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CLASSIFICATION CIRCULAR 33

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE STANDARD CHART OF ACCOUNTS (SCOA)

1. The purpose of this circular is to inform government departments' financial practitioners of the changes made to the SCOA COR 5 in the last quarter of 2020/21 financial year.
2. Changes to the chart are discussed according to each segment of the chart. Reasons for amendments to the chart are provided along with an illustration of the impact thereof. Please refer to chart version 5 20.20.04 for detailed changes implemented.
3. Items shown in **red** indicate that they have been deleted/ removed; **blue** indicates that they have been changed/renamed, and **green** implies that a new item has been created/added in the chart.
4. Departments are requested to ensure that, where necessary, the PERSAL and BAS links are updated.

FUND SEGMENT

5. Changes to the Fund Segment have been introduced in respect of the new foreign donors which were added to the chart.

OBJECTIVE SEGMENT

6. Programmes and sub programmes in the Objective segment aligned to the National ENE's 2021 and Provincial EPRE's 2021.

RESPONSIBILITY SEGMENT

7. This segment is not standardised. Therefore, departments need to maintain the structure in this segment according to their needs in alignment to their organizational structure.

INFRASTRUCTURE SEGMENT

8. No changes were made to this segment.

ITEM SEGMENT

PAYMENTS

9. A new item has been added under **contractors**. This item is for fees paid to contractors for conducting surveys. For example: Department of Agriculture does a survey on the quantity, race, age and gender of the farm workers and families per region, to ensure the needs, including social needs, are met per individual by the department.

Figure 1. Chart Illustration of the item added

1	2	3	4	5	SEGMENT NUMBER	POSTING LEVEL
	PAYMENTS				1	N
		PAYMENTS			5	N
			GOODS AND SERVICES		26	N
				CONTRACTORS	637	N
				CONTRCTRS: SURVEY SERVIC	5466	Y

TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES

10. Details of transfers and subsidies in the SCOA have been aligned to details approved in the ENE and EPRE on transfers and subsidies. These are not individually listed in this classification circular as they are department-specific.

PURCHASE / CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

11. New items have been added to the chart under the category **refurbishment and rehabilitation** of buildings and other fixed structures on contract. The new items provide for allocation of Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers individually appointed by the department on a contract basis or a similar binding arrangement, or workers appointed through a service provider contracted by the department to employ EPWP workers to work specifically on refurbishment and rehabilitation of buildings. A separate item has been added for the management fees payable to a service provider for the management of these EPWP workers. Also, the name of the non-posting level item (2990) has been changed by adding the word “agency” to the description.

12. Figure 2. Chart Illustration of the item added

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SEGMENT NUMBER	POSTING LEVEL	
	PAYMENTS							1	N	
		PUR/CONST CAPITAL ASSETS						7	N	
			BUILDINGS & OTHER FIX STRUCT					35	N	
				BUILDINGS				599	N	
					EXISTING BUILDINGS			675	N	
						REFURB&REHAB:BUILDINGS		733	N	
							REF&REH BUILDINGS:OTHER CONTRCT/AGENCY	2990	N	
								R&R BUILD:A&S/O/S:EPWP WORKERS	5460	Y
							REF&REH BUILD:THER OPERATN COST	4424	N	
								REF&REH BUILD:MAN/HAND FEES	5459	Y

13. Similarly, new items have been added to the chart under the category **upgrade and addition of buildings** and other fixed structures on contract. The new items provide for allocation of Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers individually appointed by the department on a contract basis or a similar binding arrangement, or workers appointed through a service provider contracted by the department to employ EPWP workers to work specifically on upgrade and additions of buildings. A separate item has been added for the management fees payable to a service provider for the management of these EPWP workers. Also, the name of the non-posting level item (2994) has been changed by adding the word “agency” to the description.

Figure 3. Chart Illustration of the item added

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SEGMENT NUMBER	POSTING LEVEL	
	PAYMENTS							1	N	
		PUR/CONST CAPITAL ASSETS						7	N	
			BUILDINGS & OTHER FIX STRUCT					35	N	
				BUILDINGS				599	N	
					EXISTING BUILDINGS			675	N	
						UPGRADES & ADD:BUILDINGS		734	N	
							UPGR&ADD BUILD:OTHER CONTRCT/AGENCY	2994	N	
								U&A BUILD:A&S/O/S:EPWP WORKERS	5461	Y
							UPGR&ADD BUILD:OTHER OPERAT COST	4426	N	
								UPGR&ADD BUILD:MAN/HAND FEES	5462	Y

RECEIPTS

14. The name of the non-posting level item for the sales of arms has been changed to be similar to the other sales categories.

Figure 4. Chart Illustration of the item before change

1	2	3	4	SEGMENT NUMBER	POSTING LEVEL
	RECEIPTS			2	N
		SALES GOODS & SERV NON CAP ASS		12	N
			SALES:SCRAP,WASTE,OTH GOODS	14	N
			SELLING:ARMS&ARMS SUPORT SYSTEMS	105	N

Figure 5. Chart Illustration of the item after change

1	2	3	4	SEGMENT NUMBER	POSTING LEVEL
	RECEIPTS			2	N
	SALES GOODS & SERV NON CAP ASS			12	N
	SALES:SCRAP,WASTE,OTH GOODS			14	N
	SALES:ARMS&ARMS SUPORT SYSTEMS			105	N

ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY

15. No changes were made to the Assets, Liabilities and Equity category.

ASSETS SEGMENT

16. A new asset has been added under power stations for solar power stations.

Figure 6. Chart Illustration of the item added

1	2	3	4	5	6	SEGMENT NUMBER	POSTING LEVEL
	ASSET RELATED					1	N
	BUILD & OTHER FIXED STRUCTURES					3	N
	OTHER FIXED STRUCTURES					26	N
	POWER STATIONS					127	N
	POWER STATION SOLAR					156	N
	POWER STATION SOLAR					157	Y

REGIONAL SEGMENT

17. No changes were made to this category of payments

Contact information

18. Please contact the SCOA project team via the **SCOA call center at (012) 315 5311**, or by sending a concise mail to scoa@treasury.gov.za if further clarity or discussion is required regarding the changes highlighted above.

19. For updated versions of the SCOA COR database and classification circulars please visit <https://scoa.treasury.gov.za>

Regards,

SCOA Technical Committee

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