

# PeopleSoft Training Document Financials 9.2 Approve a Purchase Order

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Process Area	Approver with DFA
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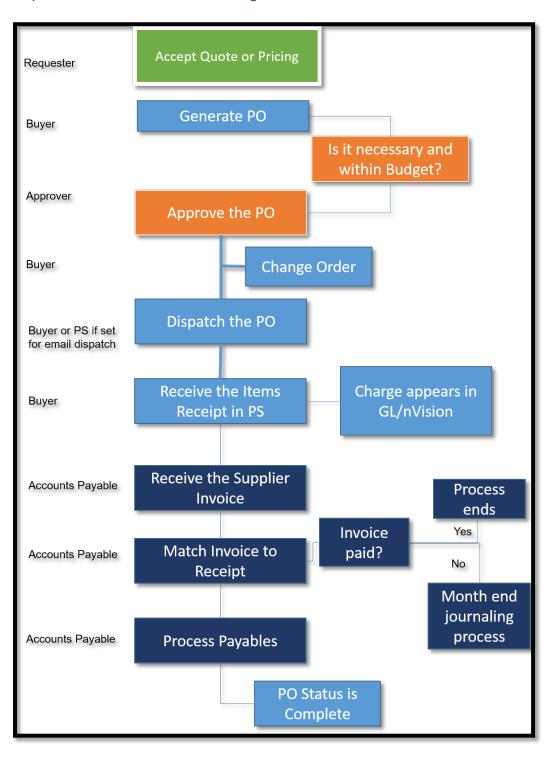
## **PO Life Cycle**



Once a Purchase Order has been created, it is saved. PeopleSoft then sends an email with a link to the PO to the person with Delegated Financial Authority (DFA) for approval.

Purchase Orders need to be approved before they are sent to the supplier.

#### Sequence of Events in the Purchasing Process



# **Approve a Purchase Order**

#### Introduction

Before a Purchase Order is sent to a supplier, it must be approved in PeopleSoft by a PO approver with the appropriate Delegated Financial Authority (DFA).

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Workflows for PO approval are configured by IMS after approval from the Procurement Team. There are two types of workflows:

The default is for the PO to take the routing configured for the cost centre the PO is being charged to. However, if a PO is for more than one cost centre, or for the cost code 10ZX (usually only associated with CAPEX purchases), then the Purchase Order will take the secondary approval routing which depends on the buyer who raised the PO. This is buyer routing.

If you feel that the routing for an order is incorrect, or you need to organise a temporary change to the routing to cover for annual leave, please log a request via the IMS Self Service link on the NEST, or ring the IMS Helpdesk, or send an email to the Unitec procurement team.

## **Objective**

Understand the different approval statuses that are available for a Purchase Order. Options are:

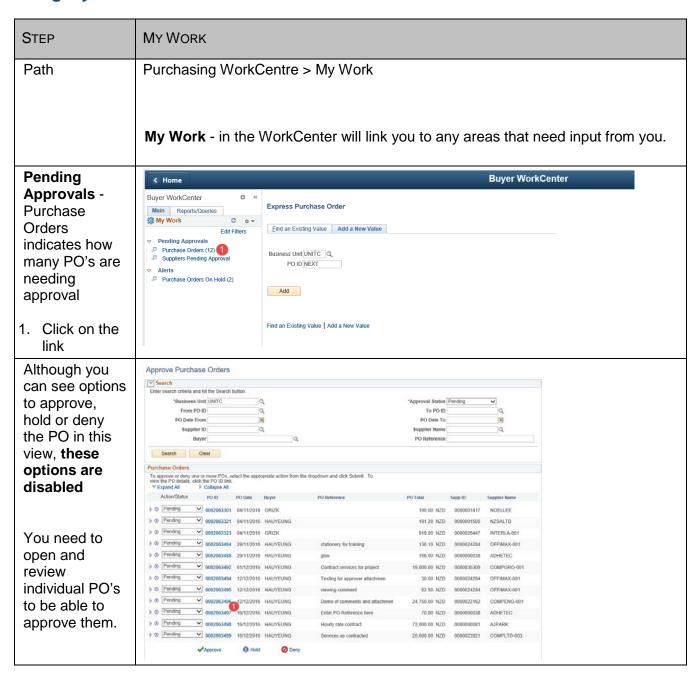
- Approve
- Deny
- On Hold

Approvers will receive one reminder email if they have not actioned the approval after 60 hours. If the PO is still not approved, it will remain unapproved in the system. No further emails will be sent.

