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V9.5 End User Guide

Timesheets and Expenses

DOCUMENTATION

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V9 END USER GUIDE TO TIMESHEETS AND EXPENSES

This document is aimed at the end user to provide information on using timesheets and expenses in Practice Engine V9.

Timesheets are a way of recording time spent against clients and activities, including non-chargeable work. Each organisation will have different configurations regarding services and activity/ analysis codes and their use. This guide explains the use of timesheets based on a standard set up.

Expenses are used to record staff expenses against clients and non-chargeable work.

TIMESHEETS

There are two styles of timesheets available within Practice Engine – Weekly and Daily. It is possible for an organisation to use a mixture of timesheet styles for different purposes. Weekly timesheets are the default timesheet style and are particularly useful for staff who perform the same type of work across the week. Daily timesheets are useful for staff who either need to include a large number of time entries for each day or whose time needs to be posted on a daily basis.
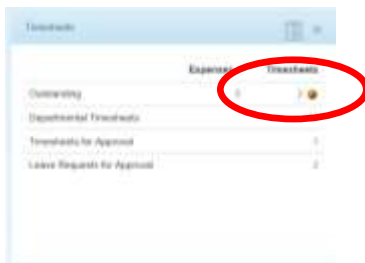
TIMESHEET ENTRY

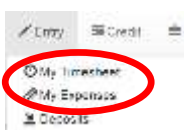Timesheets can be accessed from various launch points:
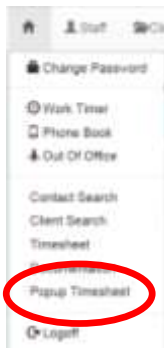
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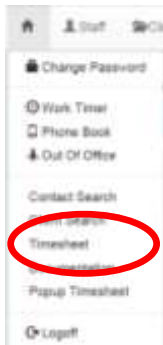
- The Outstanding Timesheets hyperlink on the Timesheets dashlet of the staff dashboard

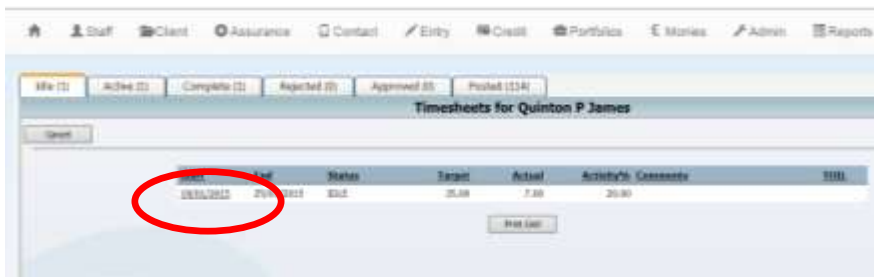- Selecting My Timesheet from the Entry menu

- Clicking onto the Popup Timesheet link from the Home menu

The first three options will launch the style of timesheet that is set as the default for the user.

WEEKLY TIMESHEET ENTRY

Clicking onto any of the first three options will open the main timesheets page:


Click onto the underlined start date of the week requiring the timesheet entry, as indicated above. This will open the Timesheet Header.

Click onto the **New** button to create a new timesheet entry. This will open the Timesheet Entry dialog window where the details of the timesheet entry can be input.
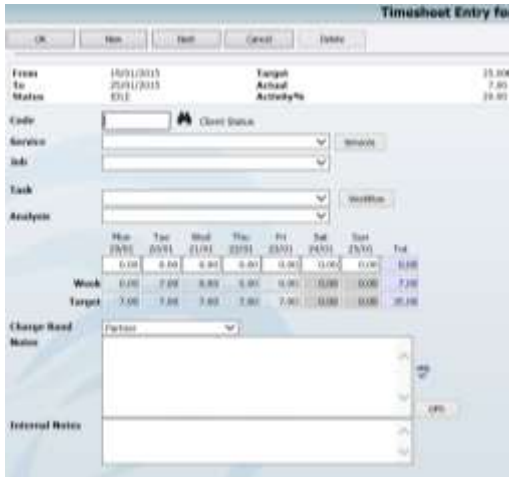
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Enter at least three characters of the client code or client name to display an autocomplete list. The results list will become more accurate as more characters are entered.
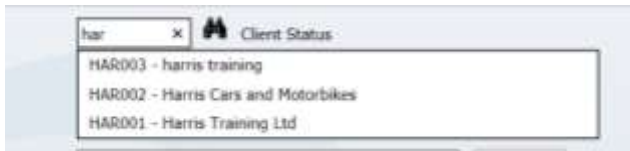
Either use the keyboard arrow keys and Enter to select the required client or click onto the required client using the mouse.

Select the service that the time entry is to be put against.

If Jobs are being used, select the relevant job and task to put the entry against.

If required, select an appropriate analysis code for the entry.

Enter the amount of time to be recorded against the relevant day(s)– this is entered in decimal hours.

The charge band field allows for different charge bands to be selected for different types of work. This will only be relevant for users that have multiple charge bands set against the staff record.

Enter a narrative for the timesheet entry – this narrative may be used on fees for the client.

If relevant, enter any additional Internal Notes against the entry.

At the top of the page there are three options to save the entry:
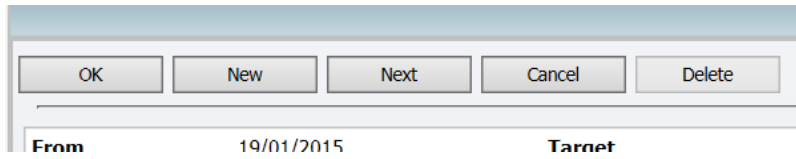
- **OK** – saves the entry and returns to the weekly timesheet overview. Use this option when entering a single entry or editing an entry.
- **New** – Saves the entry and opens a new blank timesheet entry page. Use this option when needing to add another entry for a different client.
- **Next** – Saves the entry and opens a new timesheet entry page for the same client. Use this option when multiple entries are required for the same client with different details such as job, task, analysis code or narrative.

EDITING WEEKLY TIMESHEETS

Timesheet entries can be amended up to the point that they are posted. If posted they will appear will a red dot next to them.

To amend an entry either click onto the underlined link:

M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Total	Notes
0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	Consultancy r
1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	notes
1.00	**2.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**3.00**	

Or right click and select **View/Edit Details** from the context menu.
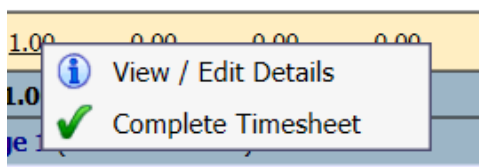
Either option will open the timesheet entry form, where the entry can be amended before saving it. It is also possible to **Delete** the entry.

COMPLETING TIMESHEETS

Once all of the entries for the week have been entered onto the timesheet and the target number of hours have been reached, the **Complete** button will be activated.

Click onto this button to mark the Timesheet as Complete, ready for Approval or Posting.

The **Complete** button will change to **Activate**. Entries can still be amended by activating the timesheet, making the changes and then marking the timesheet as Complete again.

DAILY TIMESHEET ENTRY

Daily timesheets provide a different input screen.

The Date field at the top of the screen allows for movement between the days of the day week, this is also possible using the calendar icon.

Enter at least three characters of the client code or client name to display an autocomplete list. The results list will become more accurate as more characters are entered.

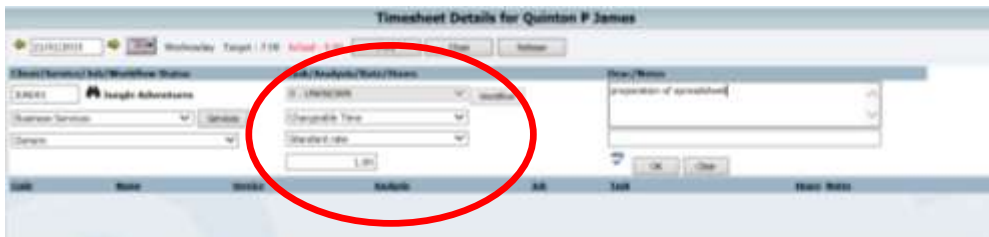Select the Service that the entry is to be allocated against for the client.

If Jobs are being used, select the Job for the entry.

Select the required task, analysis code and rate before entering the time spent.
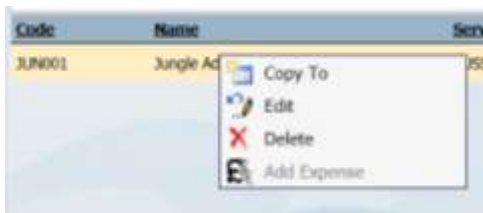

Enter the narrative for the entry and click onto the **OK** button. This will add the entry to the daily list of entries.

