budget information will not load. An Employment Action Form will be required to make the necessary revision.
- Fringes are updated during the nightly process or manually by the department user.
- Beginning Budget fields cannot be changed. All amounts are presented as whole dollars, no cents. Negative amounts are not allowed in Mid-Year or New Budget fields.
- **Fund, Organization, Program, Activity** and **Account** codes must be active in Banner as of the beginning of the New Budget Date.

II. Budget Reports for Departments

NZRDB2B (Banner to Budget Comparison)

- Provides the current information from Banner and the Budget Module for each position within the selected Org.
- Report can be printed directly to your printer or sent to your email.

NZRDWCR (Budget Working Copy Reports)

Includes Final copy Option

- Provides the updated information for each position within the selected Org.
- Report can be printed directly to your printer or sent to your email.
- Select “N” for Working Copy and “Y” for Final Copy.

NZRDFND (Invalid Distributions – Funds)

- Provides a list of invalid funds on salary distributions.
- Report can be printed directly to your printer or sent to your email.

NZRDACT (Invalid Distributions – Activity Code)

- Provides a list of invalid activity codes on salary distributions.
- Report can only be sent to your email.
 - Printer: email
 - Special Print: email address

NZRDACD (Invalid Activity Codes – Departmental Totals)

- Provides a list of invalid activity codes on operating lines.
- Report can be printed directly to your printer or sent to your email.

III. Budget Module Access Forms

NZABASE (Budget System Employee Base Update (screen1))

- Key Block includes Fiscal Year (2027), Cycle (1), Position (00....), then “Go”.
- See page 6 for instructions on searching from position number field.
- If an employee will be terminating prior to July 1, 2026, make the Mid-Year Budget and New Budget July 1, 2026, block vacant by deleting the MSU ID.
- An employee’s MSU ID can only exist in one position record for Mid-Year Budget and one position record for New Year Budget.
- Salary that is viewed on this screen is populated from the NZASLBD screen.
- If a MSU ID is keyed, FTE must be ≤ 1 . If no MSU ID (pooled positions), FTE can be > 1 .
- If Mid-Year FTE is entered, the New FTE field will default to the same FTE.
- Pay Basis is either 18 or 24.
- Pay ID is SM
- Contact Julia Morrison at jmorrison@hrm.msstate.edu or 325-1831 if you need assistance with setting up a new Title code.
- Titles have been updated; therefore, titles cannot be changed in the budget system screens. If you have a title that needs to be changed, please e-mail a request to budget@controller.msstate.edu. Also, names and MSU ID#s were updated, but no monetary changes were made.
- To access **NZASLBD** (Salary Distribution Update) form, click RELATED in the upper right-hand section.

MSU ID Number, FTE, and Pay Basis can be changed.

The screenshot displays the 'ellucian Budget System Employee Base Update NZABASE' interface. At the top, there are search fields for 'Fiscal Year', 'Cycle', and 'Position', followed by a 'Go' button. The main content area is divided into three budget periods: 'Beginning Budget (07/01/2019)', 'Mid-Year Budget', and 'New Budget (07/01/2020)'. Each period has a set of fields: 'MSU ID', 'Name' (pre-filled with '****VACANT****'), 'Title', 'FTE', and 'Salary'. The 'New Budget' section also includes 'Pay Basis' and 'Pay ID' fields. The bottom of the screen shows a status bar with 'Activity Date 09/30/2016 11:32:51 AM', 'Activity User HRISUSR', and a 'SAVE' button.

NZQBASE (Budget System Employee Lookup)

- Can only be accessed from NZABASE by searching position number field.
- Query only page.
- Can search by MSU ID, Last Name, First Name or Middle Name.
- Wildcard character % can be used to return results for a partial name entry.
- When row is selected (by clicking select in the bottom corner or by double clicking the position number), the position number pulls up in NZABASE.