# **Accessing PO's for Approving**

You can access Purchase Orders awaiting your approval from **My Work** in the Buyer Workcenter. This should be your preferred method of checking for and approving PO's

### **Using My Work**

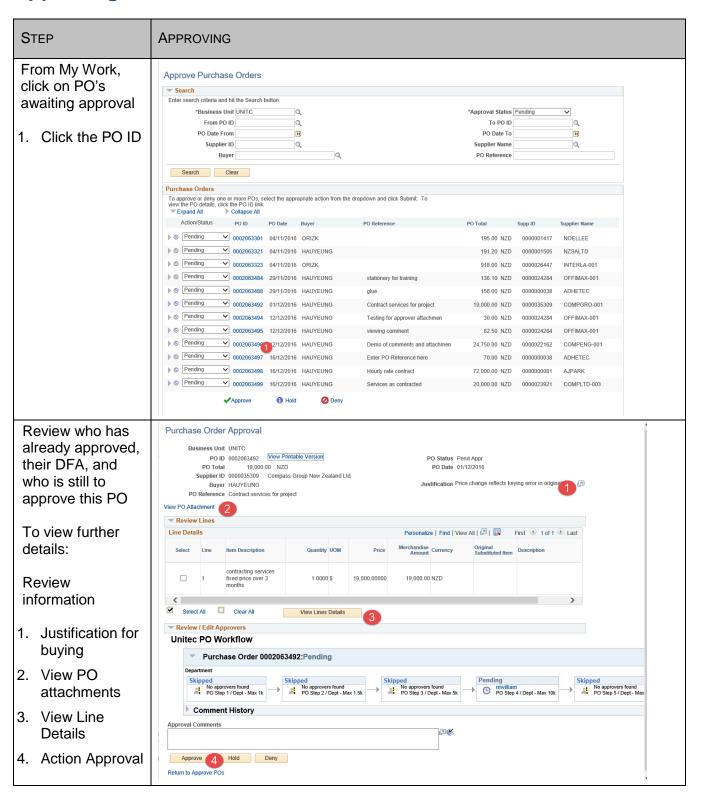




Disabling Mass Approval functionality is a business decision to ensure the review of each individual PO before approving.

This also allows the approver to view PO Justification and any attachments to the Purchase Order.

# **Approving the Purchase Order**

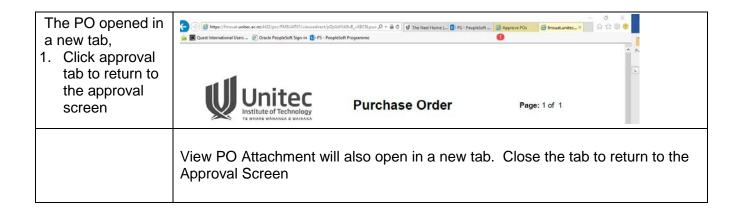


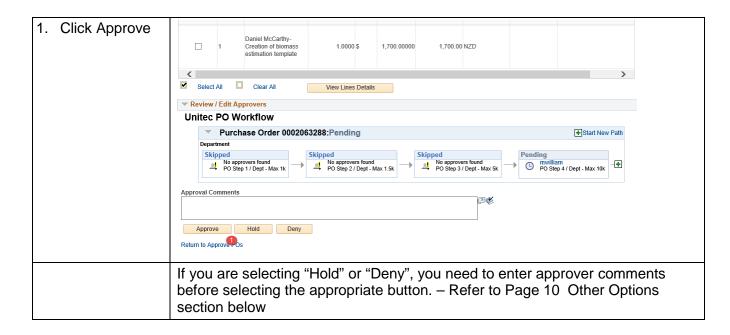
STEP	Approving
View Line Details  When you click on the Button View Line Details (3)	Unitec Institute of Technology   Carrington Rd   Purchase Order   O002062508   O5-OCT-2016   Revision
above  Review the  Purchase Order	Ngatoto Road Carrington Rd, Mt Albert Accounts Payable Tinopai Auckland 1025 Private Bag 92025 Northland 0593 New Zealand New Zealand New Zealand New Zealand
opens in a new tab	Line-   Item/Description   Quantity   UOM   Unit Price   Amount   Due Date
	Status



