

Segregation of Duties User Guide

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Segregation of Duties

Overview

Segregation of Duties is the idea or concept of separating tasks between various stakeholders to ensure that no single person is responsible for an entire process. Segregation of Duties (or SoD) is an essential element of a control system. Auditors will look for duty segregation as part of their analysis of an entity's system of internal controls. LeaseAccelerator offers a variety of workflows that may be turned on or off by our clients to allow for this type of control, adding steps to ensure the separation of tasks.

These workflows create a final approve/reject step in the user interface (UI) after completion of the action, such as entering, booking, and classifying a new lease or modification, recording an asset event, or doing some bulk imports. A **preparer** is responsible for actions leading up to the approve/reject step and then an **approver** will be able to review and either approve or reject the new lease, modification, or asset event.

Available SoD Workflows

LeaseAccelerator offers the following workflows that enable a segregation of duties:

New Deal Workflows

- Enter Schedule (UI)
- Enter Schedule (PIW Import)
- Modify Deal (UI)
- Modify Deal (MDIW Import)

Record Asset Event Workflows

- Record Asset Event (UI)
- Record Asset Event Bulk Import (RAE)

Payment Adjustment Workflows

- Payment Adjustment (UI)
- Payment Adjustment Bulk Import (PIW)

Segregation of Duties Workspace

Within the user interface, clients have the ability to turn on/off individual approve/reject workflows as necessary. The workspace includes options for all of our current approve/reject workflows, including lease origination, deal modifications, and end of term. Since all segregation of duties workflows are optional, the default system behavior will have the features turned off.



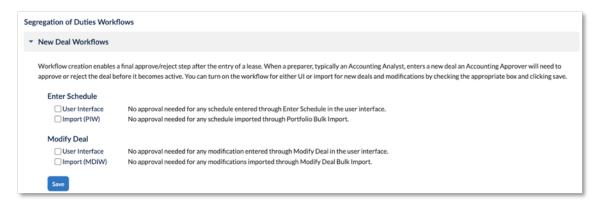




Visibility of the Segregation of Duties workspace is restricted to Power Users and System Admin Users. Custom access levels may be granted visibility by submitting a Support case.

New Deal Workflows

New deal workflows enable a final approve/reject step after the entry of a lease. You can turn on the workflow (either UI or import) for new deals and modifications by checking the appropriate box and clicking Save.

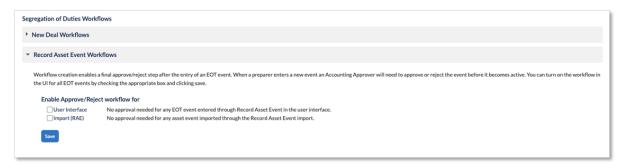


When a preparer (typically an Accounting Analyst) enters a new deal, an Accounting Approver will need to approve or reject the deal before it becomes active.

When a specific workflow is checked, you'll see text reminding you that this workflow will require a separate approver for any schedules entered through the specific workspace or import.

Record Asset Event Workflows

These workflows enable a final approve/reject step after the entry of an EOT event, either through the UI or with a bulk import. You can turn on the workflows for all EOT events by checking the appropriate box and clicking Save.



When a preparer enters a new event, either via the UI or with a bulk import, an Accounting Approver will need to approve or reject the event before it becomes active.

Additional Information

When the workflow is on, users that are neither an "Accounting Analyst" nor an "Accounting Approver" will only be able to enter, book, and classify (as allowed by permissions) and will not be able to approve a lease. This applies to Power Users, as well.







- Deals created prior to turning on the workflow will not be eligible to go through the approve/reject workflow when it is turned 'on'.
- Likewise, deals created when the workflow is on and are in Incomplete or Pending Approval status, must proceed through the approve/reject workflow even if the feature is turned 'off'.
- When the MDIW import workflow is turned 'on', any modifications coming in via API will also go through the steps for approve/reject.
- You may only make changes to one section at a time and must click Save in the appropriate section.
- There is no bulk approval at this time.

Payment Adjustment Workflows

These workflows enable a final approve/reject step after the entry of a payment adjustment event, either through the UI or with a bulk import. You can turn on the workflows for all payment adjustment events by checking the appropriate box and clicking Save.

When a preparer enters a new payment adjustment, either via the UI or with a bulk import, an Accounting Approver will need to approve or reject the payment adjustment before it becomes active.

Additional Information

- Users may not record additional payment adjustments when there are payment adjustments pending approval. A message will appear in the Payment Adjustment workspace stating there is a pending payment adjustment that must be approved before another may be recorded.
- Users may not import additional payment adjustments for any deal when there are pending adjustments awaiting approval. A validation error message will result, and import will be prevented.

Workflow Requirements Access Level Assignment

Lease entry (via UI or bulk import), along with recording asset events (via UI) can be done by users with permission to enter deals and record asset events. Lease booking and classification can be done by users with permission to book and classify deals. Please review the Access Control Matrix to determine which Access Level works best for your business.

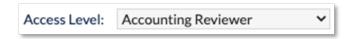
Approval of new leases entered, or recorded asset events will be restricted in different ways, depending on the Access Level of the user with approval privileges.

The workflow can be completed (or performed) by users with existing Access Levels as stated above. However, a new Access Level of Accounting Reviewer provides the strictest control for segregation of duties.