New entries can be made by repeating the process described above.

COPYING AND EDITING DAILY ENTRIES

Daily Timesheet entries can be copied from one day to another. Right click on the entry to be copied:


Select **Copy To** from the context menu and select the date from the pop up calendar to copy the entry to.

Entries can also be amended and deleted from this context menu.

RELEASING DAILY TIMESHEET ENTRIES

Daily timesheet entries can be marked as Complete by releasing them. This allows the entries to be posted by an administrator. The entries can be released individually as they are completed or in bulk at the end of the day. Released entries will be marked with a red dot next to them.
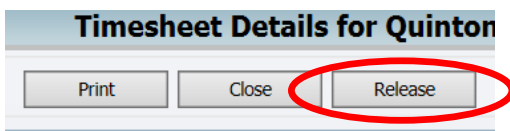
## TIMESHEET LOCATIONS (US ONLY)

Timesheet locations are used to track where work has been performed. Each staff member will have a default location set against their staff record. By default this is applied to all time entries, but can be changed.

When Timesheet locations are in use, a suitcase symbol will be shown on the timesheet page:
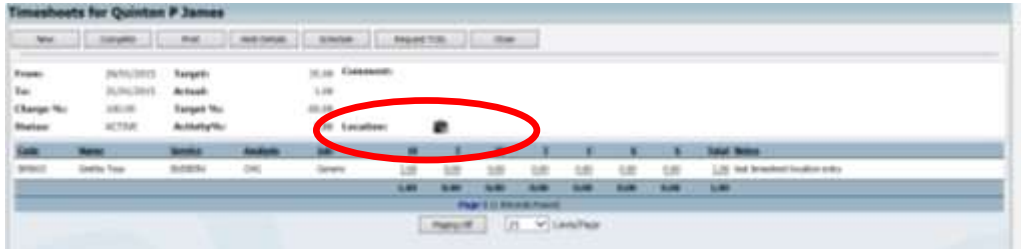

Clicking onto this icon allows the user to change the timesheet location for the current timesheet.

It is also possible to set the location against individual entries after the entry has been recorded. Right click on the entry to be changed to display a context menu and select **Set Timesheet Location**.
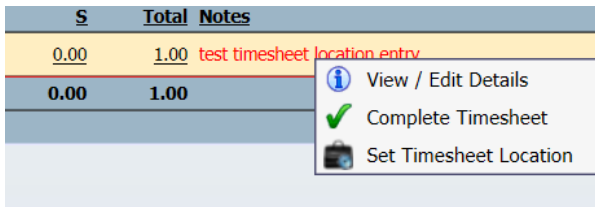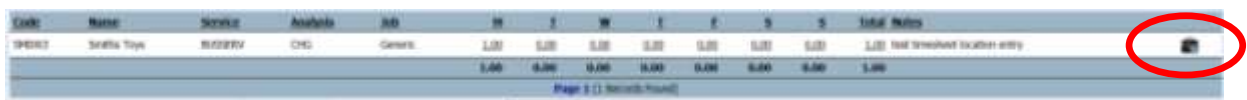

This will display the following dialog where the State and County can be selected for the entry.
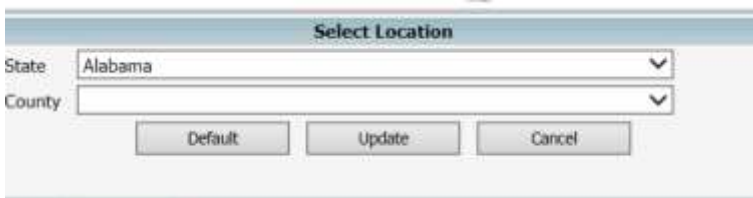
Click onto the **Update** button to save the changes.

Any timesheet entry that is different to the default location will be displayed with the 'suitcase' icon at the end of the line.
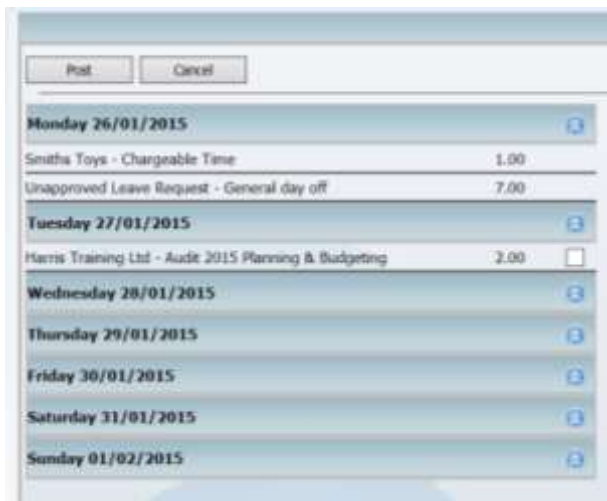
SCHEDULE BUTTON

The schedule button works in conjunction with Job Scheduling and shows on the weekly timesheet header:

Clicking onto the Schedule button will display a list of items that the staff member has been scheduled to for the week along with any entries that have already been put onto the timesheet.
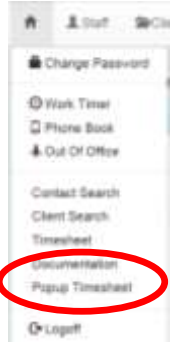

Select the entries that are to be posted to the timesheet and click onto the **Post** button. These entries will be entered onto the timesheet, but can be edited as required.

They will be displayed on the Diary Entries page (clicking onto the Schedule button again) as below to indicate that they have been entered onto the timesheet:
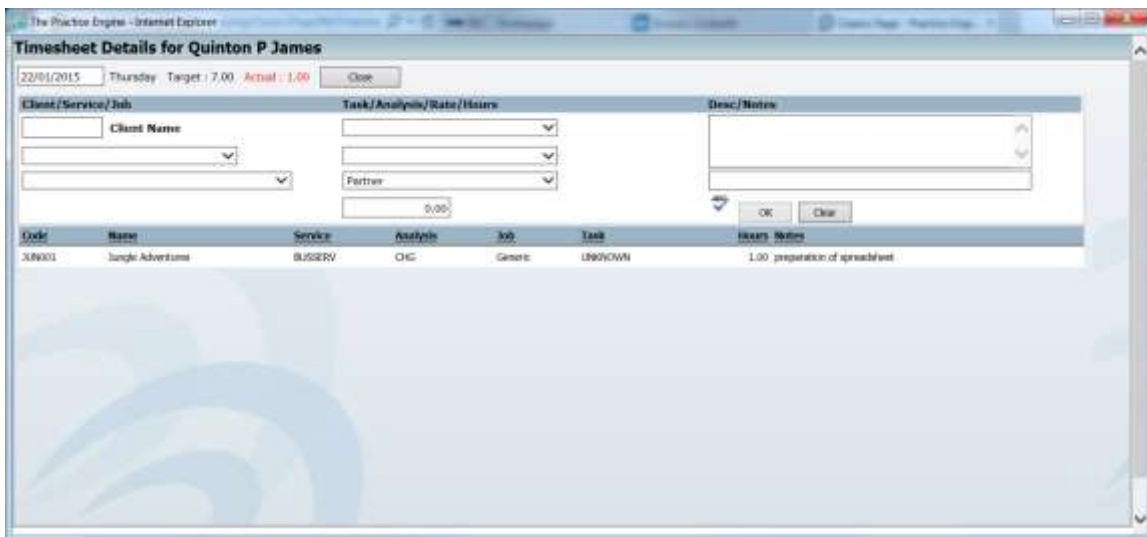
The Popup Timesheet provides a way of keeping a timesheet open throughout the day so that time entries can be made as they are completed. The Popup timesheet can be found as a link on the Home menu

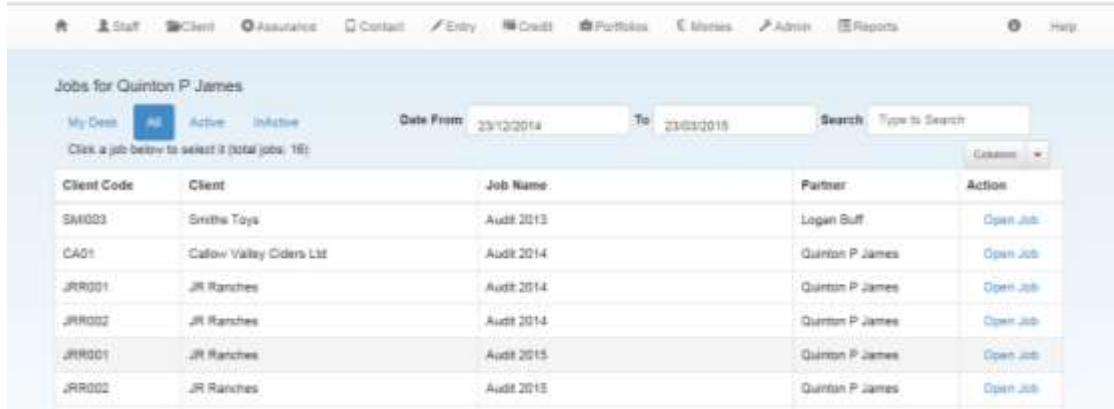This opens the current day's timesheet as a daily view in a separate browser tab/ window.