The screenshot shows the 'ellucian Budget System Employee Lookup NZQBASE' interface. At the top, there are navigation icons for ADD, RETRIEVE, RELATED, and TOOLS. Below this is a search area with fields for Fiscal Year, Previous FY Begin Date (MM/DD/YYYY), New FY Begin Date (MM/DD/YYYY), and a Go button. There are also fields for Cycle, MSU ID, Last Name, and First Name. Below the search area is a table titled 'BUDGET BASE RECORDS' with columns: Position, Beg Budget MSU ID, Beg Budget LName, Beg Budget FName, Mid-Yr Budget MSU ID, Mid-Yr Budget LName, Mid-Yr Budget FName, New Budget MSU ID, New Budget LName, and New Budget FName. The table currently shows one record. Below the table is a pagination bar with '1 of 1' records and '16 Per Page'. At the bottom right, there are 'CANCEL' and 'SELECT' buttons.

Position	Beg Budget MSU ID	Beg Budget LName	Beg Budget FName	Mid-Yr Budget MSU ID	Mid-Yr Budget LName	Mid-Yr Budget FName	New Budget MSU ID	New Budget LName	New Budget FName

NZASLBD (Budget System Salary Distribution Update (Screen 2 & 3))

- Key Block includes Fiscal Year (2027), Cycle (1), Position (00....), then “Go”.
- See page 6 for instructions on searching from position number field.
- Data saved here will also post to NZABOPL (Operating Budget Line-Item table) and NZABASE (Budget System Employee Base Update).
- Contact Michael Ketchum at 325-1747 if you need assistance with setting up new Non-Restricted Fund, Organization or a Program Code.
- Contact Sponsored Programs Accounting at 325-1937 if you need assistance with setting up a new Restricted Fund.
- Contact MaryAnn Latham at 325-0869 if you need assistance setting up a new Activity Code.

Salary and Distribution can be changed.

ellucian Budget System Salary Distribution Update NZASLBD

Fiscal Year: Cycle: Position: Show New Budget Title from Base Table

Position Information

Beginning Budget (mm/dd/yyyy) New Budget (mm/dd/yyyy) Raise Percentage: 0.00%

ID: A00000000 ID: A00000000 Overall Percentage: 0.00%

Name: John Doe Name: John Doe

Salary Distribution

Fund	Ora	Prog	Actv	Beginning	Int Chos	Mid-Year	Raises	Promotion	Educ. Ach	Reclass	Other	Other2	New Budget	Percent
Total:				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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- **Interim Changes:** For adjustments necessary to reach the current salary, or salary prior to July 1, 2026. Negative or positive amounts can be entered.
- **Mid-Year Budget:** Display Only
- **Raises:** Raises that are effective July 1, 2026 (12-month) or August 16, 2026 (9 month). Field will be unlocked only if raises are allowed for the current budget cycle.
- **Promotions:** Approved Promotion increase (Title change is required). The budget office will update the title once the approved promotion list has been received from your VP/Provost.
- **Education Achievements:** Used to reflect degree attainment. For adjustments effective July 1, 2026.

- **Reclassifications:** Used for reclassifications and equity adjustments that are approved by Human Resources. For adjustments effective July 1, 2026.
- **Other:** Used for reallocations, redistributions, FTE changes, etc. that are necessary to reach the July 1, 2026, salary. Negative or positive amounts can be entered.
- **Other 2:** This is an additional field for future use and will be locked until needed.
- **New Budget:** View Only. Total Beginning Budget, Interim Changes, Raises, Promotions, Educational Achievements, Reclassifications, and other amounts.
- **Percentage:** Percentage for each distribution.
- **Totals:** Totals for each amount column including percentage. Total percentage for all distributions must be 100%.
- **Raise Percentage:** Raise total / Mid-Year Budget.
- **Overall Percentage:** (New Budget total – Mid Year budget) / Mid-Year budget

Rules:

- Form uses Org level security to know if the distribution line can be changed.
- A user should have rights to view an employee's data if they have rights to any of the Orgs listed on the position.
- User can add new distribution lines.
- User cannot delete a distribution with a Beginning Budget amount. If a distribution is not going to be used, enter a negative amount in the Interim Changes field to zero out the line.
- If all amounts are zero, the record cannot be deleted if it is the only distribution line listed for the position.