A user with this access is only allowed to view deals and approve/reject deals that are Incomplete or Pending Approval. Users are still limited by Scope of Access and Scope of Ledgers.

Additional Information

- This is a view-only Access Level similar to the Observer/Monitor, but with the added ability to approve and reject deals.
- When a user with this level is reviewing a deal for approval, they will have rights to view:
 - Deal History
 - Deal Summary
 - o Schedule
 - Asset Management
- This Access Level has access to the following:
 - "Approve Deal" To-Do in Deal History
 - "Approve / Reject" To-Do in Deal Summary, Summary
 - Approve/Reject workspace
- This Access Level will not see any 'day two' event options in the Record Event cascading menu.
- Reporting access is granted to all reports by default and is limited by Scope of Access and Scope of Ledgers. Report access can be edited by a Power User.
- Configuration Settings workspace access is granted with view-only permissions.
- The Accounting Reviewer level is able to see deals that are not in need of approval (e.g., active deals), but a user with this level can only view the deal characteristics they cannot make changes.

Can Act As Lessee Roles

Can Act As Lessee Roles are critical to the correct function of these workflows.

The following Can Act As Lessee Roles are required to be assigned to any user that will enter or approve deals and/or asset events using the workflow:

- Accounting Analyst user is going to be entering deals via Enter Schedule.
- Accounting Approver user is going to approve/reject deals via Enter Schedule.







Only one of these Lessee Roles can be assigned to a single user. If a single user has both of these Can Act As boxes checked, they will not be able to perform any steps in the workflow process. One of the boxes must be unchecked if the new workflow is to be instituted.





New Deal Workflows

Enter Schedule UI

When the Enter Schedule User Interface workflow is turned on, it creates a final approve/reject step after a preparer enters, books, and classifies a new deal via the Enter Schedule workspace. The newly entered deal sits in a Pending Approval status until it's reviewed and approved.

Journal entries are created for the deal, but the Ledger Export report is populated with the words "Pending Approval" in all cells for segments 3 & 4 to prevent ERP transfers and to allow a review of the accounting.

To-Dos and Notifications are created throughout the process. There are multiple on-screen messages informing users of status and journal entry transferability.

An approver will then be able to view all required screens in the deal, but not make changes. There are guardrails in deals pending approval that prevent changes by the approver.

With this workflow, deals that have not been approved can have either a status of **Pending Approval** or **Incomplete**, depending on the path the deal has undergone. The paths are approval and rejection and are covered in more detail below.

This feature works best by adding a new separate user to the system to leverage the strict control aspect of the workflow. For clients that wish to use this workflow with existing users that have an assigned Access Level, there will be guardrails in place restricting those users when they are 'acting as the approver' in a deal that was entered by someone else.

Basic Workflow:

- Preparer enters the schedule details via the Enter Schedule workspace, then books and classifies the deal, which sets the status to Pending Approval.
- Approver logs in and approves or rejects the deal.
 - Approving the deal changes the status to Active.
 - Rejecting the deal changes the status to Incomplete and creates a Deal History event noting that further action is required by the preparer.



Note: There is no ability to perform bulk approvals at this time.

Steps to Enter Schedule via UI

The steps for this workflow are the same, regardless of whether you create new users for strict control or modify access of existing users. Here's what both scenarios would look like:

New Users (Strict Control):

A new user will act as the preparer with an Access Level of Enhanced User or Data Entry User* and a required Can Act As role of Accounting Analyst.

A new user will act as the approver with an Access Level of Accounting Reviewer and a required Can Act As role of Accounting Approver.



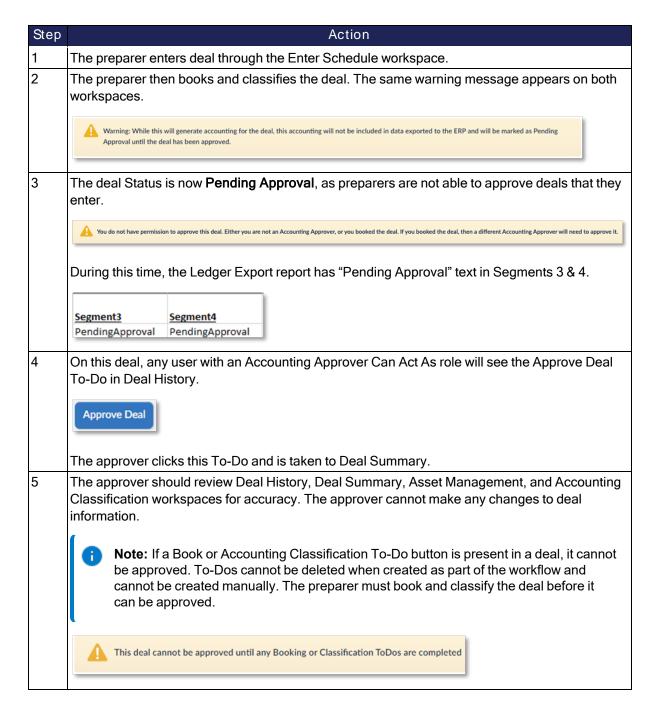




Existing Users (Access Levels):

An existing user with an Access Level of Enhanced User and a required Can Act As role of Accounting Analyst will act as the preparer.

