

INTEGRATED BUDGET INFORMATION SYSTEM (IBIS)

GLOSSARY

Account	An eight-character alpha numeric field in the North Carolina Financial System (NCFS) Chart of Accounts which describes the purpose of an expenditure, the type of revenues received, and the balance sheet accounts required for GAAP accounting.
Account Group	A higher level grouping of accounts based on the second digit of the account. Most budget reports have subtotals for account groups.
Account Subgroup	Accounts have a rolled-up level which is used for the “certified” version of the BD701. Universities sometimes call this level a “budget pool”.
Agency	Also referred to as Department/Agency, is the name for the organizational entity within IBIS that the Budget Reporting Unit (BRU) is subordinate to in the system’s hierarchy. This is not to be confused with the term “State Agency,” which may refer to a unit of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of State government, such as a department, an institution, a division, a commission, etc.
Allotment	Each quarter, agencies must submit to OSBM a request for an allotment of the estimated amount required to carry on the work of the agency during the ensuing quarter. Allotments may be made on a more frequent basis as determined by the Director of the Budget. Allotments are requested and submitted via workflow for OSBM approval.
Annualized Salary	The 12-month value of a salary regardless of the effective date.
Appropriation	An enactment by the General Assembly authorizing the withdrawal of money from the State treasury. An enactment by the General Assembly that authorizes, specifies, or otherwise provides that funds may be used for a particular purpose is not an appropriation.
Authorized Budget	The authorized budget is composed of the certified budget plus allowable internal budget revisions (type 14 budget revisions) and adjustments that must be approved by OSBM (on type 12 budget revisions) through its statutory authority or acting on behalf of the Governor under the Governor’s Constitutional role and authority as Director of the Budget. This is the working budget and is reflected on the NCFS Monthly Budget Report (BD 701).
Base Budget	The base budget is the part of the state budget necessary to continue the current level of services when adjusted for inflation, mandated rate increases such as social security, annualization of programs, and operation of new facilities. The dollars and FTE values are the base of the Governor’s Recommended Budget. In the past, this was called the Continuation Budget.

Budget Code	A five digit number assigned by the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) in consultation with the Office of State Controller (OSC) based on the budgetary necessity and classification into the proper fund type for budgetary reporting.
BEACON	The HR/Payroll system for state Agencies which is maintained and operated by the Office of the State Controller (OSC). The IBIS system brings in BEACON data nightly for inclusion in the Salary Control monitoring tool.
Biennium	The two fiscal years beginning on July 1 of each odd-numbered year and ending on June 30 of the next odd-numbered year.
BRU	A Budget Reporting Unit, which is an organizational unit that has a Budget Office that interacts with OSBM. In Health and Human Services and the University System, there are multiple BRU's, which report to the Agency level, which interacts with OSBM.
Browser	The software used to access the IBIS application via the internet. Microsoft Edge is the officially supported browser for IBIS. While the Chrome browser may work for many IBIS functions, it is not an officially supported browser. If a user encounters issues in IBIS when working in Chrome, they will be asked to move back to Microsoft Edge.
Budget Revision	The process by which funds may be transferred, receipts budgeted, and positions established, as required by agency or OSBM approval. The State Budget Act has certain restrictions on these budget transactions; however, the Director of the Budget may declare a deviation from the restrictions and report the transaction to the Legislative Commission on Government Operations.
Budget Revision Type 11	Type 11 budget revisions change both the authorized and the certified budget and require OSBM approval.
Budget Revision Type 12	Type 12 budget revisions change the authorized budget and must be approved by OSBM.
Budget Revision Type 14	Type 14 budget revisions are allowable agency internal revisions that do not require OSBM approval. These revisions affect the authorized budget but not the certified budget.
Cache	Temporary storage within an internet browser, which is used to store information previously displayed so that response times of subsequent retrieval of the same information is improved.
Capital Improvement	A term that includes real property acquisition, new construction or rehabilitation of existing facilities, and repairs and renovations.

