# Finance Training 2015-16



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# Introduction To Students' Union Finance

### Where are we?

Students Union Finance Office Level 3 Student Centre 10am-4pm Mon-Fri (Term)

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### Services

Payments – Bacs, cheques, credit card, euro transfers, petty cash

Income – Counter service, invoicing, online sales

Purchase order numbers

Cash box and floats

Club & Society Ledgers

University Print Requests & Catering
Orders

**Transfers to University Departments** 

Pre paid Euro Travel Card

Cash & Carry Account (Bookers)

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### What is the Students' Union

A Registered Charity

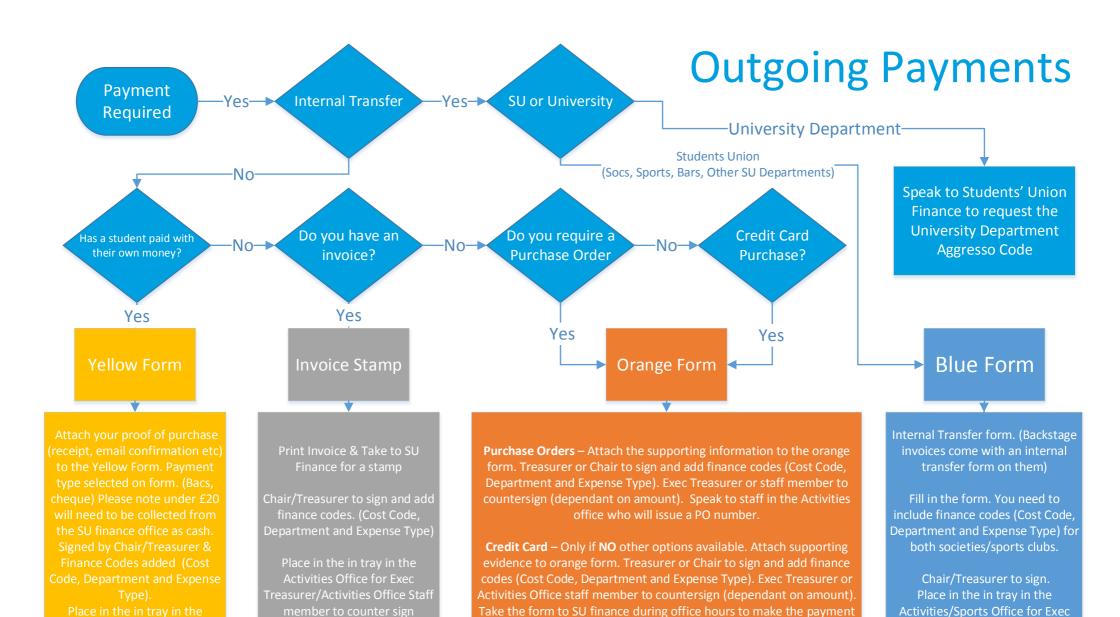
Board of Trustees & SU Governance

Funded through a block grant & commercial income

Separate Entity to University

Subject to University internal audit, annual external audit & HMRC VAT Inspection

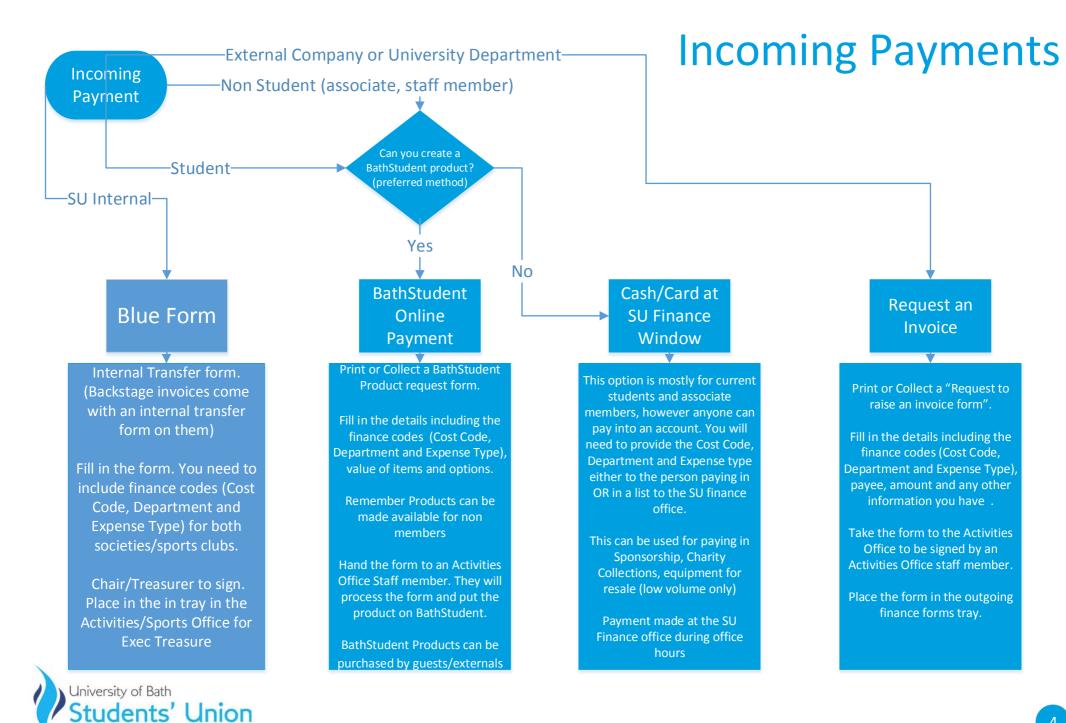




with the credit card. You will have to make the payment in the office.