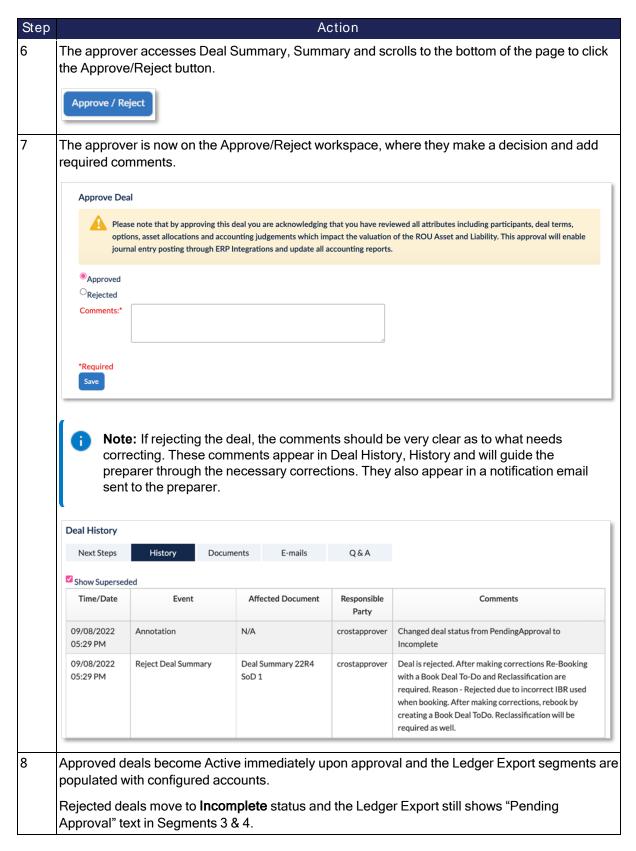
An existing user with an Access Level of Power User and a required Can Act As role of Accounting Approver will act as the approver.













Step Action All Accounting Analysts are notified of the rejection via an email notification, even if they were not the preparer of the deal. When Accounting Analysts login, they see a Correct Deal Details To-Do in Deal History. Correct Deal Details Note: To-Dos cannot be deleted when created as part of the workflow and cannot be created manually. The Correct Deal Details To-Do will only be removed after the deal is rebooked. Clicking on this To-Do takes the user to the History tile, where they are able to see the rejection event, additional instructions, and the reason for rejection mentioned in step 7. 10 The preparer corrects the concerns noted in the rejection event. **Note:** Whenever a deal is in Incomplete status, a message appears on Deal History, Deal Summary, Schedule, and Asset Management workspaces. The Status of this deal is Incomplete. A full review of the Schedule, Deal Summary, and Asset Management workspaces is advised but not required. Journal entry posting through ERP Integrations will not be enabled for all accounting reports until the deal is past the approval stage. 11 The preparer must re-book the deal using the enqueued **Book** To-Do and reclassify using the enqueued Generate Accounting Classification To-Do. Once those To-Dos are acted on and removed from Deal History, the approval path starts over, and the status is back to Pending Approval.

Possible Use Cases for Existing Users

- Existing User 1 with Access Level of Enhanced User and required Can Act As role of Accounting Analyst
- Existing User 2 with Access Level of Power User and required Can Act As role of Accounting Approver
- Existing User 3 with Access Level of Power User and required Can Act As role of Accounting Approver
- 1. User 1 enters the deal and does not book it or cannot book it, because of user permissions.
- 2. User 2 cannot approve the deal because there is still a Book To-Do present on Deal History.
- 3. User 2 can book the deal.





^{*}By design, the Data Entry User Access Level does not allow changes to be made to Asset Management.



- 4. User 2 cannot approve the deal because they booked it.
- 5. User 1 cannot approve the deal because they do not have approval privileges.
- 6. User 3 would have to approve the deal.

There are likely other use cases that cannot be described in this user guide, since many clients have custom access levels not based on the standard LeaseAccelerator offerings. Please work with your CSM or Support while getting acquainted with this new feature if you run into scenarios that are not explained above.

