Electronic Personnel Action Form

Creating EPAFs

The purpose of this document is to help you become familiar with the use of the Self Service Banner (SSB) feature called Electronic Personnel Action Forms (EPAFs). This document assumes you have a basic knowledge of accessing and navigating SSB.
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Before you begin, take a few moments to become familiar with the terms used throughout this process.

You will need to know

- Employee classification codes
- The organization (FOAPAL) code for your department
- The position code, or where to get it
- How to search for people

**Term Abbreviations**

BE . . . . Benefits Eligible
COA . . . . Chart of Accounts
Cont . . . Continuing
Contrt . . Contract
FT . . . . . Full Time
LTD . . . . Long Term Disability
NB . . . . . No Benefits
PT . . . . Part Time
Rec . . . . Receive
Reg . . . . Regular
Rtmt . . . Retirement
Sck . . . . Sick Pay

**Employee Class**

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<td>Affiliated Service–FT BE</td>
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<td>B1</td>
<td>Bargaining Unit–FT BE</td>
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<td>B2</td>
<td>Bargaining Unit PT No Benefits</td>
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<td>E1</td>
<td>Exempt Staff–FT BE</td>
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<td>Exempt Staff–PT No Benefits</td>
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<td>F1</td>
<td>Faculty Tenure or Ten Track–BE</td>
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<td>F2</td>
<td>Faculty Contract–PT BE No Rtmt</td>
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<td>F3</td>
<td>Faculty Contract–FT BE No Rtmt</td>
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<td>F4</td>
<td>Faculty Semester–PT No Benefit</td>
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<td>F5</td>
<td>Faculty Semester–FT NB Rec Sck</td>
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<td>LR</td>
<td>LTD Retiree Post Emp–BE Varies</td>
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<td>N1</td>
<td>Non Exempt Staff–FT BE</td>
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<td>Professional–FT Cont Contrt BE</td>
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<td>Professional–FT Contract BE</td>
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<td>Professional–PT Contract BE</td>
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<td>S1</td>
<td>Student-Under Grad Hourly</td>
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<td>S2</td>
<td>Student-Under Grad Salary*</td>
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<td>S3</td>
<td>Student-Graduate Asst Salary*</td>
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<td>S4</td>
<td>Student-Graduate Asst Hourly</td>
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<td>All Temporary BiWeekly–NB</td>
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<tr>
<td>TM</td>
<td>All Temporary Monthly–NB</td>
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<tr>
<td>H/S</td>
<td>Hourly/*Paid Bi-Weekly</td>
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**APPROVAL CATEGORIES**

- BW–New Job Assignment Ongoing, BWK100
- BW–Casual Assignment Flat Amount, BWK101
- BW–Add a Stipend as a Secondary Job, BWK102
- BW–Add a Secondary Job Assignment, BWK103
- BW–New Job Assignment with Termination Date, BWK110
- BW–Change Base Pay, BWK201
- BW–Add Additional Earnings to Existing Job, BWK300
- BW–Change in Labor, BWK301
- BW–End Job Assignment, BWK400
- General Title Change, GEN300
- MO–New Job Assignment Ongoing, MTH100
- MO–Limited Contract Assignment, MTH101
- MO–New Job Assignment with Termination Date, MTH110
- MO–Additional Compensation with New Labor, MTH105
- MO–Change Base Pay, MTH201
- MO–Additional Earnings, MTH300
- MO–Change In Labor, MTH301
- MO–End Job Assignment, MTH400
- Student–New Hire, STU100
- Student–New Stipend Hire, STU101
- Student–Reactivate, STU200
- Student–Change Base Pay, STU201
- Student–End Job Assignment, STU400
Electronic Personnel Action Form
Before you start your EPAF

The Electronic Personnel Action Form (EPAF) is used to assign activation dates, employment classifications and wages to new employee records or change existing employee’s records. Some changes would include: title change, new job assignment, adding stipends, changing jobs, and ending job assignments.