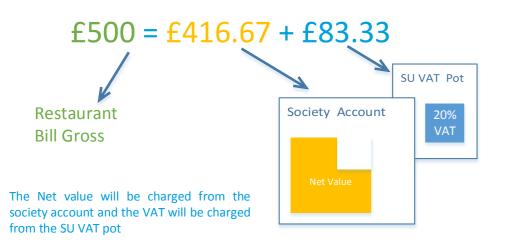


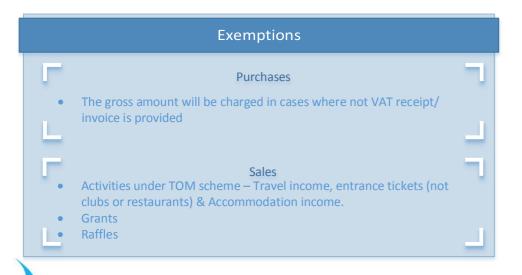
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### VAT on purchases Example

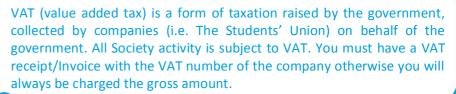
All society purchases are subject to VAT if a full VAT invoice or receipt are provided for example a receipt from a restaurant for £500





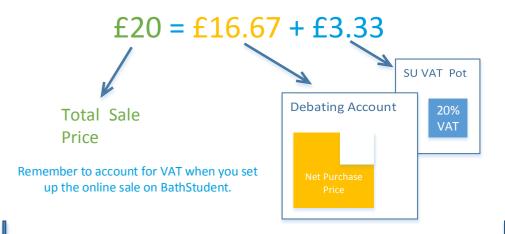
# Socs VAT

### What is VAT?



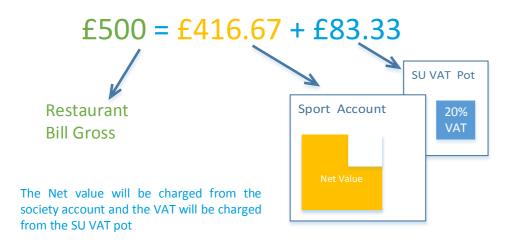
### **VAT on Sales Example**

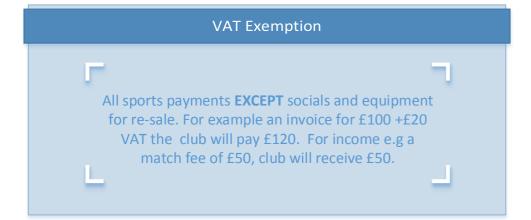
Debating Annual dinner ticket has been set up as a BathStudent Purchase for £20.



### **VAT on Purchases**

VAT is only applicable on Equipment of Resale and Social Events, for example a restaurant bill, reclaimed with a VAT receipt.







# **Sports VAT**

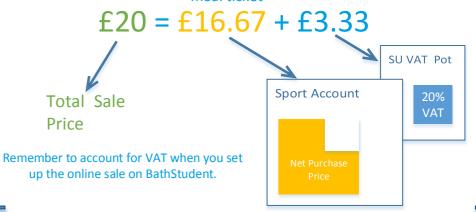
### What is VAT?

VAT (value added tax) is a form of taxation raised by the government, collected by companies (i.e. The Students' Union) on behalf of the government. You must have a VAT receipt/Invoice with the VAT number of the company otherwise you will always be charged the gross amount.

### **VAT on Sales Example**

All sports activities are VAT exempt. It means you won't be charged VAT on sales. For example if you sell a ticket to a rugby event for £120 all £120 will be transferred into your account.

**EXEMPTIONS** – Social Sales and Equipment for Resale i.e. Christmas meal ticket



### Where Do I find forms?

Orange, Blue and Yellow forms can be Orange found: - The Students' Union Finance Blue Office - The Activities Office - BathStudent Finance Page

#### Cost Code:

C&S – Clubs and Societies

SAS – Sports

MFD - Media

### Where Do Invoices Come from?

Invoices will either be sent to a member of your activity group (1) or to the Students' Union (2)

- 1) Take the invoice to finance to be stamped.
- 2) The stamped invoice will be sent to the **Activities Office**



# **Processing Finance Forms**

### Department

The department code is your society/sports club/other student group's unique three letter code. A full list is available at www.BathStudent.com/xxxxx

> BAC - Backstage STS - BUST **SNO - Snowsports**

Only Chairs and Treasures can sign finance forms for their student groups, and only once they have completed finance training. Forms take up to two weeks to be processed by the office

### Correctly Filling in your form

Correctly add the Cost Code, Department and Expense Orange Type to your form.

Blue

Chair or Treasurer to sign the form in the appropriate box. Only the chair or treasurer can do this

Double check all the details are correct. Remember that you can't authorise a payment to yourslef!