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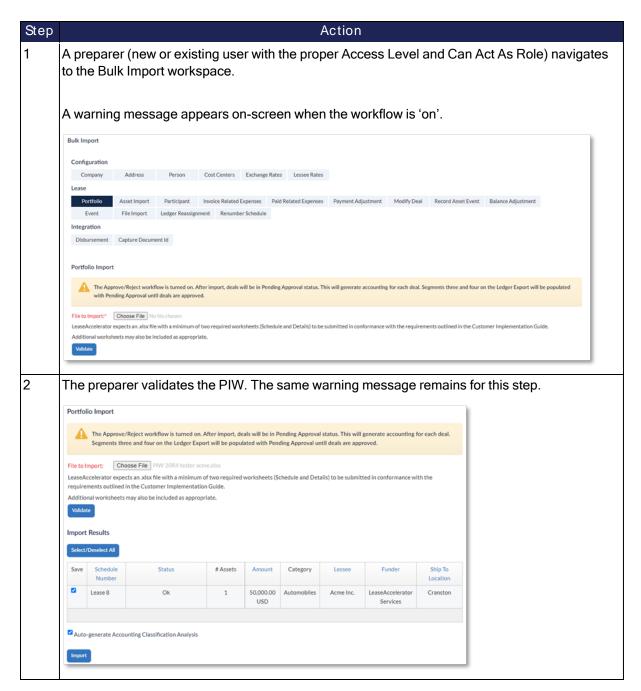
- Deals in Incomplete or Pending Approval status are excluded from the MEC processes in LeaseAccelerator. The books for these leases will not be 'closed' if they have not been approved prior to close.
- Deals in Incomplete or Pending Approval status are excluded from nightly maintenance procedures, so they will not go into evergreen if they have backdated commencement dates.
 - If the "Auto-Record Default EOT Event" button is present, it will not record the event if clicked. This will be hidden in future iterations of the feature for deals in **Incomplete** or **Pending Approval** status.
- If a deal is rejected and correction is required for Unit Price, Product Category, Product Number, Manufacturer, or Description, then it must be deleted and reentered since these are not editable once a deal is booked. In order to delete the deal, the user must have privileges to do so.
- If you are using LeaseAccelerator's RFP and LvB features and you progress to 'Create Schedule' from within either the RFP or LvB, the new workflow will not be enabled in this version of the new feature.
- When the workflow is 'on', users that are neither an "Accounting Analyst" nor an "Accounting Approver" will only be able to enter, book, and classify (as allowed by permissions) and will not be able to approve a lease. This applies to Power Users, as well.
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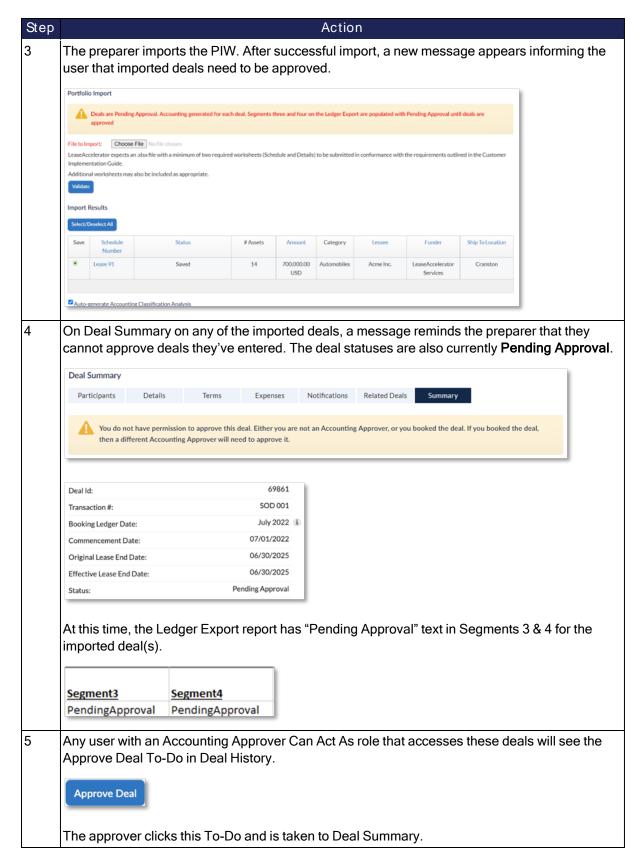
Enter Schedule Bulk Import Steps for PIW Import







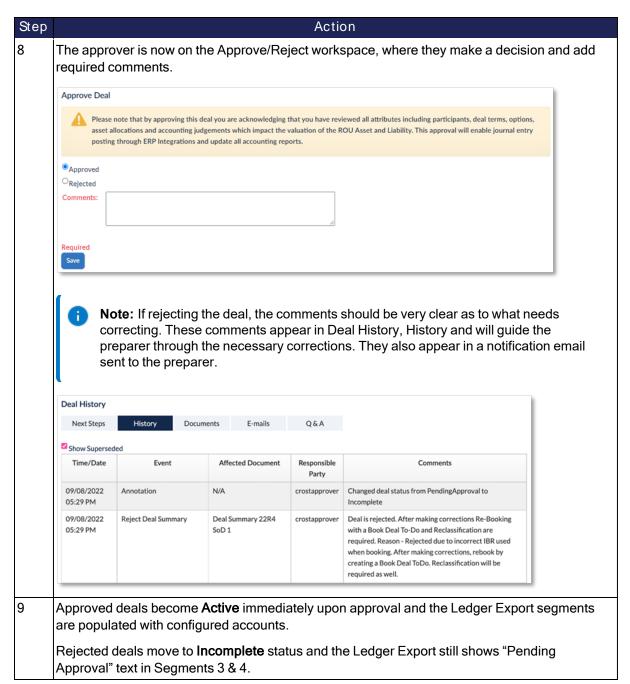






The approver should review Deal History, Deal Summary, Asset Management, and Accounting Classification workspaces for accuracy. The approver cannot make any changes to deal information. | Note: If a Book or Accounting Classification To-Do button is present in a deal, it cannot be approved. To-Dos cannot be deleted when created as part of the workflow and cannot be created manually. The preparer must book and classify the deal before it can be approved. | This deal cannot be approved until any Booking or Classification ToDos are completed | The approver accesses Deal Summary, Summary and scrolls to the bottom of the page to click the Approve/Reject button. | Approve / Reject | Reject