Time entry is completed as described above in the Daily Timesheets section. Time can only be entered to the current day, and entries cannot be copied.
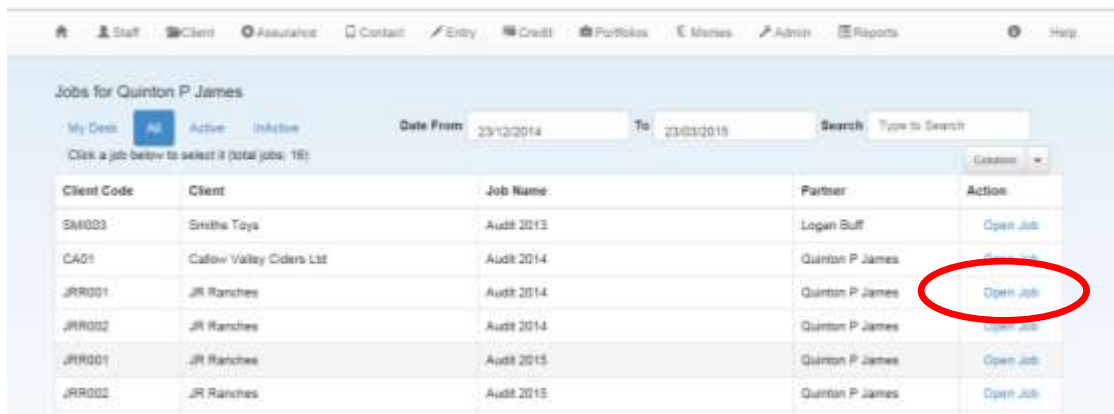
The Work Timer is a feature that is available when using Jobs. Within the job details pages it is possible to set the work timer running.

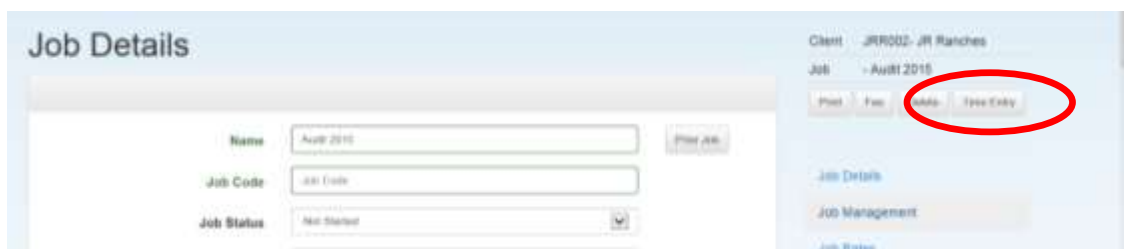Open either the Staff Jobs page or the Client Jobs page:

Click onto the Open Job link in the Action column:

This will open the main job details pages.

Click onto the **Time Entry** button to open the Work timer:
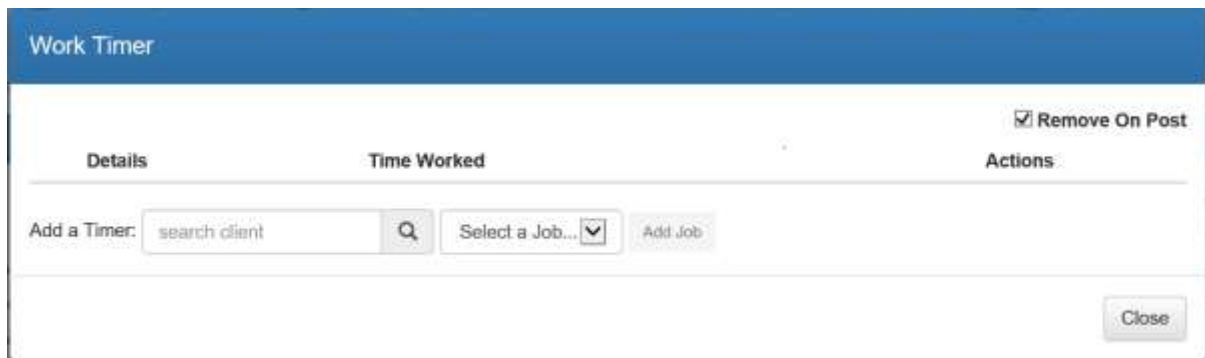
Use the **Add a Timer** line to add the required job. Enter the client name or client code and select the desired client. Select the job that the time is to be entered against and click onto the **Add Job** button.
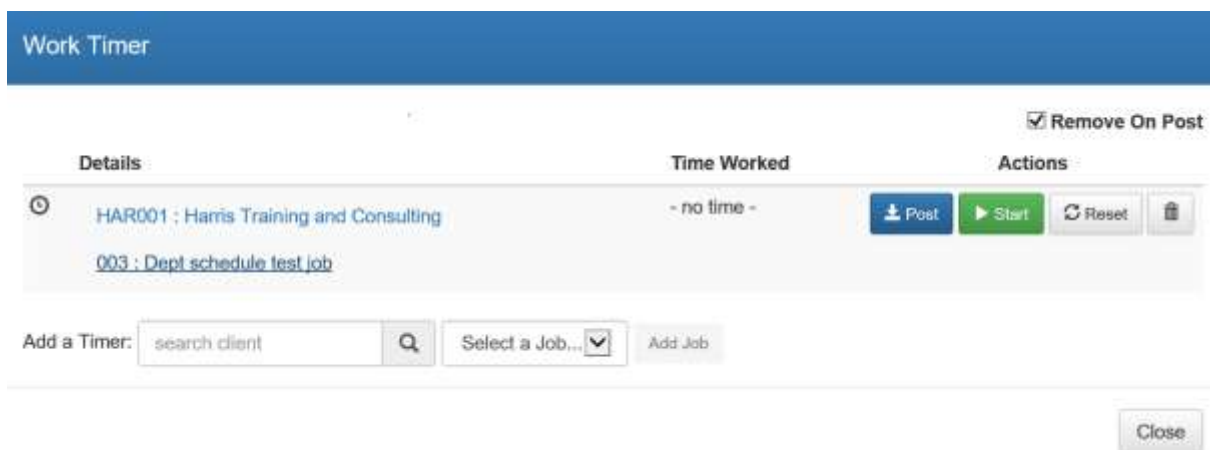
Click onto the **Start** button to start the work timer.

Close the Work Timer dialog to return to the job pages. This entry will keep running in the background, allowing the user to work elsewhere within the system.

The entry can be applied to the timesheet either from the Work Timer link on the Home menu or from the Time Entry of the Job pages.

APPLYING THE ENTRY FROM THE HOME MENU

Click onto the **Work Timer** option from the **Home** menu
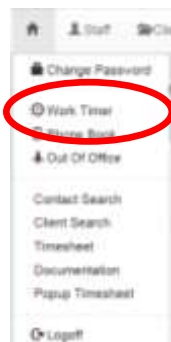
This will open the Work Timer page and will display all jobs that are being tracked.

Click onto the **Stop** button to stop the timer. Click onto the **Post** button to apply the time to the timesheet. This will create a timesheet entry for the time entered and remove the amount of time from the total available on the work timer.

Click onto the **Time Entry** button on the Job s page as described earlier to open the Work timer dialog window.