Pass the form on for counter signing

### Expense Type (GL Code)

A full list of codes can be found late in this booklet

NOTE: Sports, Societies, Volunteering and Media have different codes and the following are just examples

#### Clubs & Societies: Expense

52230 - Equipment Purchase 52205 – Affiliation Fees 52235 - Equipment for resale 52210 - Entry Fees 52215 – Activities Expense 52240 – Ticket Expense 52245 - Socials Expense 52220 – Admin Expense 52225 - Transport

52250 - Maintenance and Consumable

### **Counter Signing Sports** Place in Sports in-tray in the sports office for the

Exec Treasurer to sign and process process

### **Societies**

Place in Societies in-tray in the societies office for the Exec Treasurer to sign and process

### Media

Hand to the media treasurer to sign and process

# Cost Centre C&S – Clubs & Societies

Depar	tmen	t Codes			
'			TTS	_	Bath University Table Top Society (BUTTS)
			THA	_	Bath University Thai Association (BUTA)
AFC	_	African Caribbean Society	BAK	_	Bath University Baking Appreciation Society (BUBAS)
AMN	_	Amnesty	SSS	_	Bath University Sport & Social Sciences (BUSAS)
ACE	_	Architecture & Civil Engineering (ACE)	BIO	_	Bioscience Society (BUBS)
BAC	_	Backstage Technical Services (BTS)	BOD	_	Bodysoc
AMS	_	Bath Area Malaysian Singaporean Association	BRA	_	Breakdancing
PSY	_	Bath Association of Psychology Students	BRU	_	BruSoc(Brunei Bath Society)
BFA	_	Bath Fashion	BUD	_	Buddhist Meditation
CAP	_	Capoeira Society	CAT	_	Catholic Society (CathSoc)
COM	_	Bath Computer Science Society (BCSS)	CCH	_	Chamber Choir
BEE	_	Bath Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Society	CHA	_	Ch&Os
ECO	_	Bath Economics Society (BEST)	CEN	_	Chemical Engineering Student Association (CESA)
BFI	_	Bath Finance Society	CWP	_	Comedy Writing, Improve and Performance
BLA	_	Bath Live Action & Dramatic Encounters Society	COF	_	Coffee Soc
ASI	_	Bath University Asian Students' Society	MAN	_	ChinaRen
CAS	_	Bath University Curry Appreciation (BUCAS)	CYP	_	Cypriot Society
DEB	_	Bath University Debating Society (BUDS)	EWB	_	Engineers Without Boarders (EWB)
FIL	_	Bath University Film Society (BUFS)	MEA	_	Middle Eastern Awareness Society
GUI	_	Bath University Guides & Scouts (BUGS)	FRE	_	French Society
ISL	_	Bath University Islamic Society (BUIS)	FOL	_	Folksoc
BUM	_	Bath University Maths Society (BUMS)	GER	_	German Society
MCY	_	Bath University Motor-Cycle Club (BUMCC)	GRA	_	Gravity Vomit
NSS	_	Bath University Natural Sciences Society (BUNSS)	GVU	_	Gravity Vomit UpChuck
NCS	_	Bath University Network Computing Society (BUNCS)	HEL	_	Hellenic Society
SMS	_	Bath University Student Musical Society (BUSMS)	ITA	_	Italian Society
STS	_	Bath University Student Theatre (BUST)	JAP	_	Japanese Society
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# Cost Centre C&S – Clubs & Societies

### **Department Codes**

JEW – Jewish Society (Jsoc)

KNI – KnitSoc

KRI – Krishna Consciousness

LSO – Litsoc

MUN – Model United Nations

MUS – Musicsoc

ONE – People & Planet

PSA – Pharmacy Student Association (PSA)

PHO – PhotoSoc

PHY – Physics Society (PsySoc)

POK – Poker Society

PLE - PoleSoc

BUP – Politics Student Society

POL – Polish Society

RCM - Radio Controlled Model Club

ROM – Romanian Society

SAL – Salsa

SCN – Scandinavian Society

SFI – Sci-Fi & Fantasy

SPN – Spanish Society

SAP – Social and Policy Science Society (SOAPS)

VIS – Splat Art

LNK – St. John Ambulance (LINKS)

SUC – Students' Union Chemistry Society (SU:CS)

IDE – TEDx Bath

ARS – University of Bath Arab Society

BMS – University of Bath Management Society

EGG – Vegetarian Society

VIE – VietBath
YOG – Yoga Society
WEL – Welsh Society
WIN – Wine Society



# Cost Centre SAS – Sports

### **Department Codes**

**AMF** American Football ARY Archery Association of Football & Futsal ASF ATH **Athletics** Badminton BAD Basketball BAS BOX Boxing Canoe Club CAN Cheerleading LEA Cricket CRI PUB CueSport CYC Cycling DOD Dodgeball FEN **Fencing** FLO Floorball GLI Gliding Golf GOL **Gymnastics** GYM Handball HAN Hockey HOC Jiu Jitsu JIT Judo JUD KAR Karate SandaKickboxing KIC LAC Lacrosse Latin and Ballroom LAT

**Motorsports** 

Mountaineering MOU Netball NET **Riding & Polo** RID ROW Rowing RUG Rugby Sailing SLN SHG Shooting SKY Skydiving **Snowsports** SNO Squash SQU SAQ Sub Aqua **SUR** Surf SWI **Swimming** TAB **Table Tennis** Taekwondo TAF Tennis TFN Trampoline TRM Triathlon TRI Ultimate Frisbee UFR Volleyball VOL Water Polo **WPO** 



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### Societies & Media (C&S, MED)

Incom	2	Expend	liture
52105 52215 52120 52125 52130 52135 52140 52145 52150 52155	Membership Activities Admin Transport Equipment Equipment for Resale Ticket Sales Socials Fundraising Sponsorship	52205 52210 52215 52220 52225 52230 52235 52240 52245 52250 52155	Affiliation Fees Entry Fees Activities Admin Transport Equipment Equipment for Resale Ticket Sales Socials Maintenance & Consumables Sponsorship

Coding expense & income correctly will help your student group track finances over the year and will make your ledger easier to read.