Capital Improvement Budget	The capital improvement budget is for real property acquisitions, new construction, rehabilitation of existing facilities, and repairs and renovations. These types of expenditures are accounted for in the capital budget code of an agency or institution.
CAS	Centralized Authentication Service which is used by the IBIS system to evaluate login credentials and authorize a user to perform activities in the system.
Certification	This is the process of putting the Appropriation Bill dollars and FTE into the NCFS chart of account segments (Budget Code, Budget Fund, Account Code, etc.) through an IBIS form. This process occurs after collaborating with Fiscal Research on the intent of the Legislature. The Certification data is then transmitted to the NCFS accounting system.
Certified Budget	The certified budget is enacted by the General Assembly and includes adjustments made for (i) distributions to State agencies from statewide reserves appropriated by the General Assembly, (ii) distributions of reserves appropriated to a specific agency by the General Assembly, and (iii) organizational or budget changes directed by the General Assembly but left to the Director to carry out. These adjustments are made throughout the year with type 11 budget revisions.
COGNOS	The product name for the Business Intelligence reporting environment utilized within the IBIS system.
Department/Agency	The name for the organizational entity within the IBIS system that the Budget Reporting Unit (BRU) is subordinate to in the system's hierarchy. In most cases, the BRU and the Department/Agency are the same, with the exception of the University System and the Department of Health and Human Services, which have multiple subordinate BRUs.
Encumbrance	A financial obligation created by a purchase order, contract, salary commitment, unearned or prepaid collections for services provided by the State or other legally binding agreement.
Expansion Budget	The expansion budget is the part of the budget that provides for new programs, expansion of existing programs, and salary and benefit increases.
Federal Funds	These funds are received from federal government agencies for support of programs on the state level. Federal funds are received through block grants, entitlement programs, and specific grants.
Form Actions	Actions that a user takes on a form being routed through workflow. An example of a form action is "Submit to OSBM."

FTE	Full time equivalent, which equates to one full-time position. A full-time position is counted as 1 FTE, whereas a part-time, 20 hour per week position is counted as .5 FTE.
Fiscal Period	A fiscal biennium beginning in odd-numbered years or the first or second fiscal year within a fiscal biennium.
Fiscal Year	The annual period beginning July 1 and ending on the following June 30.
Fiscal Year 1	The first fiscal year in a biennium.
Fiscal Year 2	The second fiscal year in a biennium.
Fund	A fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, for the purpose of carrying on stated programs, activities, and objectives of State government. An example is the General Fund. This is not to be confused with the nine-digit fund code defined by the State Budget Act which includes the budget code and fund number.
FY1	The abbreviation for the first fiscal year in a biennium.
FY2	The abbreviation for the second fiscal year in a biennium.
General Fund	The general fund is made up of tax revenues (non-transportation) such as sales tax, individual income tax, corporate tax, insurance premium tax, and franchise tax. In addition, the general fund includes non-tax revenues such as income from the Treasurer's investments, fees received from the court system, miscellaneous fees charged for state services, and transfers from the highway fund and the highway trust fund, and Medicaid disproportionate share receipts.
General Fund Budget Codes	These codes are for the budgets of each agency and institution that are supported from state General Fund revenue and from receipts considered to be general rather than specific in nature.
Gross Allotment	The total of all approved allotments for a fiscal year. The totals can exceed the authorized budget due to the fact that the unused allotments are reverted and can be allotted again.
Home Page	The "landing page" screen within the IBIS portal that provides the user with a left side high level menu of options, and access to their work queue in the center.
IBIS	Integrated Budget Information System, which is a web-based application to support Budget Development, Budget Execution, and Analytical reporting.
IBIS ID	A system generated identification which gives every object in IBIS a unique ID.

Lapsed Salaries	Lapsed salary is the dollar amount of salary and associated benefits not expended during the period in which a position is vacant. The Budget Manual explains the allowable uses for these funds.
My Messages	The screen within the IBIS portal that shows notification messages regarding actions taken on workflow items.
NCFS	The North Carolina Financial System, owned and operated by the Office of the State Controller (OSC).
NCID	The North Carolina Identity Management ID that is assigned to users and used to authenticate to many state computer systems and applications, including IBIS.
Net Allotment	Gross allotment minus the amount of quarterly reversions.
Non-Recurring	Budget adjustments that are not permanent and are not carried forward in the Base Budget.
Object or Line Item	An expenditure or receipt in a recommended or enacted budget that is designated in the Budget Code Structure of the North Carolina Accounting System Uniform Chart of Accounts prescribed by the Office of the State Controller. Also known as an account number, the object or line item describes the purpose of expenditure, the type of revenues received, and the balance sheet accounts required for Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
Organizational Structure	The organizational structure, or hierarchy, within the IBIS system. The structure is: Committee, Department/Agency, Budget Reporting Unit (BRU), Budget Code, Budget Fund, Account, Agency Management Unit (AMU), Program, Funding Source, Project and Inter Fund.
Program or Purpose	A group of objects or line items for support of a specific activity outlined in a recommended or enacted budget in accordance with the Budget Code Structure of the North Carolina Financial System (NCFS) Uniform Chart of Accounts prescribed by the Office of the State Controller.
Prompt	A request for the user to enter selection criteria prior to executing a report.
Receipts	Fees, licenses, federal funds, grants, fines, penalties, tuition, and other similar collections or credits generated by State agencies in the course of performing their governmental functions that are applied to the cost of a program administered by the State agency or transferred to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund pursuant to G.S. 115C-457.1 and that are not defined as tax proceeds or nontax revenues. Departmental receipts may include moneys transferred into a fiscal year from a prior fiscal year.
Recurring	A budgeted line item (requirements or estimated receipts) that occurs year after year and is included in the base budget.