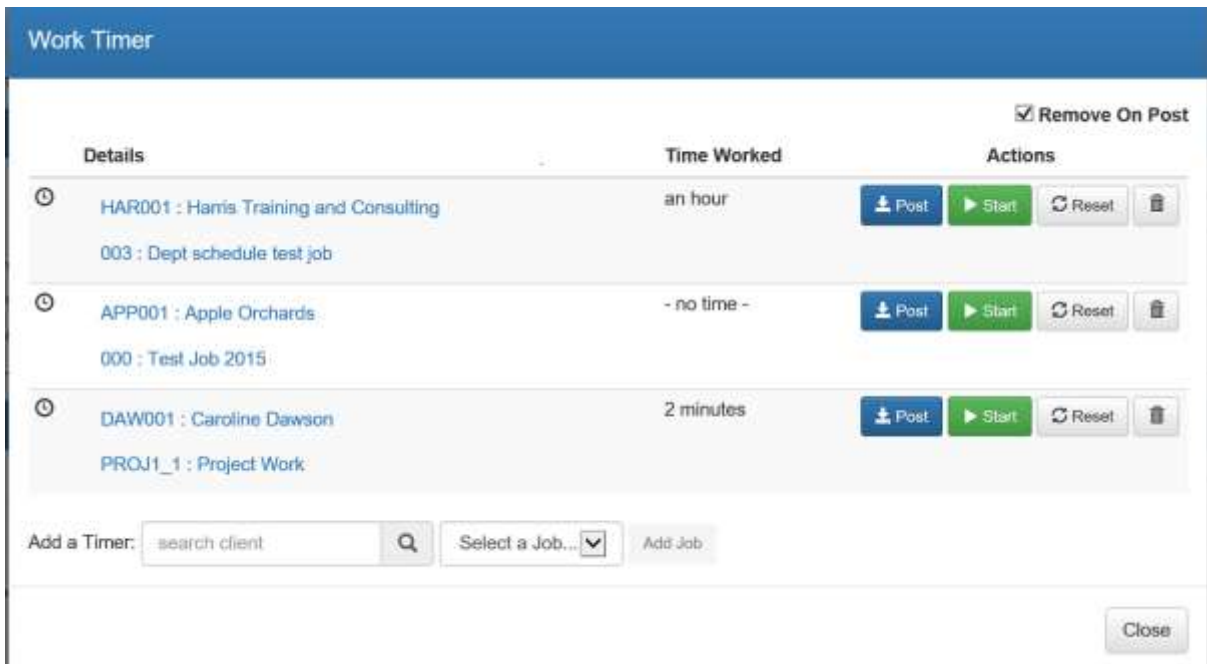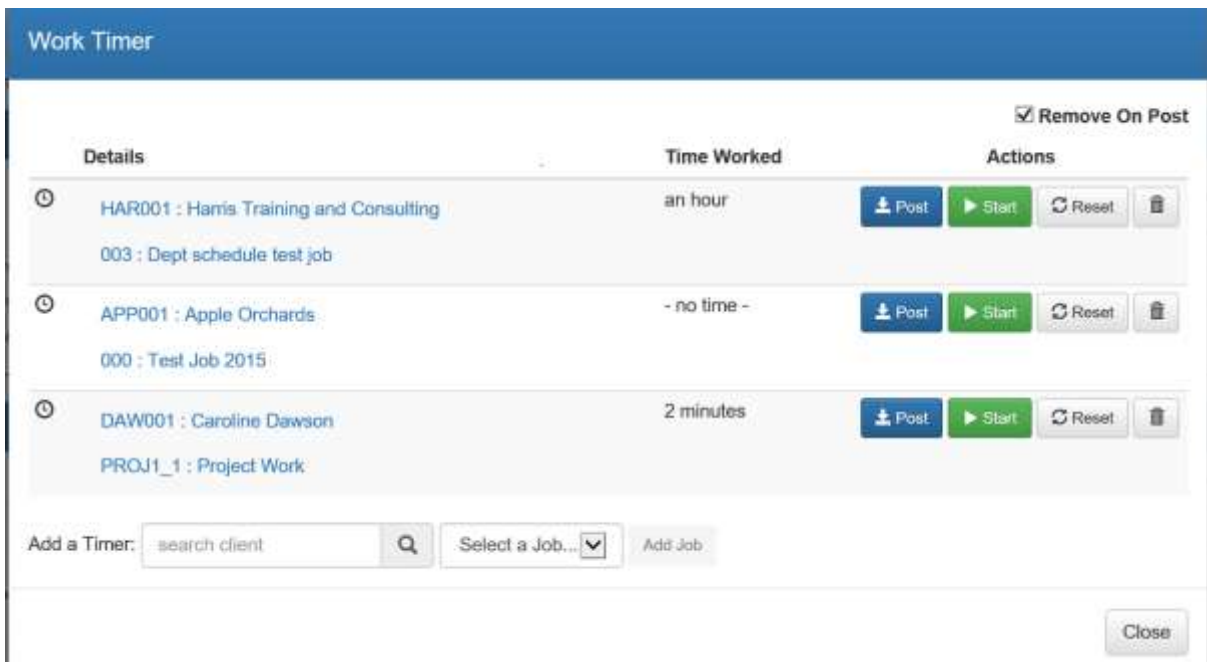
Click onto the **Stop** button to stop the timer. Click onto the **Post** button to apply the time to the timesheet. This will create a timesheet entry for the time entered and remove the amount of time from the total available on the work timer.

TIMESHEET APPROVAL

Approving timesheets is the process of confirming that the time entered against a client is valid and can be posted and billed. It is a final check before the time is posted, since once posted, timesheet entries cannot be changed.

In order to 'Approve' a timesheet it must have a status of 'Complete' and the staff member who is to approve the timesheet must have the relevant permissions granted.

Timesheet Approval can be granted at the user level (My Timesheet Approvals), the department level, the office level or on a global level.

MY TIMESHEET APPROVALS

My Timesheet Approvals allows team leaders/ managers to be set up to approve their team's timesheets. Timesheets awaiting approval can be accessed from two locations:

- The Timesheet dashlet on the Staff Dashboard has a link to **Timesheets For Approval**. Clicking onto the number of timesheets waiting for approval will navigate through to the approval pages.
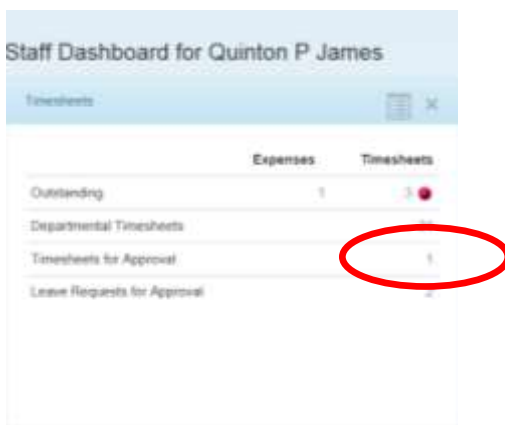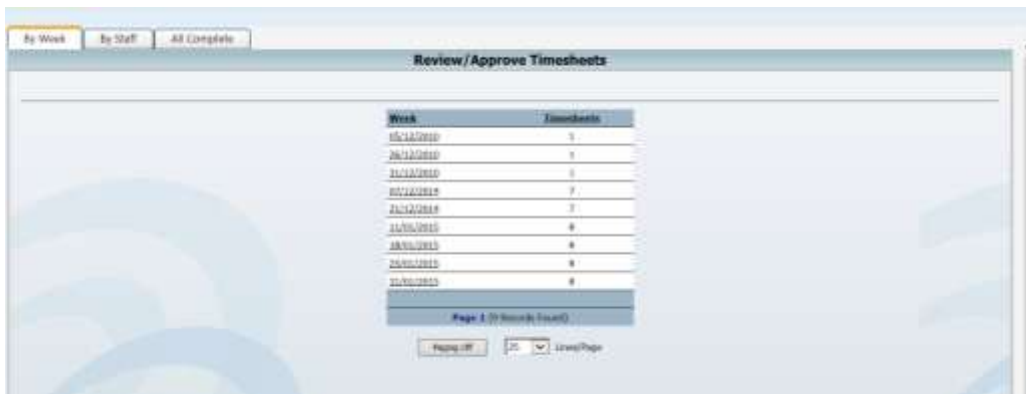

- From the **Entry** menu taskpad, there is an option called **My Timesheet Approvals**.

Both options will navigate through to the **Review/Approve Timesheets** page

This page filters the timesheets by Week, Staff Member or by All Complete.

Clicking onto the **Week** will show all timesheets for that week regardless of status.