# **Expense Codes**

Expense Codes are used to separate Income/Expenditure of different types on your ledger. This allow SU Finance to track how much money is being spent on each expense type.

### Sports (SAS)

Income		Expenditure					
53105	Membership	53205	Affiliation Fees				
53110	Match Fees	53210	Entry Fees				
53115	Activities	53211	Match Fees				
53120	Coach Education	53220	Coach Education				
53135	Equipment for Resale	53215	Activities				
53140	Ticket Sales	53216	Accommodation				
53145	Socials	53221	Transport				
53150	Fundraising	53225	Coaching				
53155	Sponsorship	53230	Equipment				
		53235	Equipment for Resale				
		53245	Socials				
		53260	Officials				
		53261	Admin				



#### University of Bath Students Union

£-Consolidatd General Ledger History Report (01/2014 - 12/2014)

Department: CCH-Chamber Choir, Cost Centre: C&S-SOCIETIES

Our Ref	Acc No	Your Ref	Pr Yr	Date	Due Date	Description	Debit	Credit
52105, Memb	ership Inc C&	S						
SRI044189	CASH01	ONL SAL 18-22 SEPT14	02/2014	22/09/2014	23/10/2014	ONL SAL 18-22 SEPT14 MEM		8.33
SRI044233	CASH01	ONL SAL 26-30 SEPT14	02/2014	30/09/2014	01/11/2014	ONL SAL 26-30 SEPT14 MEM 14-15		8.33
SRI044260	CASH01	ONL SALES 1-7 OCT 14	03/2014	07/10/2014	07/11/2014	ONL SALES 1-7 OCT 14 MEM STAND		83.33
SRI044326	CASH01	ONL SALE 8-13 OCT	03/2014	13/10/2014	12/11/2014	ONL SALES 8-13 OCT 14 MEM 14-15		66.67
SRI044406	CASH01	ONL IN 14-27 OCT 14	03/2014	29/10/2014	29/11/2014	Online 14-27Oct Memship		50.00
SRI044470	CASH01	ONL SALES 28-31OCT14	03/2014	31/10/2014	30/11/2014	ONL SALES 28-31 OCT14 MEM		16.67
SRI044597	CASH01	ONL SALE 19-24 NOV14	04/2014	24/11/2014	25/12/2014	ONL SALE 19-24 NOV14 MEM		8.33
SRI045138	CASH01	ONL INC 19-24 MARCH	08/2014	24/03/2015	24/04/2015	ONL INC 19-24 MARCH 15 MEM PLACEMENT		8.33
						Totals.:		249.99
52115, Activit	ies Inc C&S							
SRI044189	CASH01	ONL SAL 18-22 SEPT14	02/2014	22/09/2014	23/10/2014	ONL SAL 18-22 SEPT14 MEM PIGGOTS WEEKEND DEP	OSIT	10.00
SRI044260	CASH01	ONL SALES 1-7 OCT 14	03/2014	07/10/2014	07/11/2014	ONL SALES 1-7 OCT 14 PIGOTTS WEEKEND AWAY DE	POS	20.00
SRI044726	CASH01	CHAMBER CHOIR	05/2014	19/12/2014	18/01/2015	CONCERT CONTRIBUTION TO EXPENSES		120.00
						Totals.:		150.00
52145, Social	s Income C&S	3						
SRI044599	CASH01	DANIELLE	04/2014	25/11/2014	25/12/2014	CHRISTMAS MEAL AT BATH BREW HOUSE		100.00
SRI044597	CASH01	ONL SALE 19-24 NOV14	04/2014	24/11/2014	25/12/2014	ONL SALE 19-24 NOV14 XMAS MEAL 2 COURSE		33.33
SRI044597	CASH01	ONL SALE 19-24 NOV14	04/2014	24/11/2014	25/12/2014	ONL SALE 19-24 NOV14 XMAS MEAL 3 COURSE		41.67
SRI044569	CASH01	ONL SALE 13-18 NOV14	04/2014	18/11/2014	19/12/2014	ONL SALE 13-18 NOV14 XMAS MEAL 2 COURSE		100.00
SRI044569	CASH01	ONL SALE 13-18 NOV14	04/2014	18/11/2014	19/12/2014	ONL SALE 13-18 NOV14 XMAS MEAL 3 COURSE		166.67
52215 Activity	Expenses Ca	3S						
NOM017473		PRINT© SEPT 14	03/2014	29/10/2014		Printing & photocopy recharges Sep 14	10.20	
						Totals.:	10.20	
52220, Admin	Expenses Ca	&S						
PIN128291	MCLE07	CCH	12/2014	03/07/2015	02/08/2015	SNACKS FOR REHEARSALS	67.23	
						Totals.:	67.23	
52225, Trans	port Exp C&S							
NOM017503		Midas recharges	03/2014	31/10/2014		Midas recharges Oct 14	30.00	
						Totals.:	30.00	
52230, Equip	ment Purchas	e C&S						
PIN123533	AMAZ01	CHAMBER CHOIR	01/2014	01/08/2014	31/08/2014	ikea kalas mugs x6	15.26	
PIN128051	PAIN03	CCH	11/2014	16/06/2015	16/06/2015	SALISBURY MOTETS, DEUS IN ADJUTORIUM MEUM	314.80	
PIN128176	PAIN03	CHAMBER CHOIR	11/2014	24/06/2015	24/06/2015	MUSIC FOLDERS	31.67	
						Totals.:	361.73	
52245, Social	ls Expenses C	&S						
PIN124604	CITY14	CHAMBER CHOIR	04/2014	28/11/2014	28/12/2014	CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR 23 PEOPLE	441.67	
PIN127679	WISH02	CCH	10/2014	20/05/2015	19/06/2015	MOLLOYS MEAL PAYMENT	172.63	
						Totals.:	614.30	
			Totals			Totals.:	1083.46	841.66

# Reading Ledgers

### **General Tips**

Items are split by Expense Type and each payment has a unique reference number.