Before you begin. . .

The person must exist in the database. If this EPAF is for a new employee, complete the New Person Identity Form and submit it to University Human Resource Services (UHRS).

Once the person’s identity is established in the database, you can complete the EPAF.

When you use an EPAF for a new or existing employee, make sure you have the following details before you begin.

You will need to know

- The person’s ID or name
- If the person is a new hire or an existing employee
- If the payroll category for the person is biweekly, monthly, or student
- The date you want the change to occur
- Know the job position number
- Know which employee class (E-class) to select for the position
- Know who should approve this request in your department
- Know the supervisor’s ID—the person to whom the employee will report in the department

This document assumes that you have basic skills for using Self Service Banner.
Electronic Personnel Action Form
Where to find the EPAF Option

1. **ENTER** your Ball State User ID and password [PIN].

2. **SELECT** the button labeled Employee.

3. **SELECT** the button labeled Employee Personnel Action Forms (EPAF).

This action will take you to EPAF Menu to start a new EPAF.

Changes in this screen’s appearance may occur; however, if your position’s role has rights to access the EPAF Menu option it can always be found within the Employee section.
Electronic Personnel Action Form
Entering the Person ID or Name

Starting a New EPAF

1. From the menu, SELECT New EPAF

2. ENTER the person’s ID. You will need to know the person’s ID number* or name to apply a change [action] to their record. The person ID will always be nine digits.

3. After you enter the person’s ID, SELECT the TAB KEY on your keyboard once. This action will move the cursor to the Person’s Name field causing the browser’s window to refresh and within two seconds the Person’s Name will appear.

*Employees hired before mid-December 2011 will most likely have IDs beginning with three zeros. For example, their IDs would be similar to this format 000456789 and will not change.

Starting January 2012, new employee IDs will begin with ‘9’ followed by two zeros. For example, their IDs would be similar to this format 900456789.
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Entering the Query Date

The Query Date is the date the action or change needs to occur on the employee’s personnel record.

For example: If today's date is Nov. 15, 2011 and the employee's first day of work is Dec. 1, 2011, you would enter 12/01/2011 for the Query Date.

For this tutorial, I will use 12/01/2011 as the date the employee will begin working at Ball State.

By default, the Query Date box is filled with the current day's date.

In most cases, this date will need to be changed to a date in the future for an upcoming change, or a date in the past to retroactively correct or update a change to an employee's record.

Enter the correct date, and then proceed with the EPAF process.

The current day's date will always appear in this box. Be sure to change this value to the date you need the change to occur.

ENTER the date using this format MM/DD/YYYY.

To eliminate errors from occurring in later steps, make sure the date entered here is the correct starting date for when the change or action should take effect.

If you don't know the date, STOP NOW. Find out what the correct effective date is before you go any further.

Enter the correct date, and then proceed with the EPAF process.
Electronic Personnel Action Form
Selecting an Approval Category

Next, you will need to select the type of action or change you need to initiate for the selected employee.

**SELECT** the Approval Category menu by clicking on the directional arrow to drop down the menu of options.

The approval categories are divided by payroll type. You will need to know the payroll cycle for the employee’s job.

Select the Approval Category based on two conditions:

1. The payroll to which the job is assigned
   - BW – Bi-Weekly and Hourly
   - MO – Monthly Employee
   - Student – Student Employee

2. Select the description that most appropriately fits the EPAF being created

For example:
 Jon Smith is a new employee. The job is ongoing and will be paid hourly. Because Jon will be paid hourly, you would only choose from the selections beginning with BW, and then among those choices, select the description matching the circumstance.

For this circumstance you would use BW - **New Job Assignment Ongoing, BWK100**
Electronic Personnel Action Form
Entering Job Information

After GO is selected, the next screen displays new boxes for job information. The appearance of the Job Information screen will change depending upon the person’s status as either being a new employee or an existing employee.