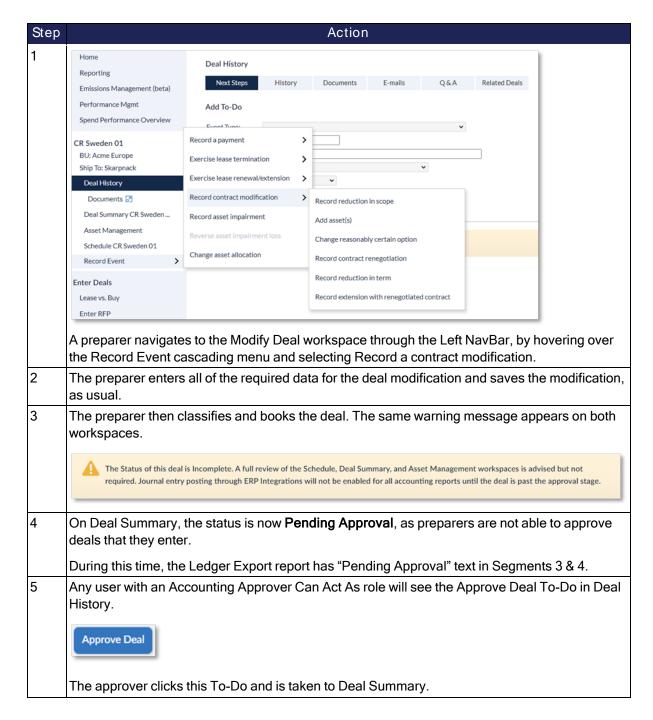
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Modify Deal UI

Steps to Modify Deal in the UI









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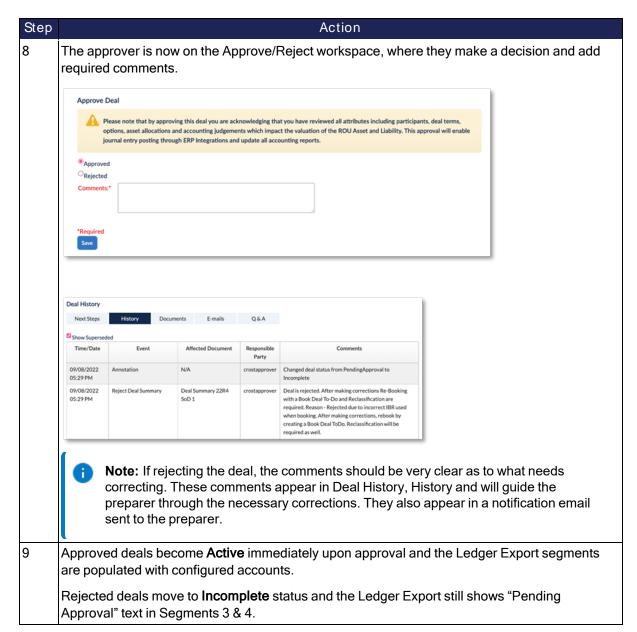
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Approve / Reject







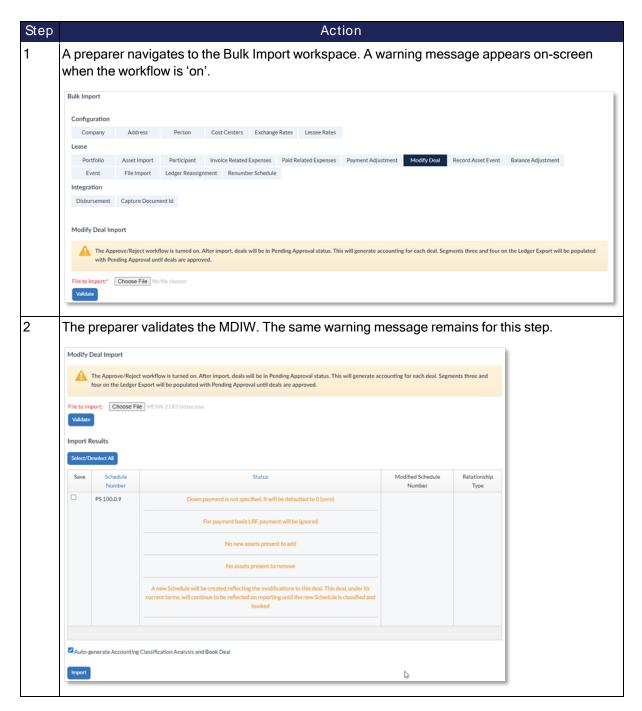


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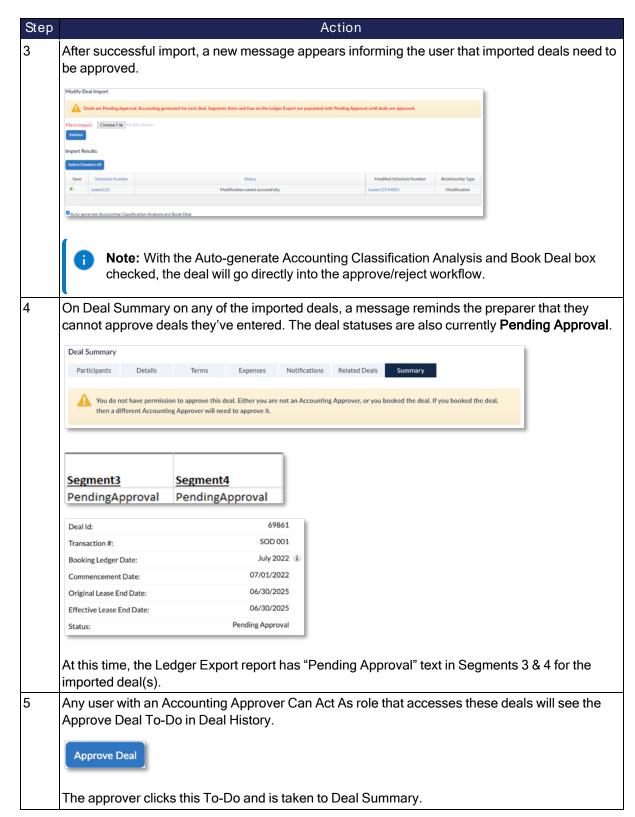


