

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

PROPERTY DEFINITIONS

1. Capital assets

- An asset that has a value equal to or greater than the capitalization threshold for that asset type. Capitalized assets may or may not be capitalized for financial reporting depending upon their value. Capitalized assets are reported in an agency's annual financial report. UH capitalizes single assets valued at \$5,000 or greater. If you are purchasing any of the below assets and have questions about PeopleSoft account to use, please contact Property Management prior to completing the financial transaction.

Capital Asset Class	Threshold
Land/land improvements	Capitalize All
Buildings/building improvements	\$100,000
Facilities and other improvements	\$100,000
Infrastructure	\$500,000
Personal property	\$5,000
Library books/materials (collections)	Capitalize All
Works of art/historical treasures	Capitalize All
Leasehold improvements	\$100,000
Land use rights	Various
Computer software	Various
Other intangible capital assets	\$100,000

2. Controlled assets

- An asset that has a value less than the capitalization threshold established for that asset type. Controlled asset is a capital asset with a single unit value at least \$500 but less than \$5000. However, due to its high-risk nature, it is required to be reported to the state. Controlled assets are not listed in an agency's financial report. Items listed as controlled are indicated in the table below.

Controlled Asset Class	Threshold
Hand guns	At any cost
Rifles and Shotguns	At any cost
Sound Systems and Other Audio Equipment	\$500 - \$4,999.99
Portable Cameras	\$500 - \$4,999.99
TVs, Video Players/Recorders	\$500 - \$4,999.99
Computer, Desktop	\$500 - \$4,999.99
Data Projectors	\$500 - \$4,999.99
Smartphones, Tablets	\$500 - \$4,999.99
Handheld Devices	\$500 - \$4,999.99
Laptop Computers	\$500 - \$4,999.99

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➤ Commonly Used Expense Accounts for Capital and Controlled Equipment

- If you are looking for a General Ledger Expense account when purchasing capital, controlled, or non-controlled assets, below are the PeopleSoft Account Codes are used to identify capital/controlled equipment:

Account	Description	Minimum	Maximum	Notes
58600	MOTOR VEHICLES	5,000.00	N/A	
58601	FURNISHINGS/EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	N/A	
58602	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	N/A	
58603	TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	N/A	
58604	APPLICATION SOFTWARE	100,000.00	N/A	Purchased only
58605	FABRICATED EQUIP	5,000.00	N/A	Total final cost
58610	OPERATING SYSTEMS	100,000.00	N/A	Purchased only
58611	DATABASE SOFTWARE	100,000.00	N/A	Purchased only
58615	AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION	5,000.00	N/A	
54354	EQUIPMENT-STATE CONTROLLED ASS	500	4,999.99	Controlled List
54355	COMPUTER EQUIP-STATE CONTROL A	500	4,999.99	Controlled List

- If the item does not meet these criteria, it is classified as expendable, with the following exceptions:
 - Component parts used to fabricate a larger fixed asset assembly must be added to the dollar value of the fixed asset, which will increase the capital amount of the fixed asset.
 - Freight, transportation costs, site preparation costs, professional fees and/or installation fees associated with the purchase of a fixed asset or components must be added to the dollar value of the fixed asset using GL account 58601.
 - Handguns and rifles are controlled items and must be coded as capital expenditures.
 - Medical equipment, Stereo systems, cameras, fax machines, and VCRs with a value over \$500 must be coded as capital expenditures.
 - Purchases of printers, typewriters, and word processors with a cost of \$4,999.99 or less will be expensed using GL account 54358.

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- Purchases of printers, typewriters, and word processors with a cost of \$5,000 or more will be coded as capital expenditures using GL account 58601.

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3. Cannibalization/Salvage of Property

- Capital equipment for which the University retains title may not be disposed of for the purpose of cannibalized (dismantling and using components) without approval from the Property Manager. Requests for cannibalization will be approved upon demonstration that such action will best serve the University's interests.

4. Deface

- To damage or disfigure the appearance of an item, including UH Property tags.

5. Expendable Supplies

- Items that are not classified as fixed assets and have a useful life of less than one year.

6. Fabrication

- These are fixed asset items which are constructed or assembled from raw materials and/or component parts by the department. The total fabrication carries one unique identification number in the Property Management inventory system, where the value of the equipment built will meet or exceed the capitalization threshold of \$5,000.

7. Federal Property

- Federal purchased equipment is any equipment purchased with federal funds. Equipment can be federally titled or conditionally titled with the University.
 - Federally Titled equipment (government property) is any equipment furnished to the university by the federal government, or equipment acquired or fabricated using funds from a federal sponsored project or contract where the agreement specifies that the title to the equipment remains with the government. To this property remains with the government unless it is expressly vested with the University or until the government cedes title to the institution. If the government does not cede title to the university, this equipment is returned to the federal government agency at their request.
 - Conditionally Titled equipment are items that were purchased on federally sponsored projects where the title conditionally vests with the University. In general, sponsored projects identify the title to equipment on the terms of the agreement while sponsored contracts retain federal ownership for all equipment with a cost of over \$5,000.

8. Non-Capital Equipment

- Non-consumable items which do not meet the dollar value specifications of fixed assets but do have a useful life of one year or more are classified as non-capital property.

9. Surplus Property

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- Surplus property is any personal property which is in excess of the needs of any University department for the foreseeable future. Surplus property may be new or used but must have additional useful life. Higher education institutions may offer surplus property to the general public via auction unless it is data processing equipment. Surplus property can be cannibalized or sent to Property Management for disposal.

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10.University Property

- Any property owned or controlled by the University including land and buildings, capital and controlled assets, expendable supplies and property equipment, non-capital equipment and federal property under the University's control is considered the property of the University.

11.Salvage Property

- Property which through use, time or accident becomes depleted, worn out, damaged or obsolete and can no longer serve the purpose for which it was originally intended. Salvage property can be cannibalized or sent to Property Management for disposal.

12.Personal Property

- Personal property is property that is neither real property ant its improvement nor consumables. Furniture and equipment, vehicles boats and aircrafts, library books and materials, works of art, fixed or movable tangible assets, and software rendered into service for operations and benefits extend beyond one year from date of acquisition. The capitalization threshold for personal property is \$5,000.00.