NZABOPL (Operating Budget Line Item Update (Screen 4))

- Key Block includes Fiscal Year (2027), Cycle (1), Fund, Organization, Program, and Activity, then “Go”.
- Fund, Organization and Program codes are required fields.
- Mid-Year and New Budget are calculated.
- Allows changes to Travel, Contractual, Commodities, Equipment, Other than Capital, and Transfers.
- Fringes can be manually entered or updated by the custom fringe process.

Operating Lines can be changed.

Major Account	Beg Budget mm/dd/yyyy	Interim Changes	Mid-Year Budget	Increase/Decrease	New Budget mm/dd/yyyy
Salaries	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Fringes	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Travel	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Contractual	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Commodities	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Equipment	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Capital	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Totals	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999

- **Interim Change:** For adjustments prior to July 1, 2026.
- **Mid-Year Budget:** Display Only
- **Increase/Decrease:** For adjustments effective July 1, 2026.
- **New Budget:** Display Only

Rules:

- Activity is required only if the fund starts with 16, 17, 26, 27 32, 33, 82, and 83.
- Salaries cannot be changed.

NZAREVB (Budget System Revenue Update (Screen 5))

- Key Block includes Fiscal Year (2027), Cycle (1), Fund, Organization, Program, and Activity, then “Go”.
- Fund, Organization and Program codes are required fields.
- Revenue account codes should begin with 35.
- Total revenue must equal total expenses.
- Allows updates to estimate for all self-generated revenue. The revenue screen must be completed prior to printing of the final budget

Revenue Update

ellucian Budget System Revenue Update NZAREVB
ADD RETRIEVE RELATED TOOLS

Fiscal Year:

Cycle:

Fund: Fund name from FTVFUND

Organization: Organization name

Program: Program description

Activity: Activity description

Fund/Org Summary from Operating Budget Line Items

Total Expenses: 9,999,999,999

Revenue Accounts Detail

Account	Description	Beg Budget mm/dd/yyyy	Interim Changes	Mid-Year Budget	Increase/Decrease	New Budget mm/dd/yyyy
351111	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
352222	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
353333	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
354444	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
355555	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
356666	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
357777	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Totals		9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999

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- **Description:** Display Only
- **Beginning Budget:** No changes allowed.
- **Interim Change:** For adjustments prior to July 1, 2026.
- **Mid-Year Budget:** Display Only
- **Increase/Decrease:** For adjustments effective July 1, 2026.
- **New Budget:** Display Only
- **Total:** Calculated
- **Total Expenses:** Total expenses for Fund and Org.

Rules:

- Account can be deleted if all amount fields are zero.
- When the user exits, they will get a warning message if total expenses do not match total revenues.

NZIBOPS (Operating Budget Summary (Screen 6 & 7))

- Key block includes Fiscal Year (2027), Cycle (1), Fund, Organization, Program, and Activity, then “Go”.
- Fund, Org, Program and Activity do not have to be completely entered. Fund field must have at least one character.

Summary Display Only

Major Account	Beg Budget mm/dd/yyyy	Interim Changes	Mid-Year Budget	Increase/Decrease	New Budget mm/dd/yyyy
Salaries	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Fringes	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Travel	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Contractual	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Commodities	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Equipment	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Capital	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Totals	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999

NZAATHD (Athletic Department Activity Update (Screen 10))

- Key Block includes Fiscal Year (2027, Cycle (1), Fund, Organization, Program, and Activity, then “Go”.
- The date keyed on this screen updates NZABOPL Operating Budget Line Items table.