#### **Points to Review**

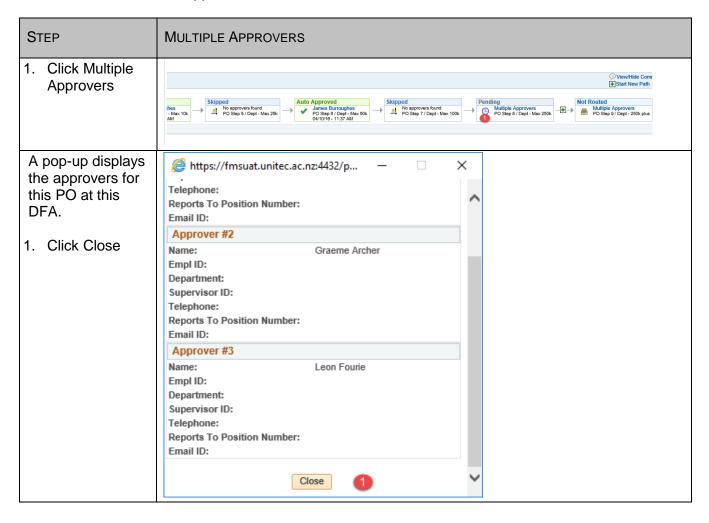
- 1. Is there budget for this and have the relevant processes been followed?
- 2. Is the supplier and description correct and adequate?
- 3. Are Quantity and UOM correct?
- 4. Is the total/price correct?
- 5. Check GL account and department, also project info if appliccable.





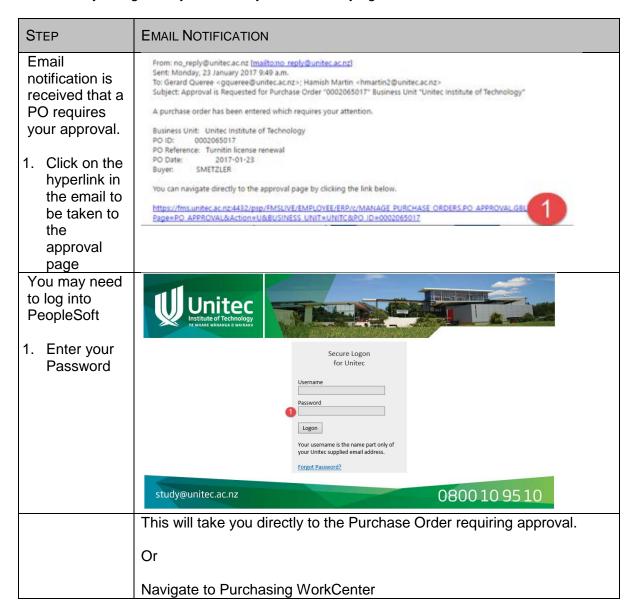
#### Viewing Multiple Approvers

If a Purchase Order is for a high value, there may be multiple approvers required. You can view these within the PO Approval area



## **Accessing Orders via the Email Notification**

You will also receive an email into your mailbox for each PO that you need to approve. However, by using the My Work list, you are not relying on emails.



# **Other Options**

As an approver, you may want more information before approving the Purchase Order, or you may not want to approve the purchase order.