Recommended Reduction	A decrease in the amount of a budgeted requirement or receipt.
Reference Number	A unique identifier which associates a group of adjustments to a text description.
Repeat Budget Revision	A budget revision that is a recurring budget change that should be included in the next Continuation Budget if approved after the Worksheet I is finalized. It should be repeated and processed in July of the next biennium if approved after the Worksheet I is finalized and included in the next Continuation Budget.
Request	A work item created by a BRU and submitted for approvals. A few examples of requests are Budget Revisions, Base Budget Adjustments (Worksheet I), and Budget Allotments. Once a request is created, it becomes a Work Item and appears in the Work Queue.
Rich Text Editor	A text editor within the IBIS portal that allows for applying formatting, such as bold, underline, italics, to justification text included on requests submitted via workflow.
Salary Adjustment	Subject to approval of the Office of State Human Resources (OSHR), agencies are allowed to give increases to employees who are promoted or to others in response to private or government competition.
Salary Control	The module within IBIS that allows a user to view the current authorized budget for salaries and the current obligation for funded positions for each budget code, fund code, salary account code and funding source. The budgeted salary and the HR salary are always the 12-month amount regardless of the effective date. This module also shows the authorized position (IBIS FTE) count and the HR position (Beacon FTE) count. The State Budget Act makes OSBM responsible for ensuring that permanent salary commitments do not exceed the authorized budget amounts and it describes which kinds of changes OSBM is authorized to allow. The policies are explained in the State Budget Manual.
Salary Reserve	Salary funds remaining on an annual basis when positions are filled at lower levels than budgeted. These funds may be used for salary range revisions and reclassification of positions, subject to approval of the Office of State Human Resources (OSHR). Salary reserve is calculated by taking the difference between the current authorized budget for salaries and the current obligation for funded positions, for each budget code, fund code and salary account code.
Scenario	A set of expansion and/or reduction adjustments that are bundled together in the budget development process to represent one of many various options to be considered.
Screen ID	An ID in the top right corner of IBIS screens, which identifies the screen and helps the IBIS technical team with end-user issue resolution.
Strategic Planning	A long-term, future-oriented process of assessment, goal setting, and decision-making. A strategic plan defines what an agency will do over the next three to five years and how it will achieve its desired results.

Time-limited	This usually applies to positions which have a definite ending time for funding. Employees have permanent benefits while in these positions but will be separated at the end of the funding period.
Worksheet I Report	The Worksheet I report is the starting point for the budget development process. A report, the BI233, has columns to represent prior year actual expenditures, current year certified and authorized budgets, and recommended adjustments for the biennium under request. The dollars and FTE in the two total columns are the amount of the Base Budget.
Worksheet I Request	Base Budget Adjustment requests that are reflected in the change columns of the BI 233 report. These forms are processed and approved through the workflow process.
Worksheet II Request	This is an Expansion or Reduction request that is submitted as part of the budget development process. These forms are processed and approved through the workflow process.
Worksheet III Request	This is a capital request (Capital Needs Estimate) that is submitted as part of the budget development process. The capital budget development process begins when state agencies and the University Board of Governors submit their six-year needs estimates to the Director of the Budget by September 1 of even-numbered years. The worksheet III is the form by which state agencies submit these estimates. These forms are processed and approved through the workflow process.
Work Item	A specific request that is submitted by a user and routed through workflow for required approvals and processing.
Workflow Status	Indicates the state of a workflow item. Examples of the workflow status are "Ready to Submit", "Submitted to OSBM", and "Approved". More information on workflow can be found in the IBIS Workflow User Guide.
Work Queue	The space within the IBIS portal where a user creates, reviews and takes action on work items. The work queue can be thought of as an electronic inbox of work items.
WS I	Worksheet I, or Base Budget Adjustment request. See Worksheet I Request.
WS II	Worksheet II, or Expansion Budget Request. See Worksheet II Request.
WS III	Worksheet III, or Capital Needs Estimate. See Worksheet III Request.