Modify Deal Bulk Import Steps to Modify Deal Using an Import (MDIW)











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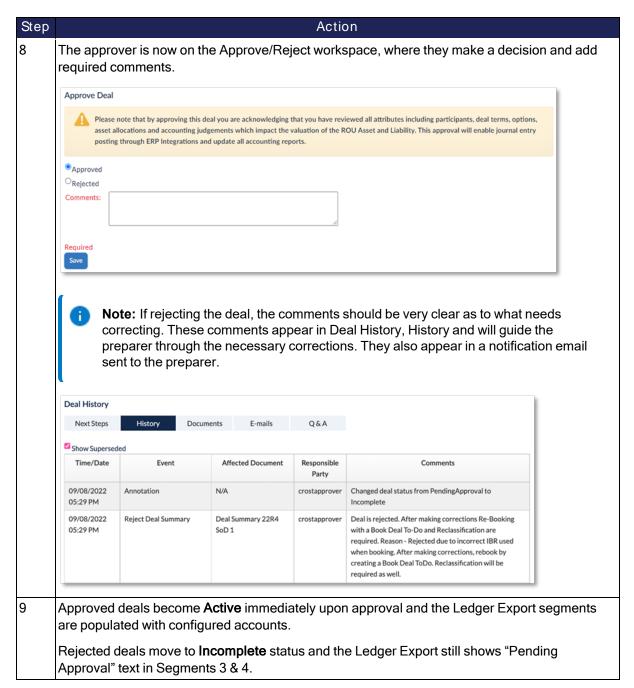
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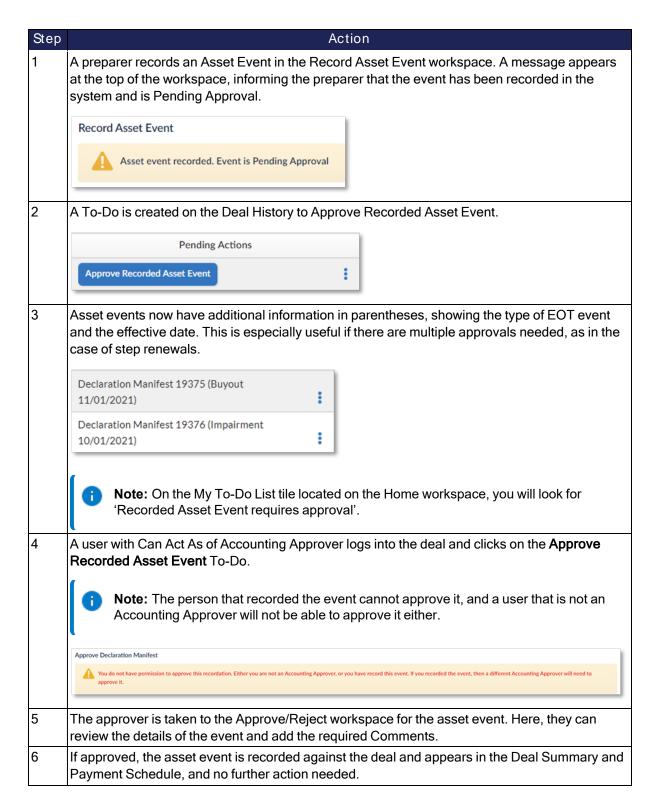
- If a deal is rejected and correction is required for Unit Price, Product Category, Product Number, Manufacturer, or Description, then it must be deleted and re-entered since these are not editable once a deal is booked. In order to delete the deal, the user must have privileges to do so. If the deal in question is a modified deal (M00#), then you must follow the approved Modification Rollback workflow to be able to re-enter the modification.
- When the MDIW import workflow is turned 'on', any modifications coming in via API will also go through the steps for approve/reject.





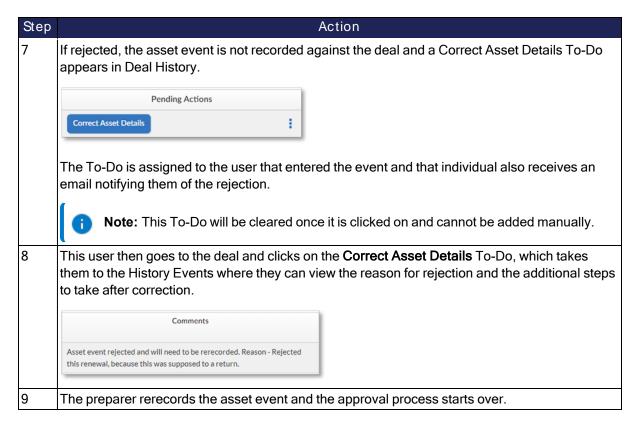


Record Asset Event Workflows Record Asset Event UI





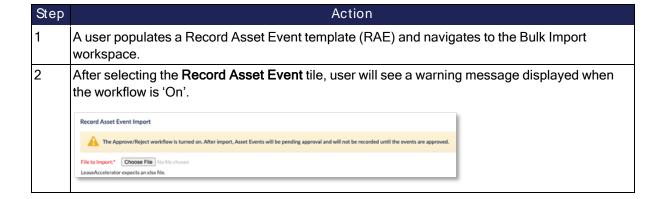




Additional Information

- When recording multiple asset events, the system will create a separate Approve Asset Event To-Do for each event, and each event will need to be approved separately.
- Events in need of approval will show the Asset Event type and the effective date of the event in Deal History, Next Steps.
- There is no bulk approval at this time.