6 With the ID, Name, Query Date and Approval Category complete, SELECT GO.

7a If you are creating an EPAF for a new employee, the next screen will be similar in appearance to this example.

7b If you are making a change to an EPAF for an existing employee, the next screen will be similar to this example.
**Electronic Personnel Action Form**

**Position Number and Suffix for a New Employee**

For this exercise, we are assigning a primary job to a new employee paid biweekly.

1. **Enter** the position number, and then **PRESS the TAB KEY** to move to the next field.

   ![Watch the video clip to learn how to search for positions](image)

2. **This is an example** shows how the screen will appear when you are changing the job position of an existing employee.

   ![Jot this organization number down on paper, or SELECT and COPY* it. You will need to enter this number on the next screen.](image)

3. **Tabbing over to the next field labeled SUFFIX will automatically cause the browser’s window to refresh and within a second the job title and time sheet organization fields will be filled with needed information.**

4. **For most employee situations, you will ENTER ‘00’ for the Suffix.**

5. **With the Position number, Suffix, Job Title, and Time Sheet Organization boxes complete, SELECT GO**

6. **The keyboard shortcut to copy and paste text:**
   - To copy, select the text, then press Command + C (Mac) or Ctrl + C (WIN).
   - To paste, place the cursor where you would like to add the copied information, then press Command + V (Mac) or Ctrl + V (WIN).
Electronic Personnel Action Form
Query Date and its use

The Query Date you initially entered in Step 4 (above) is automatically transferred to several boxes on this screen.

To eliminate errors from occurring, make sure to use the correct start date at the beginning of the EPAF process.

Review Step 4 on page 7.
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Person Information

Before you continue, take a moment to double check the information displayed in this block.

A. Name and ID
Make sure the person’s name is spelled correctly and is entered using proper punctuation*.

B. Query Date
The query date is the date the employee will begin working in the new position.

C. Approval Category
Make sure the person is being assigned to the correct employment category. This affects the methods used to calculate payments and benefits.

If everything is correct, scroll down to the next section labeled Employee Information.
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**Employee Information and Status**

- **Employee Status**: Since this person is now an employee, the selection should be set to ‘ACTIVE’.
  - Additional selections appear in the drop down menu. The chart below describes which selections to use and why.

**Select**

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<tr>
<th>Not Selected</th>
<th>Default Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Remove</td>
<td>Will remove a future dated record. Consult with UHRS before using this selection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Active</td>
<td>When the person is actively employed by Ball State University.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leave without Pay, with Benefits</td>
<td>FOR UHRS ONLY, DO NOT USE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leave without Pay, without Benefits</td>
<td>FOR UHRS ONLY, DO NOT USE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leave with Pay, with Benefits</td>
<td>FOR UHRS ONLY, DO NOT USE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leave with Partial Pay, with Benefits</td>
<td>FOR UHRS ONLY, DO NOT USE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Terminated</td>
<td>When the employee is no longer employed by Ball State University.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

This column displays historical employee information and has no bearing on the new values you will add about this person and his/her current employment situation.
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Employee Class, COA, Home Department and Distribution Organization

- **Employee Type/Class**
  - Enter the employment classification for the position. Reference the chart on page 3 and select the appropriate E-class for the circumstance.

- **Chart of Account (COA)**
  - The Home Department COA and the Distribution COA will always be set to ‘1.’ This value should NOT be changed.

- **Home Department**
  - This box requires the Banner FOAPAL organization code for the home department that funds the position.*

- **Distribution Orgn (Organization)**
  - This box requires the Banner FOAPAL organization code for where the position is located.*

  *In most cases the same code will be used for the Home Department and the Distribution Orgn.

**REMINDER:** While you are on Step 7 of the EPAF process, copy the code, and then paste it in the ‘Home Department’ and ‘Distribution Orgn’ fields under Employee Information.
Electronic Personnel Action Form
Job Type, Step and Job Begin, PAF, and Personnel Dates

This section is for Job Information. The Job Begin Date, PAF Effective Date and the Personnel Date will be automatically filled with the Query Date that was entered in Step 4.