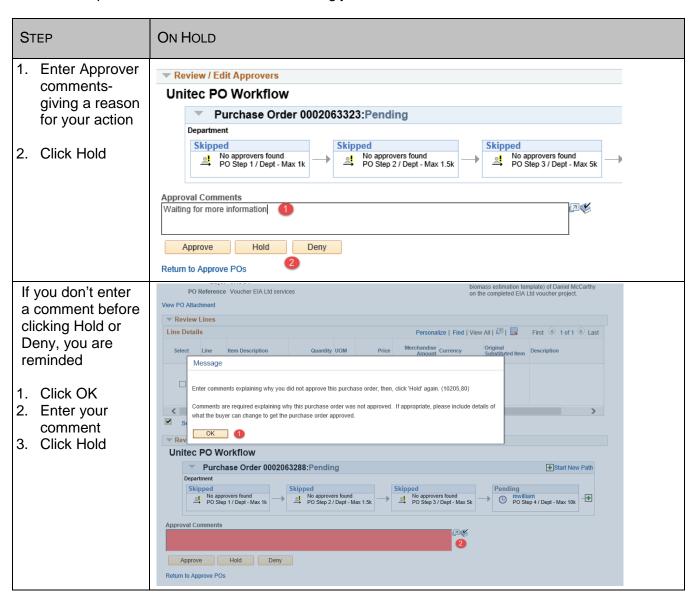
You can go back and approve a PO you placed on "Hold".

You will not be able to approve a PO you have chosen to "Deny".

#### **Purchase Order on Hold**

If a PO requiring approval is put on hold the approver must enter a reason why

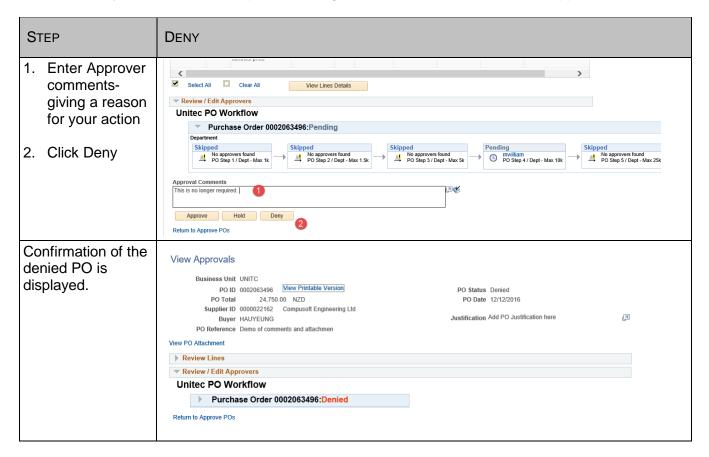
- The buyer receives an e-mail saying the purchase order has been placed on-hold
- The buyer must look at the PO Approval screen to see the reasons why the PO has been placed on-hold, and action accordingly.



#### **PO Denied**

When a PO is denied the approver must enter reasons for denial

- The buyer receives an e-mail saying the purchase order has been denied
- The buyer must look at the PO Approval screen to see the reasons for the denial.
- The buyer can make the requested changes to the PO and re-launch it for approval.

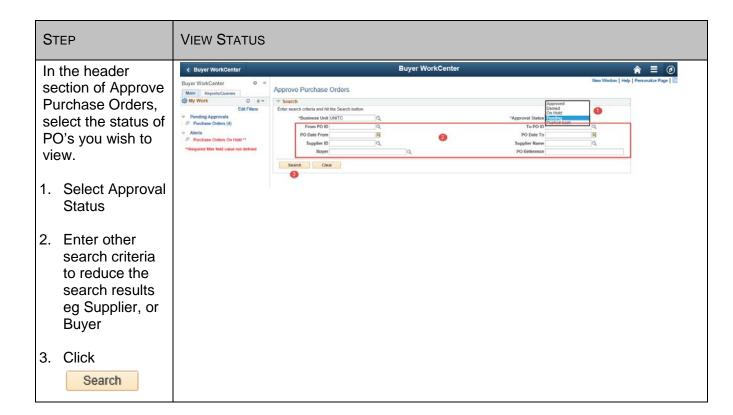




If a PO has been Denied, the buyer will be able to make the requested changes and re-launch the PO for approval.

# **Viewing Purchase Orders with Status other than Pending**

As an approver there will be times when you want to view PO's with a status other than Pending.





Entering limiting search criteria is particularly important when searching for "approved" orders, as this search can return a very larger number of records which will take a long time to process and tie up system resources.

## **Approving an On Hold Purchase Order**