Record Asset Event Bulk Import (RAE)



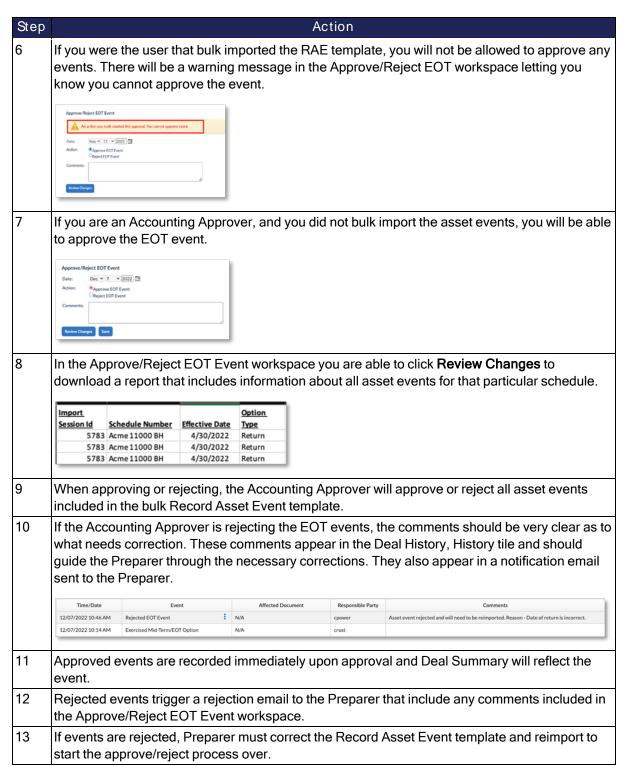












Additional Information

When recording multiple asset events, the system will create one ToDo to approve or reject the events. Approver will either approve all events or reject all events in one step.





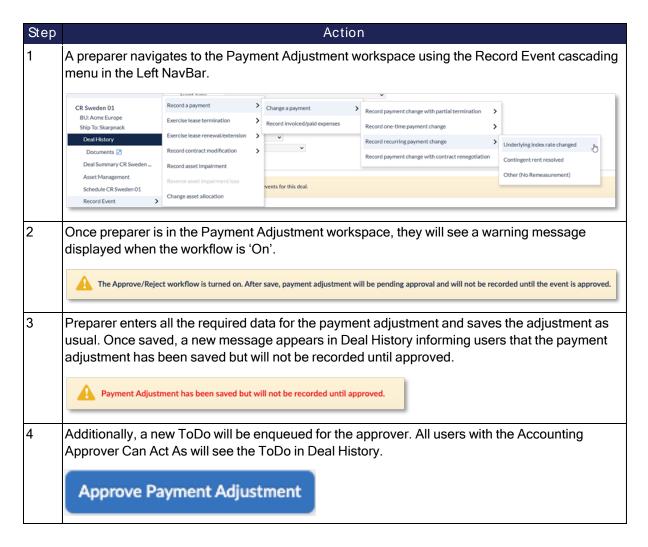


Any EOT events originating in our Real Estate Manager will need to be approved if the workflow is turned 'On'.