A. Job Begin Date
The date the employee will begin work in this job.

B. PAF Effective Date
The date this EPAF should take effect.

C. Personnel Date
The date of this personnel action.

In most cases, the entries will be the same date. This date is entered at the beginning of the EPAF process in Step 4.

D. Job Type
The Job Type box is used to indicate if this position is the person’s primary or secondary job. Employees can only be assigned one primary job.

In this tutorial, since Jon Adam Smith is a new employee being assigned a new job, PRIMARY is selected.

E. Step
The Step Value is used for longevity increases for the bargaining unit.
For a new position of this type, ENTER ‘1.’ For all other positions the Step Value will be set to ‘0.’
Electronic Personnel Action Form
Hourly Rate, Job Status, and Job Change Reasons

Continuing with the Job Information section, the next three steps will explain the rate of pay, employee status, and job reason change reasons.

**Hourly Rate**
Enter the hourly rate for positions paid by the hour, OR enter the annual salary amount for positions paid on a salary basis.

**Job Status**
The Job Status and Employee Status options are the same. The Job Status setting should always match the Employee Status setting under Employee Information.

**Job Change Reason**
The Job Change Reason is used to further describe why the change is being made. Refer to the chart on page 17 for a list of the job change reasons and definitions of use.

Once the reason code is determined, you can enter the first letter or the first few letters of the code to jump to that section of the menu.
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### Job Change Reasons and their Definitions of Use

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<td>3YINC</td>
<td>Third Year Increase&lt;br&gt;3rd year pay increase for an academic multi-year contract</td>
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<td>ADERN</td>
<td>Additional Earnings&lt;br&gt;Compensation for extra work (former HR-113 or NOA), commissions, awards, honorarium, negotiated contract class, or Internet class</td>
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<tr>
<td>ADSHF</td>
<td>Add Shift&lt;br&gt;Add a 2nd or 3rd shift premium to hourly rate</td>
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<td>ALLOW</td>
<td>Allowance&lt;br&gt;Allowance for auto, cell phone, uniform</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BGSMA</td>
<td>Begin Semester Assignment&lt;br&gt;Primarily used for jobs in academic areas</td>
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<tr>
<td>BONUS</td>
<td>Bonus</td>
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<td>CGACT</td>
<td>Change Account&lt;br&gt;Change in account number to be charged</td>
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<td>CGADD</td>
<td>Change Address&lt;br&gt;Change of home address or building/room number</td>
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<tr>
<td>CGDEP</td>
<td>Change Department&lt;br&gt;Change department in a FOAPAL or physical location</td>
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<td>CGFTE</td>
<td>Change in FTE Percent&lt;br&gt;Use when there is a change in full time equivalency</td>
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<tr>
<td>CGLAB</td>
<td>Change Labor Distribution&lt;br&gt;Use when you need to change an existing FOAPAL or add additional FOAPALS</td>
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<td>CONT</td>
<td>Continuation of Assignment&lt;br&gt;Use to set the continuation of the last assignment</td>
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<td>DECSD</td>
<td>Deceased</td>
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<td>EGRTF</td>
<td>End of Grant Funding&lt;br&gt;Use when the funds from a grant are no longer available</td>
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<tr>
<td>EINTA</td>
<td>End Interim Appointment&lt;br&gt;Assignment as interim has ended</td>
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<tr>
<td>EMPCC</td>
<td>Employee Class Change</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENDJB</td>
<td>End of Job Assignment</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENDOC</td>
<td>End of Contract</td>
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<tr>
<td>INREP</td>
<td>Increase of Responsibilities&lt;br&gt;Temporary pay increase for additional duties</td>
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<td>INTAP</td>
<td>Interim Appointment&lt;br&gt;Appointed as an interim</td>
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<td>NEWHR</td>
<td>New Hire&lt;br&gt;A new employee to Ball State or an employee who has left and is now returning</td>
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<td>POSTR</td>
<td>Position Transfer</td>
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<td>PROMO</td>
<td>Promotion</td>
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<tr>
<td>RELAY</td>
<td>Recall from Layoff</td>
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<td>RESGN</td>
<td>Resignation&lt;br&gt;Employee is voluntarily leaving the university</td>
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<tr>
<td>RETRM</td>
<td>Retirement&lt;br&gt;Employee is retiring from the university</td>
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<td>RSHFT</td>
<td>Remove Shift&lt;br&gt;Remove a 2nd or 3rd shift premium from hourly rate</td>
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<tr>
<td>RTWK</td>
<td>Return to Work</td>
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<td>SECJB</td>
<td>Secondary Job&lt;br&gt;Use when you are assigning another job in addition to the person’s primary job</td>
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<td>STBWI</td>
<td>Student Base Wage Increase</td>
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<tr>
<td>STLON</td>
<td>Student Longevity Increase</td>
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<tr>
<td>STPND</td>
<td>Stipend&lt;br&gt;A fixed amount of money paid for a specific duty or event for a specific period of time</td>
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<td>STREN</td>
<td>Student Employee Renewal</td>
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<tr>
<td>STRIN</td>
<td>Skill Trainee Increase&lt;br&gt;Increase given when trainee reaches specified milestones</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TEMP</td>
<td>Temporary Assignment&lt;br&gt;An assignment for a specific period of time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TICHG</td>
<td>Title Change&lt;br&gt;Employee has same position, but a new title is being given</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WKSTE</td>
<td>Work Study Assignment Ended</td>
</tr>
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Labor Distribution tells the system where to take monies from in order to fund the position. The funds may come from one account or several.