Athletic Activity Update

X @ellucian Athletic Department Activity Update NZAATHD
ADD RETRIEVE RELATED TOOLS

Fiscal Year:

Cycle:

Fund: Fund name from FTVFUND

Organization: Organization name

Program: Program description

Athletic Activity Detail Insert Delete Copy Filter

Activity	Description	Beg Budget mm/dd/yyyy	Interim Changes	Mid-Year Budget	Increase/Decrease	New Budget mm/dd/yyyy
AD1000	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
AD3000	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
AD3001	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
AD4003	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
AD5000	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
AD6000	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
AD8000	Description	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999	999,999,999
Totals		9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999	9,999,999,999

Activity Date 09/30/2016 11:32:51 AM Activity User HRISUSR Record 1 of 1

- **Activity:** Display Only.
- **Description:** Display Only
- **Beginning Budget:** Display Only
- **Interim Change:** For adjustments prior to July 1, 2026.
- **Mid-Year Budget:** Display Only
- **Increase/Decrease:** For adjustments effective July 1, 2026.
- **New Budget:** Display Only
- **Total:** Calculated

Rules:

- Activity can be deleted if all amount fields are zero.

IV. PROCEDURE FOR FINALIZING BUDGET INFORMATION

1. Upon completion of each Org for which you are responsible, use “Y” as the Final Indicator in form **NZRDWCR**. CAUTION: TO MAINTAIN DATA INTEGRITY, IF YOU PROCEED PAST THIS POINT BY ANSWERING YES ON SCREEN, YOU WILL BE LOCKED OUT OF THE DATA FOR ALL ACCOUNTS USING THAT ORG (department) CODE. This will lock you out of any funds using that org - be certain you are finished before you select this option.
2. Print a final budget worksheet for each of your accounts. You may print as many copies of the final printout as you need. Be sure EVERY EMPLOYEE is on a printout.
3. Put together all the elements of your budget package and send the information to your next higher administrator for approval. The budget package will include the final budget worksheet printout and the yellow budget control sheet.
4. If an ORG needs to be unlocked (AFTER YOUR FINAL PRINT), your higher administrator must submit an email request to Mimi Clark at mclark@controller.msstate.edu.
5. Approved yellow expenditure control sheets should be returned to 336 McArthur, Mail Stop 9602. Please do not return the final worksheet printouts to the Budget Office.

V. REVENUE BUDGETING

- ***ON-CAMPUS (FUND 100000) REVENUE BUDGETING:***

Any department responsible for generating revenue to support their departmental operations must budget that estimated revenue on the revenue screen **NZAREVB**. The department will be expected to monitor the budgeted revenues. A department who spends their total budget but does not meet their revenue budget will be required to cover the difference from other funds.

- ***PLANT AND DESIGNATED FUND BUDGETING PROCEDURES:***

Plant and Designated Funds will no longer be budgeted.

You have the ability to print plant and designated fund budget worksheets if you have employees paid from these funds to allow for review by your administrator.

Within the Banner system, report **FWGCHFBVP** can be run in order to obtain the fund balance for Plant and Designated Funds. You will need to enter the required parameter values for your fund request.

VI. MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY - EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRIBUTIONS

- Federally appointed employees must maintain at least a 51% level of funding from the Extension Service.

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The forms listed below can be found online at <https://www.controller.msstate.edu/forms/>.

- **Positions to be Deleted from Budget Module and Banner** - This form should be completed for any positions that are no longer needed in your department.
- **New Department Head or Department Name change form** - This form identifies account number and name changes that are taking place for the department.

The budget office will issue your yearly budget sheet (yellow) form to the appropriate Vice President or Provost. They will then issue them to each department as needed.

- **Budgeted Expenditure Control Sheet** - This form is yellow and shows your beginning budget. Each department should list any adjustments necessary to bring your total to your approved FY 2026-2027 budget amount. ALL Education and General and Auxiliary funds should have a completed, signed form returned for them.

If you have any questions, please contact the Budget Office at 662-325-8907.