Each Expense Type has its own total.

Credit is money paid into the account.

Debit is money paid out of the account.

You can request a ledger either in person at the Finance Office or by email.

### **Budgets**

Budgets are not shown on the Ledger, as they are treated as an approved overdraft.

In this case Chamber Choir had a budget of £250, meaning they can end the year on -£250.

**Totals** 

At the bottom of the ledger there will be a Credit total and a Debit Total. Subtracting the Debit from the Credit will give the account total. In this case Chamber Choir finished the year on -£241.80. However remember that budget acts as an approved overdraft. Therefor in this case Applying a £250 budget means the year was finished at £8.20 Credit.

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To help you keep records a spreadsheet template has been developed. Clicking the dropdown "expense type" field displays all the income and expense codes. When you fill in a form you should also make a record of your expense or income. By coding it against the correct code it will be much easier to compare your records with your official ledger.



# **Keeping Records**

### **Mainsheet**

The main sheet gives you a drop down of code options. It is important that you correctly type this expense type into the "expense type field"

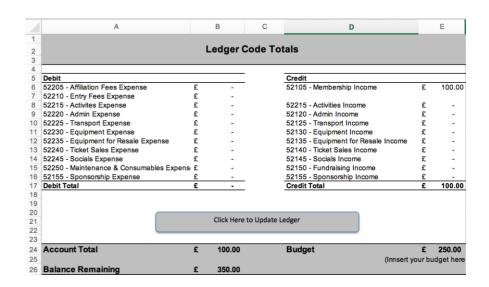
Remember that credit is money coming into your account and debit is money leaving your account.

### **Code Totals**

The totals for each ledger code are shown on the second sheet. The expenses are shown on the left and the income on the right.

To update the totals click the update button.

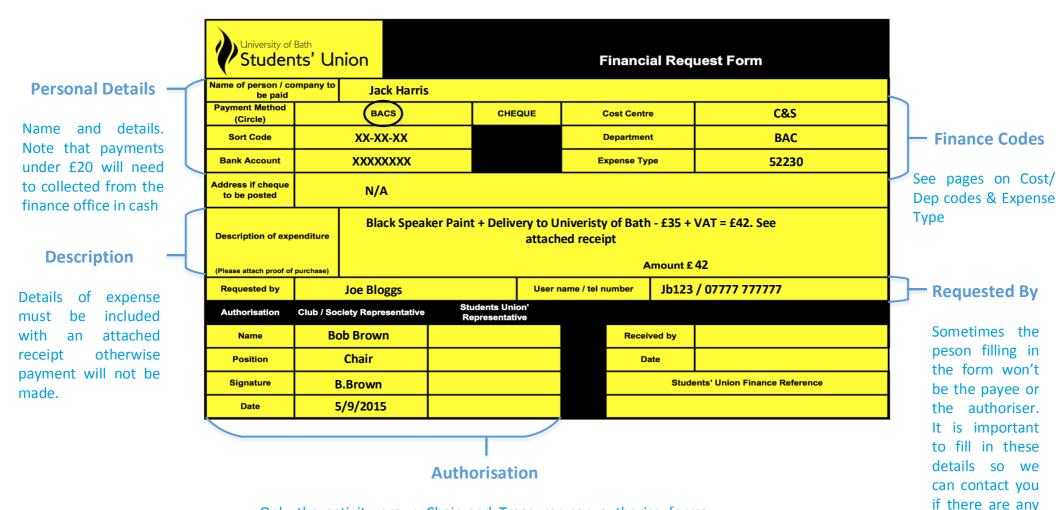
The account total is the credit minus the debit and is shown at the bottom of the page. The balance remaining accounts for your budget. Budget acts as an overdraft.





### Yellow Forms

Filling in a yellow form is a way of processing an outgoing payment, either by BACS, Cheque or for less than £20 by cash at the finance office. Yellow forms can only be authorised by a student group chair or treasurer. They must then be countersigned, for more information on this refer to the "Processing Forms" page. If you are unsure when to use a yellow form follow the diagram on the "Outgoing Payments" page or contact your exec area treasurer.