Clicking onto the **Staff Member** will show all timesheets for that staff member.
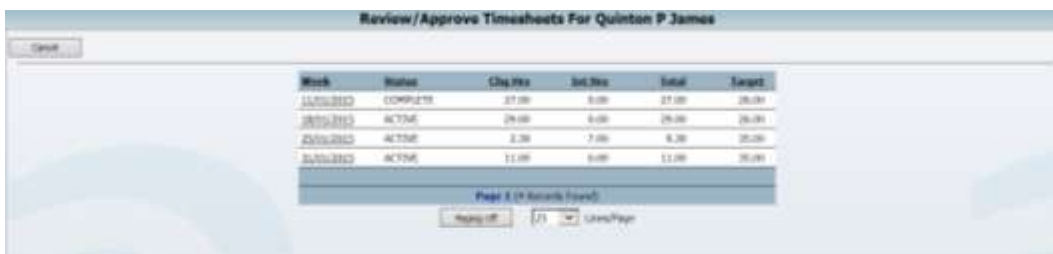
Clicking onto **All Complete** will show all timesheets that are complete and awaiting approval.


Clicking onto a **Complete** timesheet from any of these pages will show the Approval page for the timesheet.

This page displays all entries on the staff member's timesheet. The Approver can Review and Edit the entries if required using the **Edit** button next to each entry – this may be to adjust the Charge Rate, the Analysis Code, the Job etc.

If an entry is edited, the main timesheet entry form is opened where the necessary changes can be made.
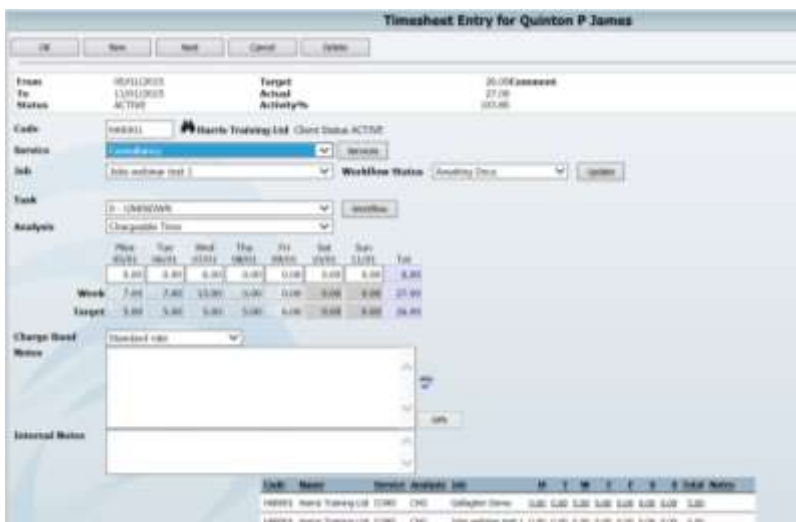
Clicking onto the **OK** button will save the changes and return to the timesheet approval page where the timesheet must be marked as Complete again.

Click onto the **Complete** button to mark the timesheet as Complete.

The timesheet can be either Approved or Rejected using the buttons at the top of the page. If the timesheet is to be rejected, the approver can enter the rejection reason into the comment box to inform the staff member as to the reason of the timesheet being rejected.

The Rejected timesheet will be displayed on the staff members Timesheets dashlet.
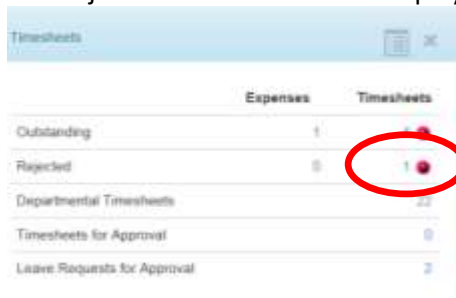
Click onto the number of Rejected timesheets. The timesheet will be displayed under the **Rejected** tab of the Timesheets page.


The timesheet will need to be activated by clicking onto the **Activate** button.

The timesheet can then be amended as required and marked as Complete.

DEPARTMENT TIMESHEET APPROVAL

Department Timesheet approval allows a manager to approve any timesheets of staff belonging to the same department. Department Timesheet approval can also be accessed from either the Timesheets dashlet or from the Entry menu taskpad.
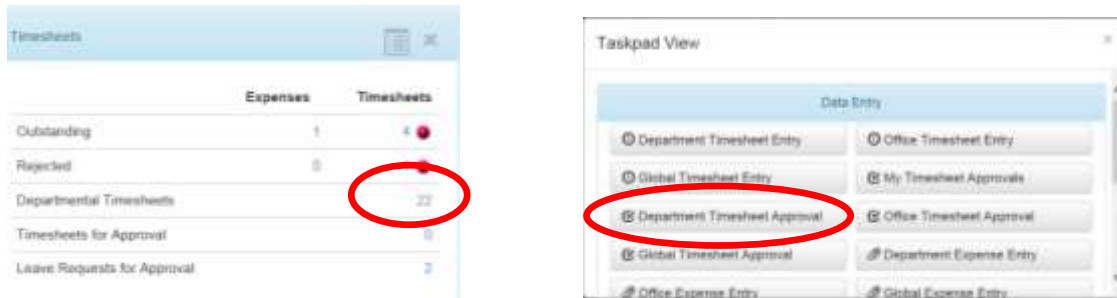
Both of these launch points will navigate through to the **Review/Approve Timesheet** page where the timesheets can be approved as described in the section above.

Note: The option of All Complete is only available through the My Timesheet Approvals page.

OFFICE TIMESHEET APPROVAL

Office Timesheet approval allows an office manager to approve any timesheets of staff belonging to the same office. The Office Timesheet Approval page can only be accessed from the Entry menu. Approval of the timesheets is the same as described in the section above, with the added ability to filter the timesheets by Department.

GLOBAL TIMESHEET APPROVAL

Global Timesheet approval allows a system administrator to approve any timesheets. The Global Timesheet Approval page can only be accessed from the Entry menu. Approval of the timesheets is the same as described in the section above, with the added ability to filter the timesheets by Office and by Department.

TOIL

TOIL or Time Off In Lieu can be requested from the timesheet pages. This is dependent upon the organisation using the Manual TOIL with Approval method of recording TOIL. This is only available for Weekly timesheets.

Staff can request TOIL for any time worked over the daily target using the **Request TOIL** button.

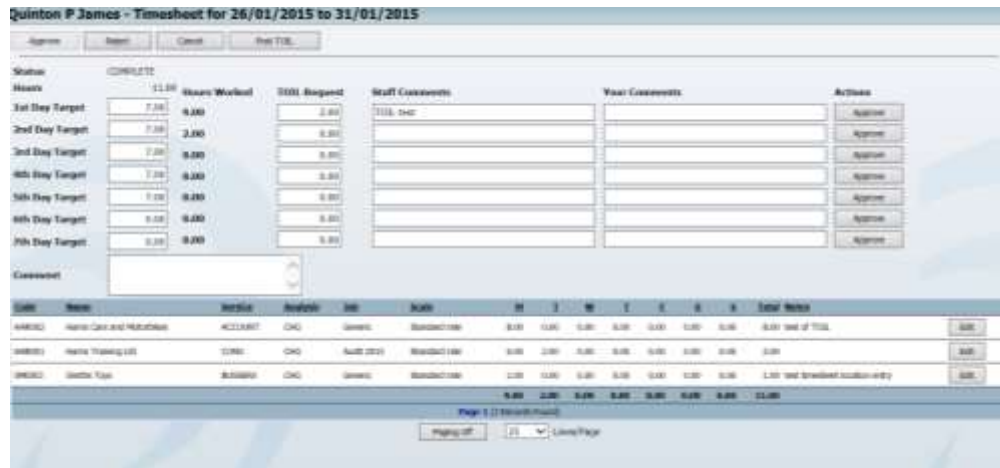Clicking onto this button will display the following page:

Enter the amount of TOIL to be requested against each day, along with any comments. Click onto the **Save** button to make the request.

These entries will need to be approved when the timesheet is approved.