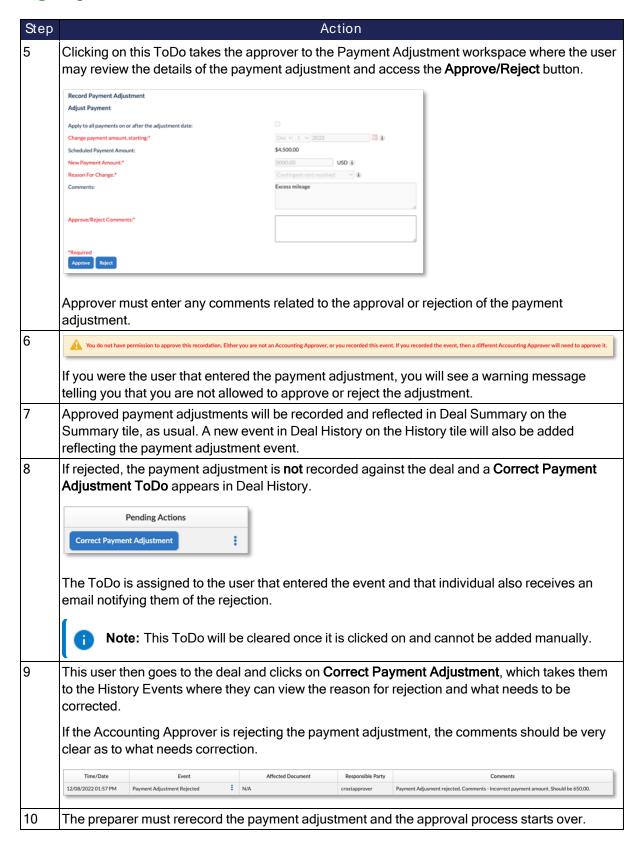




Payment Adjustment Workflows Payment Adjustments UI





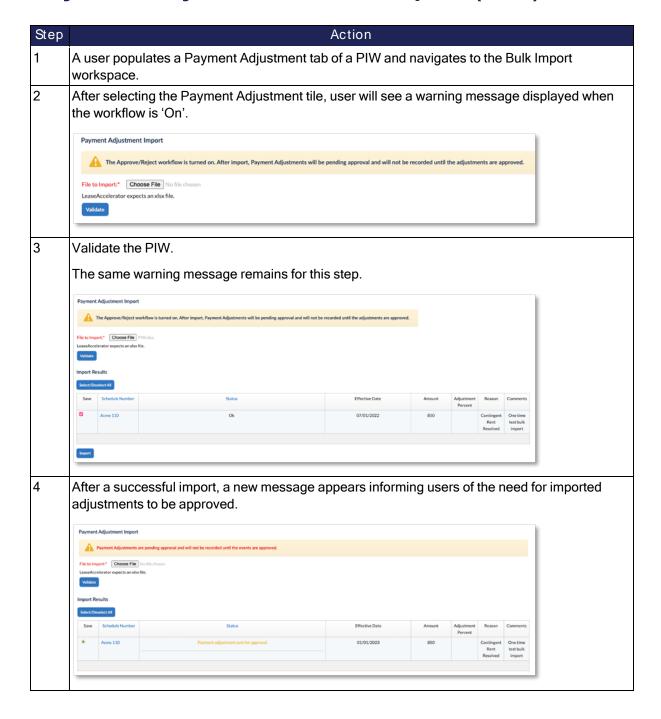




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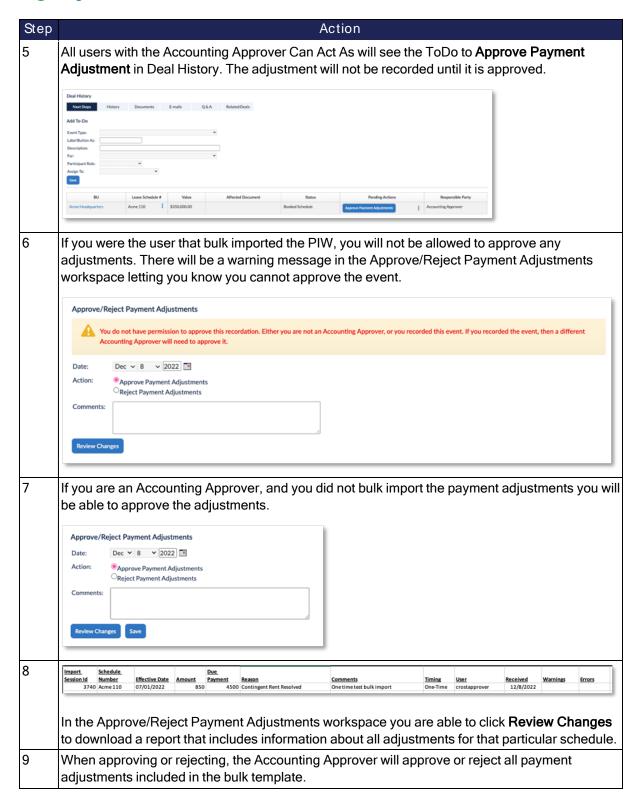
Users may not record additional payment adjustments when there are payment adjustments pending approval. A message will appear in the Payment Adjustment workspace stating there is a pending payment adjustment that must be approved before another may be recorded.

Payment Adjustments Bulk Import (PIW)











Step	Action						
10	If the Accounting Approver is rejecting the payment adjustments, the comments should be very clear as to what needs correction. These comments appear in the Deal History, History tile and should guide the Preparer through the necessary corrections. They also appear in a notification email sent to the Preparer.						
	Time/Date	Event	Affected Document	Responsible Party	Comments		
	12/08/2022 03:47 PM	Rejected Payment Adjustments	N/A	cpower	Payment Adjustment rejected and will need to be reimported. Reason - Incorrect payment amount, should be 1250.00		
11	Approved adjustments are recorded immediately upon approval and Deal Summary will reflect the event.						
12	Rejected adjustments trigger a rejection email to the Preparer that include any comments included in the Approve/Reject Payment Adjustment workspace.						
13	If adjustments are rejected, Preparer must correct the Payment Adjustment tab of the PIW and reimport to start the approve/reject process over.						

Additional Information

 Users may not import additional payment adjustments for any deal when there are pending adjustments awaiting approval. A validation error message will result and import will be prevented.







Version Summary

Version	Changes/ Updates	Date
22R4	Created guide.	09/08/2022
23R1	Updated guide to include Record Asset Event Bulk Import (RAE), Payment Adjustments (UI), and Payment Adjustments Bulk Import (PIW).	12/19/2022
23R3	Updated verbiage to change customer to client. Also added Payment Adjustment Workflows section.	09/06/2023
24R2.2	Changed screen shots on pages 10, 13, 15, 22, and changed onscreen to onscreen on pages 6, 10, 15.	06/25/2024