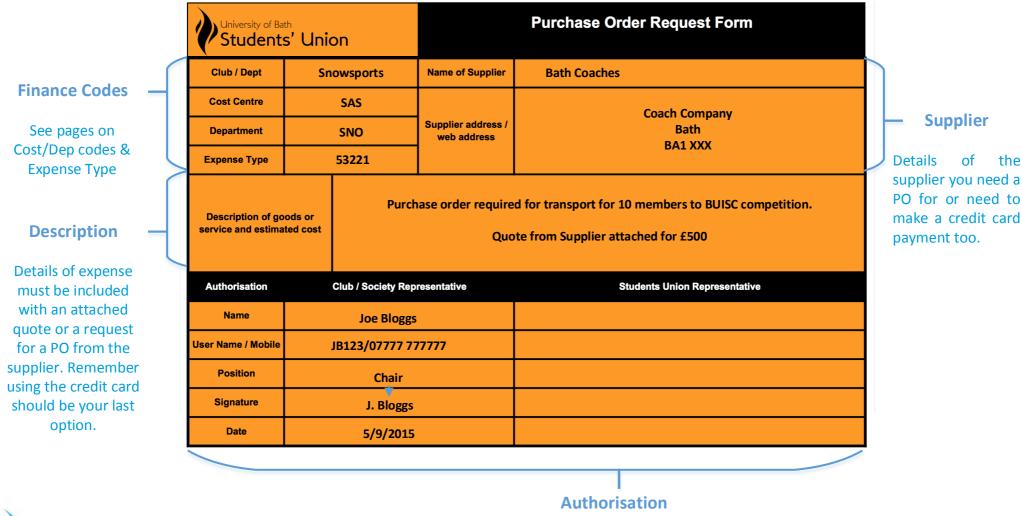
University of Bath
Students' Union

Only the activity group Chair and Treasurer can authorise forms. Please fill in your details clearly. NOTE! You can't authorise a payment to yourself. The Students Union' Representative section is filled out by the area exec treasurer.

problems

Filling in an orange form is a way of processing an outgoing payment by credit card, or can be used to issue a purchase order number to a supplier. Orange forms can only be authorised by a student group chair or treasurer. They must then be countersigned, for more information on this refer to the "Processing Forms" page. If you are unsure when to use an orange form follow the diagram on the "Outgoing Payments" page or contact your exec area treasurer.

# **Orange Forms**

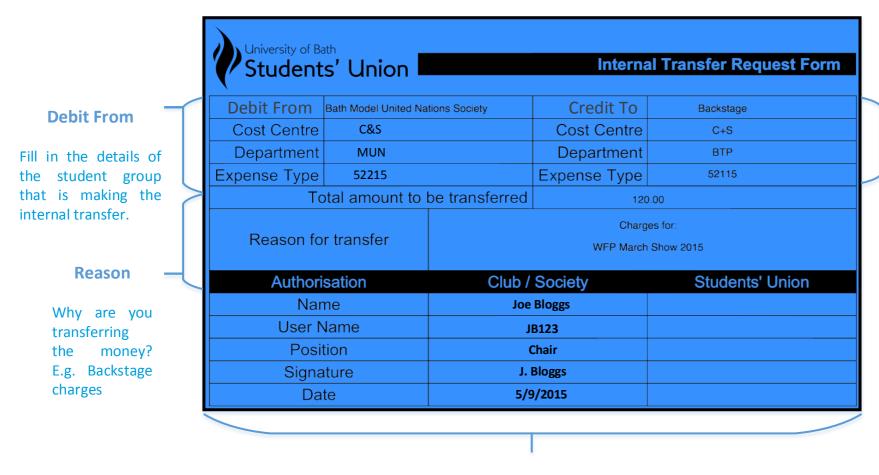




Only the activity group Chair and Treasurer can authorise forms. Please fill in your details clearly. NOTE! You can't authorise a payment to yourself. The Students Union' Representative section is filled out by the area exec treasurer.

### **Blue Forms**

Filling in a blue form is a way of processing an internal transfer. Blue forms can only be authorised by a student group chair or treasurer of the group making the payment. They must then be countersigned, for more information on this refer to the "Processing Forms" page. If you are unsure when to use a blue form follow the diagram on the "Outgoing Payments" page or contact your exec area treasurer.



#### **Credit To**

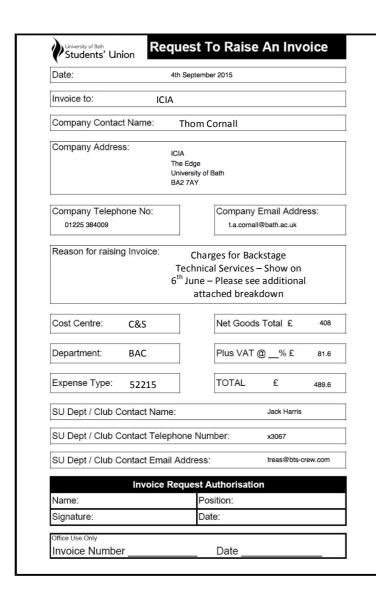
Fill in the details of the student group/ department that is receiving the money

### **Authorisation**

Only the activity group Chair and Treasurer can authorise forms. Please fill in your details clearly. The Authorisation should be signed by the activity group making the payment.



# **Invoice Request Form**



Requesting to raise an invoice is a way of processing an incoming payment. A request can only be authorised by a student group chair or treasurer. They must then be countersigned, for more information on this refer to the "Processing Forms" page. If you are unsure how to use this form contact your exec area treasurer.

### **Payee Details**

Fill in the details of the payee. This information is important as without it Finance will not be able to raise the invoice.

### Reason for Invoicing

Fill in the details you would like to be displayed on the invoice. You may also attach additional information or finance breakdowns.

### -Finance Codes & Invoice Amount

Fill in your activity group/department's cost code, department and Expense type. Fill in the Net Good Total, Calculate VAT at 20% and add the total.

#### Authorisation

Only the activity group Chair and Treasurer can request invoices. The Authorisation section on this form should be signed by an exec treasurer or authorising staff member.



