

U.S. Government Standard General Ledger USSGL Account Attributes

To meet external reporting requirements, agencies need data at a level below the 4-digit USSGL account. Agencies' systems must capture this information at the transaction level by recording transactions using USSGL 4-digit accounts plus attributes. This section provides USSGL attribute tables for both proprietary and budgetary USSGL accounts and attributes reported to the FMS-administered FACTS I and FACTS II "trial-balance" reporting systems.

Attributes are like adjectives that further describe a USSGL account in order to meet a specific reporting requirement. Domain values are all of the possible valid choices within an attribute. For example, if there is a red chair and a blue chair in a room, then you only need one attribute to describe them: color. The valid domain values within the attribute "color" would be "red" or "blue." If you wanted the red chair, there would be no need to use additional adjectives such as weight, height, or size to describe it. This is because, in this example, color is enough to uniquely identify the chair. Therefore, only those attributes and those domain values that are necessary to uniquely identify the reporting requirement appear on the crosswalks.

Note: Some USSGL accounts do not have certain attributes in this document for reporting purposes, but do require these attributes for accounting purposes. An example is downward adjustments of prior-year obligations. For FACTS II reporting, USSGL accounts 4871, "Downward Adjustments of Prior-Year Unpaid Undelivered Orders – Obligations, Recoveries," 4872, "Downward Adjustments of Prior-Year Prepaid/Advanced Undelivered Orders – Obligations, Refunds Collected," 4971, "Downward Adjustments of Prior-Year Unpaid Delivered Orders – Obligations, Recoveries," and 4972, "Downward Adjustments of Prior-Year Paid Delivered Orders – Obligations, Refunds Collected," do not need the reimbursable flag attribute with the domain values of direct and reimbursable. However, at yearend these accounts close to USSGL accounts 4801, "Undelivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid," 4802, "Undelivered Orders – Obligations, Prepaid/Advanced," 4901, "Delivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid," and 4902, "Delivered Orders – Obligations, Paid," that do require the reimbursable flag attribute for FACTS II reporting. Therefore, an agency must similarly identify the adjustment accounts to close these accounts properly.

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Note: Refer to USSGL crosswalks in Section V for standard external reporting requirements by FASAB, OMB, and FMS. Missing page numbers are intentional.