APPROVAL OF TOIL

If the Manual TOIL with Approval option is being used, each TOIL request will need to be approved as part of the Timesheet Approval process.
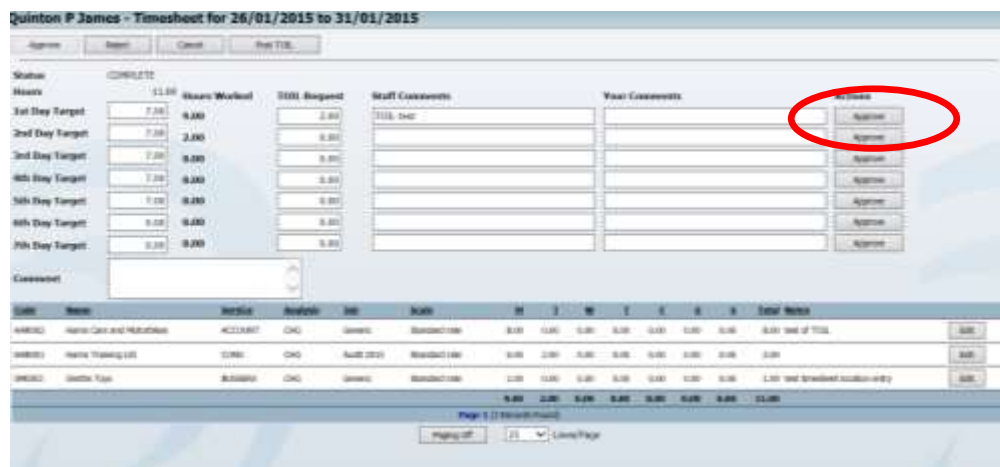
The Timesheet Approval page will display additional fields and information relating to TOIL.

TOIL is requested on a day by day basis by the staff member. This is displayed in the **TOIL Request** field. The staff member can only request any hours that are over the daily target.

The Approver has the option to add comments for each TOIL request. Each TOIL Request is approved by clicking onto the **Approve** button at the end of each line.

Once all of the requested TOIL has been approved the TOIL can be posted using the **Post TOIL** button.

EXPENSES

Expenses can be used to track staff outlay against clients and non-chargeable clients. Expenses can be accessed by the following methods:

- The Outstanding Expenses hyperlink on the Timesheets dashlet of the staff dashboard
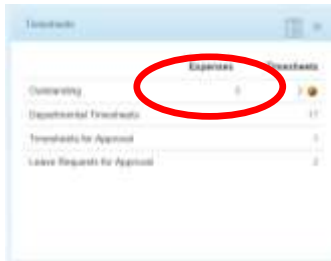
- Selecting Staff Expenses from the Entry menu

RECEIPT CAPTURE

Receipt capture is the first stage to entering expenses. Receipt capture can occur from the Receipt Capture page in the Entry menu, it can also occur from the Staff Expenses page of the Entry menu and from within a claim itself.

Selecting Receipt Capture from the entry menu, or Add Receipt from the Staff Expenses page will display a page where the receipt details can be entered:

Image from the Receipts Capture page displayed on a laptop.

The page contains 3 mandatory fields which are highlighted in red – Supplier, Description and Image. Only one of these fields needs to be entered however.

The Staff field auto populates with the staff members name.

Enter a Supplier. This helps in identifying the receipt when the expenses are approved. The Supplier field will remember previously entered values for the user to create an autocomplete list.

Tags allow the receipt to be grouped with others. Tags are used on the Unattached Receipts page to filter receipts. Enter any tags that may be useful to sort the receipt by.

Enter a description for the receipt. This provides the approver with more information.

The Date will default to the current date, but can be changed to reflect the date of the actual receipt. Click into the date field to display a date picker to choose a new date.

Use the Browse option to either browse to a saved image or if using on a mobile device to activate the device camera to capture the receipt image. Once an image has been attached it will be displayed in the Receipt Preview pane to the right hand side of the details.

The Voucher Attached field will automatically become checked if an image is uploaded. However this field can also be manually checked to indicate that a physical receipt will be provided.

Enter the Net amount for the receipt.

Select the VAT rate to be applied to the receipt. The VAT amount will be calculated based on the entered amount in the Net field if a NET amount has been entered.

The Gross amount will be calculated based on the total of the Net and VAT amounts. Alternatively a Gross amount can be entered and the NET and VAT amounts will be calculated.

If required, enter the Payment Method and a reference.

Click onto the **Save** button.

The receipt will be saved and the Allocation screen will be displayed. Allocations can be entered at this point as described in the section below.

 Alternatively use the **Expense List** button to return to the Staff Expenses page.

RECEIPT ALLOCATION

Receipts allocation allows the receipt to be put against a client, multiple clients or a non-chargeable client. All allocations work in the same way and can be performed as part of the Receipt Capture or when creating the claim.

FROM RECEIPT CAPTURE

The Allocation page will be displayed after the initial details of the receipt have been captured and saved.

Click into the **Client** field and start to type the client code or client name. An autocomplete list of matching clients will be displayed once at least 3 characters have been entered. Select the client the allocation is to be entered against.

Select the **Job** to match the allocation against.

Select the **Expense Code**. These categorise the type of expense that has been incurred.

The **VAT Rate** will default to the rate that has been set up against the Expense Code, but can be changed if required.

Enter the **NET** amount for the allocation line. The Tax and Gross amounts will be calculated.

This process can be repeated to allow allocation of a receipt against the same client with different allocation details (e.g a different job) or against a different client.

To create an allocation line against the same client, click onto the **+Same Client/ Job** button:

To create an allocation line for a different client, click onto the **+New Blank Line** button:

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Click onto the **Save** button once all allocation lines have been entered.

Use the **Expense List** button to return to the Staff Expenses page.

FROM A CLAIM

Receipt Allocation can also be completed from the Claim itself. This will be covered in the next section.

STAFF EXPENSES

The Staff Expenses page can be found on the Entry menu. This page consists of Receipts, My Expenses and if the user has permissions, For Approval, Others and Posting.
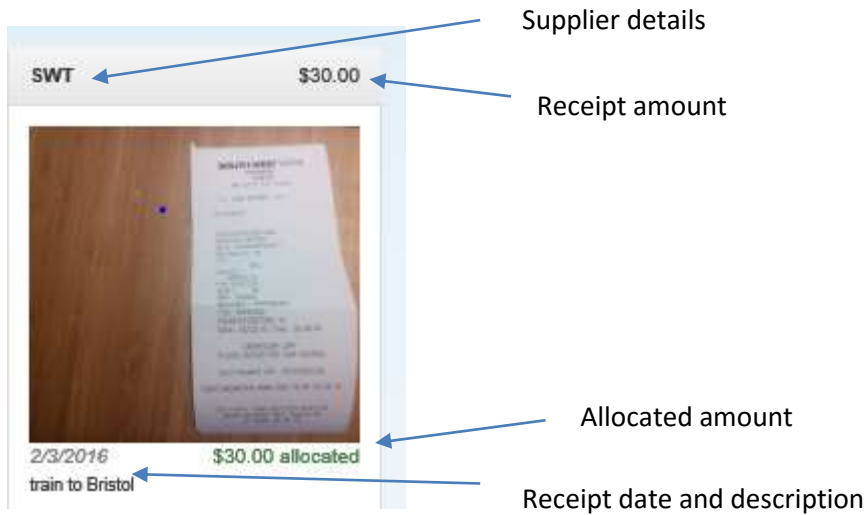
RECEIPTS

The Receipts page displays all captured receipts that have not been added to a Claim. It is also possible to add new receipts from this page.


New receipts can be added by using the **+Add Receipt** button. The Receipt Capture page will be displayed.

Unattached Receipts can be filtered by the tags that have been entered, using the 'Filter By Tag' drop down.

Each Receipt displays

Supplier details

Receipt amount

Allocated amount

Receipt date and description

Receipts can be edited or deleted – click onto the receipt to edit or delete:
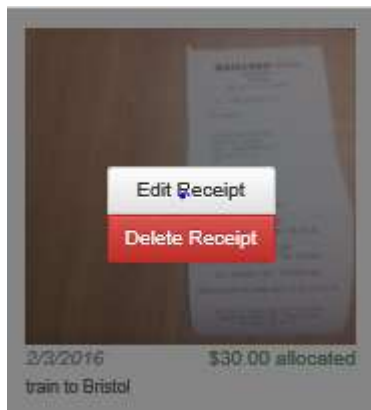
And select the required option. To cancel, click onto the receipt image.
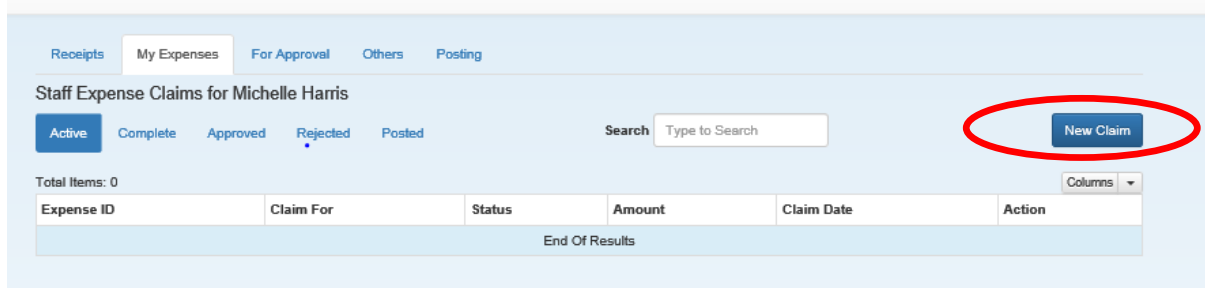
MY EXPENSES

The My Expenses page lists all Expense Claims for the staff member. Claims are refined by the statuses of Active, Complete, approved, Rejected and Posted.