Online Product Request Forms should be filled in and taken to a staff member in the Sports/Socs office for processing. Remember to leave plenty of time for the product to be put online. Payments to your account are updated weekly

# Online Product Request Form

### Online Product Request

(If you have more than one product please use one sheet per product)

Full name of Society/ Club: Name:		Committee Position: Username:	Your Details
1 dille	Product or	Ticket details	
Name of Product: Society/ Club is			Fill in the details of your society and your name/username/committee position. This important as you may need to be contacted to resolve any issues.
Name of Ticket: Society/ Club na	me:		important as you may need to be contacted to resolve any issues.
Description: Give brief outline or	information:		
			— Product Details
Members £		Non Members £	1 Toddet Betails
Area Code: C&S / SAS			
<b>Department Code:</b> (3 letters)			What is the product and what is the price? Remember to add VAT to all sales! If you are unsure of how VAT works please look at the VAT pages in this document.
Finance Code: (5 numbers)			unsure of flow VAT works please look at the VAT pages in this document.
(These can be found in the Activitie	es Office)		
Available to:		Number of items available:	— Finance Code
Members Only:		Specific Number:	T manee code
Members & Non-Members:		Unlimited Number:	Fill in your activity group/department's cost code, department and Expense type.
Customisations (if applicable): Size Options:	Colour Options	: Name Options:	
1.	1.	1.	
2. 3.	2. 3.	2. 3.	
4.	4.	4.	
5. Food Options:	5.	5.	
Starter:	Main Course:	Dessert:	— Customisations
1.	1.	1.	
2. 3.	2. 3.	2. 3.	Detail and a death of a climbia of a company
4.	4.	4.	Detail any customisations if applicable. If any customisations have extra cost make a
5. On Sale: Date:	5.	5. Additional notes for purchaser:	note of it here. Remember to include VAT!
Time:		Additional notes for purchaser.	
Off Sale: Date: Time:			
Email Receipt: (thank you plus add	ditional information	e.g times places etc)	
Thank you for purchasing:		,	— Times and Confirmation
			Write down when you would like the product to be available and the confirmation
University of Ba	ith		email you would like to be sent. Remember to give people enough time to purchase the
Student	s' Uni	on	product.

### **Ticket Sales**

Ticket sales are the most common way to raise money for an event. Normally these will be sold on BathStudent. It's important not to forget about VAT. See the example below:

Sale Price: £12

VAT: £2

Net £10

So if the sale price of the ticket is £12 you will only receive £10 in your activity group account. For more information on VAT can be found earlier in this document.

### **Society Event Planners**

Society Event Planners can be found at:

http://www.bathstudent.com/socs/committeehub/docsforms/

These need to be filled in and approved by the societies office before the event happens. This included a full financial breakdown of the event.

### **Breaking Even**

When planning your events its important that you're events at least break even. No events should be run at a loss. Events can be run for profit, however remember that your account needs to be £0 at the end of the year.

### Keep Records!

There will be an example event and budget spreadsheet available for all students to view on the BathStudent Finance Page.

# **Event Planning**

### **Booking Backstage**

When you put on an event you may want to book technical support. Backstage Technical Services is a student society and is one of the options available to you.

You can find more details at www.bts-crew.com

### **Bath Student Products**

To put a product on BathStudent fill in an online product request form. Don't forget to correctly fill in your codes on the form. For more information refer to the online product request form example page.





As a registered charity, University of Bath Students' Union is able to apply VAT exemption to fundraising events if the event meets certain conditions. This applies to fundraising events organised for the benefit of the Students' Union, its constituent groups or other charities. VAT exemption means that the admission charge does not require VAT to be

# **Fundraising**

charged (income from sponsorship of the event is also deemed to be VAT free). However, no VAT is recoverable on purchases made in connection with the event. Please note that the Students' Union Finance Office should be notified of all charitable fundraising events at least 7 days in advance in order that VAT exemption be applied. The Students' Union Finance Office is also responsible for ensuring that the statutory VAT exemption limit on the number of events per financial year (see below) is not exceeded.

#### **Events and Locations**

#### At any one location

'Location' means held in the same place. Similar kinds of events held in different locations would qualify for exemption provided all other conditions were met. For example, 20 balls held by a national charity each in different towns in the same financial year would all qualify for relief.

#### **Typical events**

The following are examples of different kinds of events that may be held for fundraising purposes:

- a ball, dinner dance, disco or barn dance;
- a performance such as concert, stage production, and any other event which has a paying audience;
- the showing of a film;
- sporting participation including spectators such as a sponsored walk or swim;
- a sporting performance;
- a game of skill, a contest, or a quiz;
- participation in an endurance event;
- a fireworks display;
- a dinner, lunch or barbecue;
- an event in conjunction with another event, such as a charity fundraising auction marquee at a sporting event.

Further guidance on the above may be obtained from the SU Finance Office, Student Centre, Level 3.

### **Scope of Fundraising**

The event must be organised and promoted primarily to raise money for the benefit of the University of Bath Students' Union, its' member groups or other charity. Social events, such as events that form part of a social calendar for members, but which incidentally make a profit, do not qualify for the exemption. Publicity material, tickets should clearly refer to fundraising. For example:

- 'fundraising for'
- 'in aid of'
- 'help us to raise money for'

#### Limit on Number of Events

#### Non-recurrin§g nature.

An 'event' is a one off - not an ongoing activity. Activities of a semi-regular or continuous nature, such as the frequent operation of a shop or bar, are not 'events'.

