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Overview

Introduction

The *Commonwealth Accounting Policies and Procedures (CAPP) Manual* is written and published by the Department of Accounts (DOA) to provide authoritative guidance on the application of accounting policies, procedures and systems pursuant to Section 2.1-196.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The CAPP Manual provides a standardized approach to fiscal and accounting matters within the authority of the State Comptroller. The manual is organized by Volume, Function, Section, and Topic. Each page of the manual reflects the format presented at the top of this page.

Web Access

The CAPP Manual is shown in pdf format at the Department of Accounts website as follows:

http://www.doa.virginia.gov/Admin_Services/CAPP/CAPP_Main.cfm

The screenshot shows the DOA website homepage. The header includes the DOA logo and the tagline "Financial Accountability. Reporting Excellence." Below the header is a navigation bar with "Contact Us", "Search DOA", "Entire Site", and "CAPP Only" options. The main content area is titled "Department of Accounts Home Page" and contains several sections: "Our Mission" (providing a uniform system of accounting), "An Introduction to DOA" (describing the department's history), and "Our Responsibilities" (stating the department's role in providing a unified financial system). A sidebar on the right titled "Links..." contains a list of links, including "New Information!", "Stimulus Account and Reporting Information", "Systems Security Access Forms", "Accounts Receivable", "ARMICS", "CAPP Manual", "Cardinal Project", and "Charge Card Administration". A red arrow points to the "CAPP Manual" link.

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Organization of the Manual

Volume Volumes are assigned to three core groups as follows:

- Volume 1: Policies and Procedures**
Volume 2: Classification and Coding Structure
Volume 3: Automated System Applications

Function Within each Volume, specific Functional areas are numbered in increments of ten thousand as follows:

Volume	Function No.	Function Title
1	10000	Overview
1	20000	General Accounting
1	30000	Fixed Asset and Lease Accounting
1	40000	Leave Accounting
1	50000	Payroll Accounting
1	60000	Classification and Coding Structure
1	70000	Automated System Applications

Section Each Section carries a number incremented by one hundred and its title represents a facet of an accounting cycle. For example, within Function 20000, *General Accounting*, section numbers and titles appear as follows:

Section No.	Section Title
20100	Appropriations
20200	Cash Receipts Accounting
20300	Cash Disbursements Accounting
20400	Inter-Agency and Intra-Agency Transactions
20500	Accounts Receivable
20600	Federal Grant Management
20700	Indirect Cost Recovery
20800	Loans
20900	Reconciliation Procedures
21000	Records Retention / Disposition

Topic Number and Topic Title Topic Numbers and Topic Titles represent the numbers and names associated with a specific section.

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Organization of the Manual

Date

The Date is when the referenced policies and/or procedures *were currently*

- *reviewed,*
- *revised, and*
- *approved.*

This date reflects a combination of what remained unchanged and what was revised. The changes may include

- *a deletion of material no longer valid,*
- *a clarification to the text,*
- *a correction to text and/or*
- *an addition to the topic.*

Organization of a Topic Within each topic, the use of standard headings appears as follows:

OVERVIEW	A brief introduction to the section's topic, explaining the need and purpose of the section's policies and procedures within the context of the State's financial management structure.
POLICY	Concise statement of State policy governing the section's topic.
PROCEDURES	A detailed explanation of the steps and processes involved with the topic. Screen prints, forms, and reports are included where appropriate in each topic. Systems related procedures are limited because they are deferred to Functions 60000 and 70000.
INTERNAL CONTROL	Concise statements specifying internal control requirements relating to the functional area.
RECORDS RETENTION	Requirements and schedule for the disposition of the paper record (if applicable) associated with the functional area
DOA CONTACT	The DOA organizational section and phone number to contact for additional information.
SUBJECT CROSS REFERENCE	Key CAPP topics to review for related procedural guidance, particularly cross referencing between the Classification Codes and Structure and the Automated System Applications topics.

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Revision and Maintenance of the Manual

The CAPP Manual is designed to facilitate inclusion of both new procedures and revised procedures. A master control copy of the manual is maintained by Electronic Publishing Unit that is responsible for coordinating updates to the manual and for distributing new or revised policies and procedures to State agencies.

Agencies are encouraged to recommend revisions to any part of the manual. A *Documentation Change Request* form is located at the end of this topic for recording and submitting suggested changes to the DOA Electronic Publishing Manager. Photocopy this form, complete the entries, and submit recommendations to:

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Revision Control

The CAPP Manual is located in its entirety online in .pdf at http://www.doa.virginia.gov/Admin_Services/CAPP/CAPP_Main.cfm.

Revised CAPP Manual material is converted from text to .pdf and uploaded to the CAPP Manual website in consecutively-numbered, Update Bulletins which are posted at the website. The respective, revised topic is overwritten at the CAPP Manual's website location so that the current version is available online.

Upon receipt of each Update Bulletin, a revised CAPP Manual *Status Summary* provides a current recap of all topics and their respective release dates.

Revision Indication

When text revisions (updates) are published, text has a vertical line in the left margin and/or italics to identify specific items of change. *However, if a topic has had a major rewrite, no revision indicators appear.*

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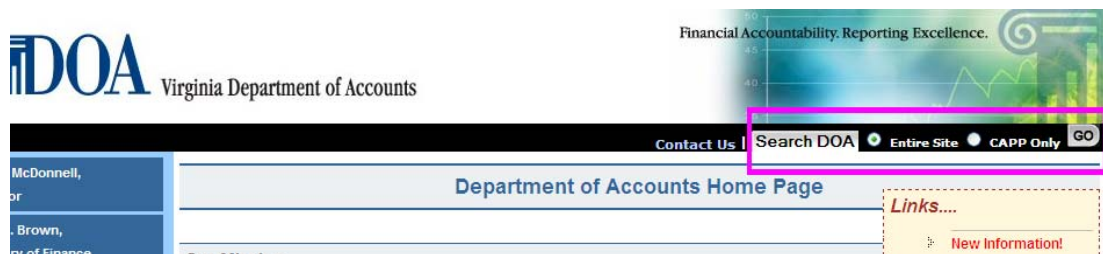
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Notification of Revised Topics | *When a CAPP Manual update consisting of one or more revised topics is moved to the CAPP Manual’s production, online website, Statewide Fiscal Officers are notified by e-mail. DOA’s Electronic Publishing Manager releases the e-mail. In turn, Fiscal Officers need to forward this communiqué to the agency’s CAPP Manual users.*

CAPP Manual Website | *Visit our website at www.doa.virginia.gov for online CAPP Manual. At DOA’s main page’s alphabetical index, click on CAPP MANUAL to access it.*

CAPP Manual Online Search | *You can search for CAPP Manual information easily and readily from each of the DOA website’s page banners. You have a choice of searching the entire DOA site or restrict your search to only the CAPP Manual by changing the radio button.*



By keying in the **Search DOA** field, you can put in your specific CAPP Manual data needs, e.g., a CAPP Manual Topic No., references to specific words such as “expenditures,” or “cost codes,” and so forth.

When you press <GO> the site searches just the CAPP Manual and the screen returns with referenced hits.

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