Note: Some pages, such as Claims will not display on small screen devices.

CREATING A CLAIM

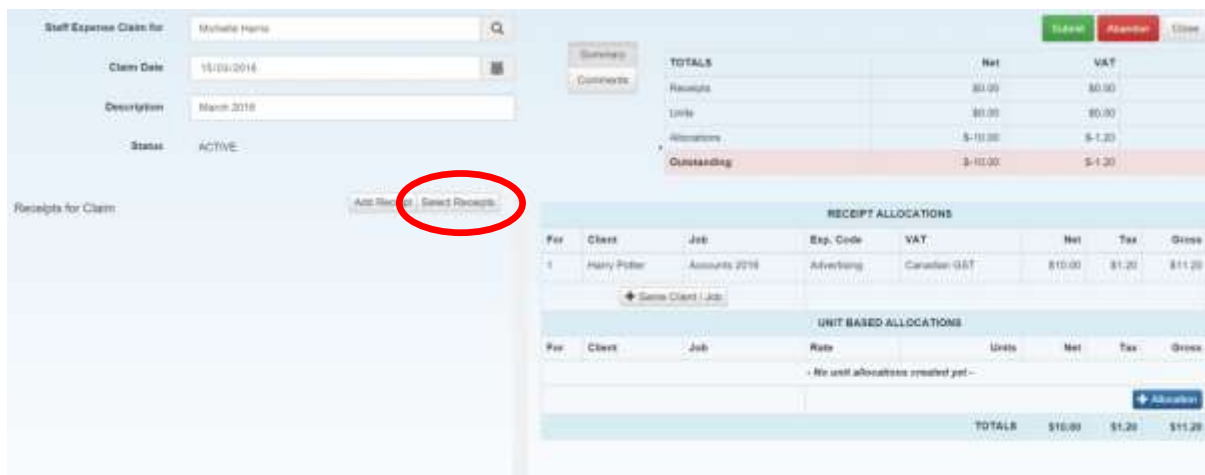Click onto the **New Claim** button:

Enter a Description and click onto **Save**:

The **Save** button will change to display two new buttons of **Submit** and **Abandon**.

SELECTING/ ADDING RECEIPTS TO THE CLAIM

Receipts that have already been captured can be added to the claim. Click onto the **Select Receipts** button:

A list of available Unattached Receipts will be displayed. Click onto the receipts that are to be included on the Claim.
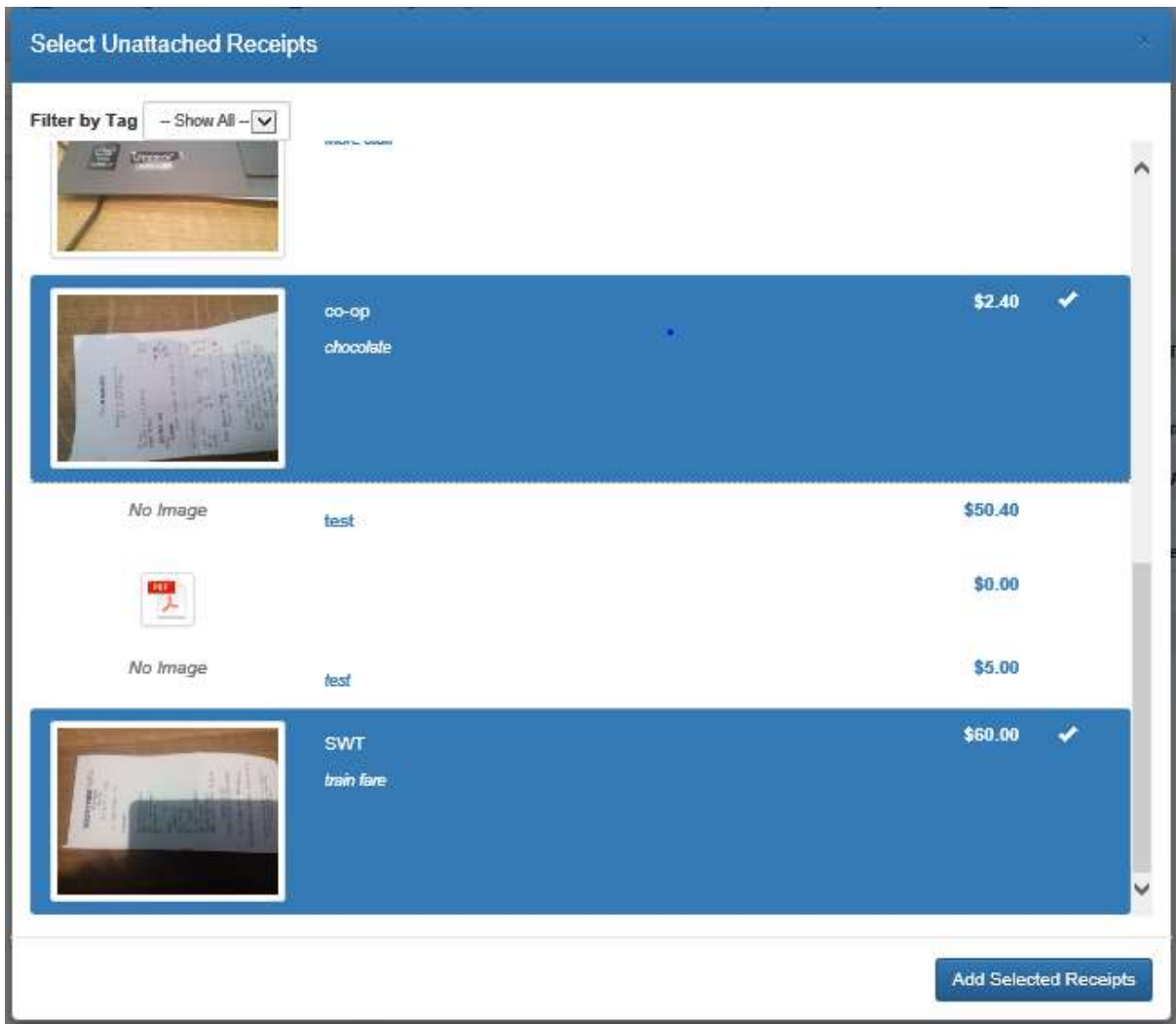
Click onto the **Add Selected Receipts** button.

It is also possible to capture new receipts directly against the claim. Click onto the **Add Receipt** button which is located next to the **Select Receipts** button.

This will open the Capture Receipt page where a new receipt can be captured as described in the section earlier in this document.

EDITING RECEIPTS

Receipt details can be edited from within the claim. Click onto the receipt to be edited and select **Edit** from the available options.

The Edit Receipt dialog will be displayed where any changes that are required can be entered and then saved.

Receipts can be grouped together to allow multiple receipts to be allocated against a single allocation line.

Click onto the first receipt to be grouped and select **Group** from the options as displayed in the section above.

Click onto the additional receipts that are to be grouped together. The receipts will be displayed with grouped ordinals to indicate which group they belong to, as well as group total information.

Receipts can be ungrouped by clicking onto the group:

Select the receipt that is to be removed from the group.

REMOVING OR DELETING RECEIPTS

Receipts can be removed from the claim and returned to the list of Unattached Receipts.

If a Receipt is deleted, it is deleted completely from the system.