#### Limit on the number of events

For VAT exemption to apply, the University of Bath Students' Union or its' groups can't hold more than 15 events of the same kind in any one financial year at any one location, for example no more than 15 charity film showings in the Tub in any one financial year. This is important as if the limit is exceeded then none of the events qualify for the VAT exemption, not even the first 15.



There are two important aspects to consider when purchasing new equipment. Firstly the up front cost of purchase and secondly the cost of maintaining the equipment over it's lifetime.

# **Equipment & Maintenance**

### **Purchasing Equipment**

Before purchasing equipment the following key aspects must be considered:

- Purchase Price vs Hire Price Is it possible to rent/hire the equipment rather than buying it? If so does that work out cheaper. What is the pay off, i.e. how many times would you have to hire it to be the same price as buying it.
- **Expected Life Cycle** How long will the equipment last before it needs replacing. Can you afford to replace it if it breaks?
- **Cost of Storage** Do you have the space to store the equipment. Can you afford to purchase protective storage equipment if needed, such as a case or bag.?

### **Maintenance of Equipment**

As an activity group you should be planning the maintenance of equipment into the yearly budget. Before you purchase any new equipment ensure that you can afford to maintain what you currently own.

If you decide to purchase a new piece of equipment what is the maintenance cost going to be on that equipment? Will you need to spend a little bit of money every year or will you need to spend a larger sum less often? Figure this out and see if you can afford it on your current budget. If not what would you need to do to make this purchase **sustainable**.

### **Example Purchase**

### **Backstage LED Lighting Purchase:**

6 x LED PARCAN @ £100/unit = £600 1 x Black Case @ £120 = £120

TOTAL COST = £720

#### **Maintenance Cost:**

PAT Testing - £5/lights = £30 Spare Parts £20/year = £20

Total Cost £50

It can therefore be seen that while the upfront cost has to be covered an allowance has to be made yearly to maintain the equipment. It is vital not to forget this!



Printing & Catering
When using the University print service (IDPS) or ordering catering, such as for an event in the Claverton Rooms you should ask for a quote for the cost. Once you have done this attach it to an orange form to request a purchase order. A PO is a promise to pay with a reference number. It is important that you follow this procedure and get your quote approved by a staff member before you go ahead.

University of Bath Students' Union				Purchase Order Request Form
Club / Dept			Name of Supplier	
Cost Centre				
Department			Supplier address / web address	
Expense Type				
Description of goods or service and estimated cost  Authorisation Club / Society Rep		resentative	Students Union Representative	
Name				
User Name / Mobile				
Position				
Signature				
Date				

In the description box detail the quote and what it is for. Remember attach the to quote to the form.

More details on orange forms can be found earlier in this document.



A float is a sum of cash loaned to you with a cash tin to enable you to sell tickets/products on campus. To request a cash float a yellow form should be completed with CASH FLOAT written on the top. This can be signed by the activities office administrator. Bring the signed form to the Finance Office and they will issue the float to you in the denominations you require. After your sales are complete, you will return the tin and float to the finance office and bank the takings into your society account.

# **Cash Floats**

University of Studen	Bath nts' Ur	nion					inanci	al Req	uest Form
Name of person / co be paid	ompany to								
Payment Method (Circle)		BACS		CHEC	NE		Cost Centre	e	
Sort Code							Departmen	t	
Bank Account						Е	xpense Typ	oe .	
Address if cheque to be posted									
Description of exp	enditure	Cash Fl	Cash Float  Amount £						
(Please attach proof of	purchase)							mount £	•
Requested by						ame / tel r	number		
Authorisation	Club / So	ciety Representative		udents Unio epresentativ					
Name							Receiv	ed by	
Position							Da	ite	
Signature								Stude	ents' Union Finance Reference
Date									

In the description box detail the cash you would like and the reason. An example would be a float for a bake sale on parade. Remember to ask for a tin!



All forms that come through from societies or sports clubs need countersigning by either an exec treasurer or a member of staff. Different people have different authorisation limits.

# **Authorisation Limits**

### Sports (SAS)

# Societies & Media (C&S)

a) Order value to £500	Student Group Treasurer or Chairperson Society Treasurer or Chair	plus	Area Administrator or Exec Treasurer Carmela or Societies Treasurer	a) Order value to £500	Student Group Treasurer or Chairperson Sport Treasurer or Chair	plus	Area Administrator or Exec Treasurer Jo/Nameesha or Sports Treasurer
b) Order value to £1,000	Student Group Treasurer or Chairperson Society Treasurer or Chair	plus	Exec Treasurer Societies Treasurer	b) Order value to £1,000	Student Group Treasurer or Chairperson Sport Treasurer or Chair	plus	Exec Treasurer Sports Treasurer
c) Order value to £1,500	Student Group Treasurer or Chairperson Society Treasurer or Chair	plus	Area SU Officer or Budget Holder Wadzi or Polly	c) Order value to £1,500	Student Group Treasurer or Chairperson Sport Treasurer or Chair	plus	Area SU Officer or Budget Holder Holly or Polly
d) Order value over £1,500	Student Group Treasurer or Chairperson Society Treasurer or Chair	plus	Area SU Officer Wadzi	d) Order value over £1,500	Student Group Treasurer or Chairperson Sport Treasurer or Chair	plus	Area SU Officer Holly
		plus	Finance Director or Chief Executive John or Ian			plus	Finance Director or Chief Executive John or Ian