For any EPAF:
- The percent total must always equal 100.00, even when the salary is split among several accounts.
- If the FOAPAL is not correct at this stage, it can be changed.
- You may add FOAPALs if this employee's salary is paid by multiple departments from different accounts, or the position is fully or partially funded from a grant.

Since our new employee, Jon Adam Smith, is paid from one department, ENTER 100.00 in the box under the Percent column making sure you are entering the value in the first row.

Values in the Percent column are automatically tallied and the total appears in a box at the base of the column.
Electronic Personnel Action Form
Supervisor Information and Routing Queue

14. This section covers Supervisor Information and the [Approval] Routing Queue.

A. The person ID for the supervisor of the selected position must be entered in this box.

If you do not know the supervisor's ID number, you can search for it using EPAF. Open another browser window to start a new EPAF and then do a person search.

B. In the Routing Queue section, select the approval level from the drop down menu, and then the matching person for the selected level of approval.

C. The comments box may be used to communicate additional details about this personnel change to the people who will be approving the change.

If there is any information the approver may need to know or that may be required to support this change or that you would normally put on a FormBlaster form, add those details to the comments box.

D. For example, you must use the comments box to indicate job assignments for Extended Education and the faculty load hours for teaching assignments.

When you have completed the form, SELECT SAVE.
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Save, Delete, and Submit Options

15 SELECT SAVE.
This action will save the EPAF.
There are “Save” buttons at both the top and bottom of this screen. Throughout this process, you may save your entries and return at a later time to finish the EPAF, submit it, or you may both save and submit.

Remember, if you saved the EPAF at an earlier step and have since changed information as the result of an error message, you must save the EPAF again before it is submitted.

After saving the EPAF, you will see the message, “Your change was saved successfully” and summary box similar to this example.

16 DO NOT log out of the system before saving your work. If you log out without saving the EPAF, the information you have entered will be lost.

Using the DELETE button at this stage will erase all of the information entered and delete this EPAF.

17 Next, SELECT SUBMIT.
This action will place your EPAF into the approval queue. The next screen will confirm if the transmission was successfully submitted. If the process was successful, your EPAF is finished and is in queue awaiting approval(s).