ALLOCATING RECEIPTS FROM WITHIN THE CLAIM

If a receipt has not been allocated at the time of the capture, it can be allocated when completing the claim.
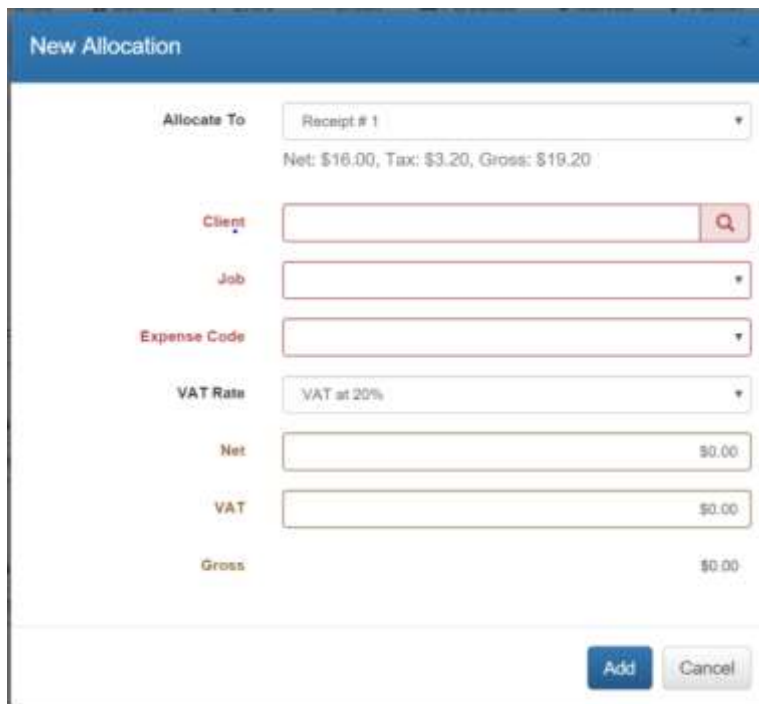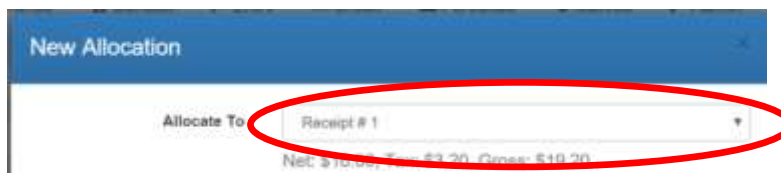
Click onto the **+Allocation** button to enter a new allocation line.

Select the receipt or group of receipts that the allocation is for:

Enter the client name or client code. A minimum of 3 characters must be entered. The autocomplete will display an initial set of results. The list of results will be refined as additional characters are entered.

Once a client has been selected, a list of available jobs will be displayed. Select the job that the allocation is for.

Select the required Expense code (analysis code). This is used to determine the correct VAT/ Tax rate (if set up to do so).

Adjust the VAT rate if required.

Enter a NET amount for the allocation. The system will use the selected VAT rate to calculate the VAT and Gross amount.

The VAT amount can be changed if required. This will NOT affect the entered NET amount, but the Gross amount will update to reflect the change.

Click onto the **Add** button to save the allocation line.

Repeat the process for any additional allocations required.

UNIT BASED ALLOCATIONS

Unit based allocations are used for items such as mileage, postage, photocopying. They allow a user to enter the number of units and the system will calculate the amounts based on information already set up on the system.

Click onto the **+Allocation** button to add a new unit based allocation:

A New Allocation dialog will be displayed:

Select the Expense code from the **Allocate To** field.

Enter the Client name or client code into the client field.

Select the job that the allocation is to be put against.

Some unit based allocations may have different rates, e.g. different mileage rates based on car size. Select the appropriate rate for the allocation.

Enter the number of units. The system will use the selected rate and the entered units to calculate the NET amount.

The VAT amount can be adjusted as necessary. This will update the Gross amount but will not adjust the NET.

Click onto **Add** to save the entry.
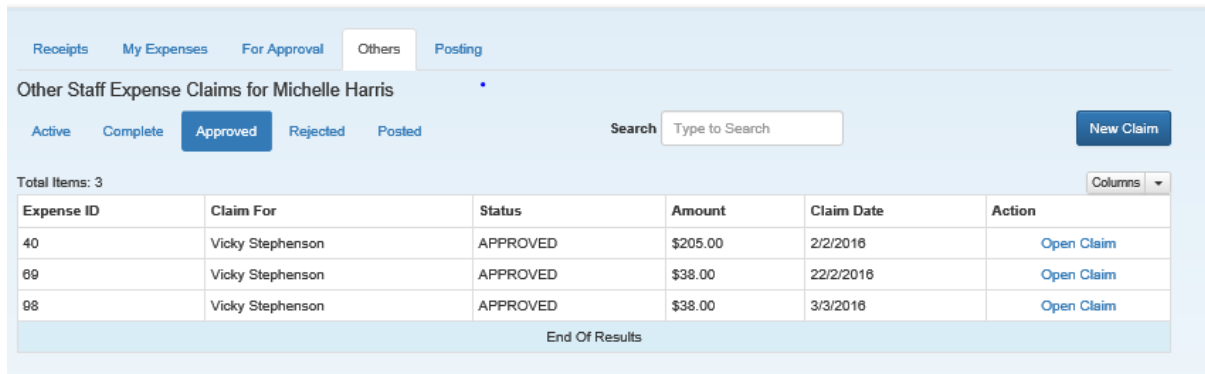
SUBMITTING THE EXPENSE CLAIM

The Expense claim can be submitted ready for approval by clicking onto the **Submit** button:

Once submitted it will appear under the Complete refiner of the My Expenses page. Expense claims can be reactivated if they have a status of Complete or Rejected.
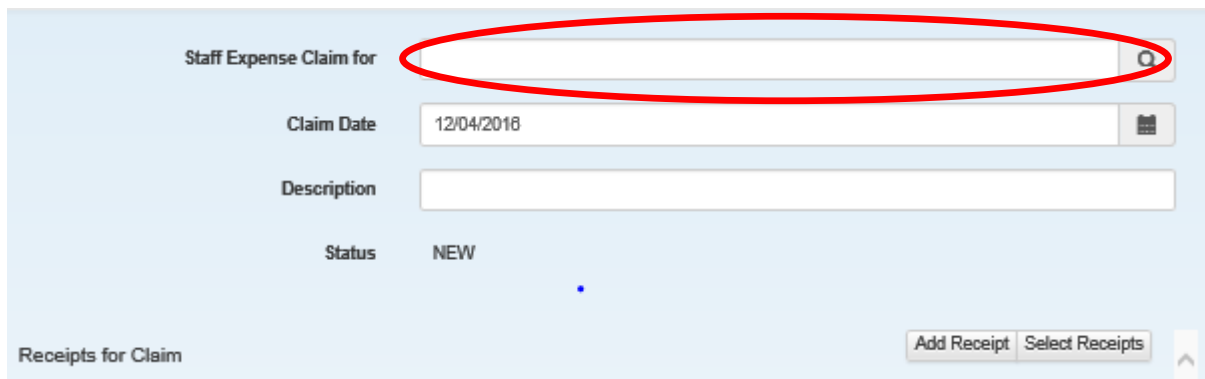
EXPENSE FOR OTHERS

Expenses can be entered and maintained for other staff members, from the Others page, if a user has the correct permissions.

This page allows a claim for another person to be created by clicking onto the **New Claim** button. A new claim form will be displayed as detailed in the sections earlier in the document.

To create the claim for a different staff member, enter a staff name into the search field for '**staff Expense Claim For**', overtyping any name that is already displayed.

Add Receipts and Allocation information and click onto **Save** to save the claim for the other staff member.

EXPENSE APPROVALS

Expenses must be approved before they can be posted. Expenses approvals will be displayed within the My Expenses page for users who have the correct permissions.

FOR APPROVAL

The For Approval refiner will display all Expense Claims that the user has permission to approve:

Click onto the **Open Claim** link to open the person's claim and view the entries and allocation.

The form will display all attached receipts for the staff member, the allocations attached to the receipts and any unit allocations for items such as mileage. If the staff member has indicated that there is a physical paper receipt it will be displayed as a manual receipt.

When reviewing the expense form the available options are:

- Approve – this option will approve this expense form ready for posting.

- Reject – this will mark the expense form as rejected and place it into the Rejected tab of the staff member's expenses. It is advisable to include a comment when rejecting an expense form to inform the staff member of the reasons why.

- Activate – this will reactivate the complete timesheet and put it back into the Complete section of the staff member's expenses.

- Close – this will close expense form and leave it in its current state.

- Print – this will provide a link to open or save the expense report.

DEPARTMENT EXPENSE APPROVAL

Department Expense approval is completed from the For Approval page as described above.

OFFICE EXPENSE APPROVAL

Office Expense approval is completed from the For Approval page as described above.

GLOBAL EXPENSE APPROVAL

Global Expense approval is completed from the For Approval page as described above.