

Enterprise - How to Create Purchase Orders

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What is a Purchase Order?

A purchase order (PO) allows for accurate tracking and organization of incoming and pending orders. These can be applied to track services, materials, groups of workers, quantity and time frame for the order. When a purchase order is added to the customer record it can also be displayed on the customer's invoice.

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Adding a New PO

PO numbers are added to customer records and can be tracked on order and assignment records.

To add a new PO:

1. Navigate to the customer record you want to add a PO to
2. Select invoice setup > PO setup
3. Choose the + in the upper right

The screenshot displays the 'po list' for 'Pearl and Associates (Primary)'. The interface includes a navigation menu on the left with 'po setup' highlighted. The main table shows the following data:

Status	PO...	Act	Value	Used	Start	End	Warn Date	Warn Amt	Customer	Dept
Inherited										
	Staff3579534			Amount					\$5,000.00	
	Pearl and Associates, Primary			Used					\$0.00	
	Warn on Date	7/28/2005	Created	9/7/2004						
	Warn on Balance	\$3,750.00	End Date	8/7/2005						
				Balance					\$5,000.00	

4. Enter the following information:

- PO Number: Can contain both letters and numbers
 - Value: If this PO number has a limit to the amount that can be associated with it, enter it here
 - End Date: If this PO has a date that it expires, enter it here
5. Keep the box checked under Purchase Order Activated to ensure this PO is active and ready to be used in your system
 6. Optionally, check the Apply to All Child Departments to have this PO available to all departments under this record (check out [Enterprise - Departments](#) for more information on department records)
 7. Optionally, select Apply to All Active Orders and Assignments to apply to all orders and assignments
 - This will update all active orders and assignments for this customer to add the PO number to them
 - This includes updating transactions
 8. Select Save to save the PO or New to save and add another PO

Note The default warn on date is ten days prior to the PO end date and the warn on balance is 75% of the total PO amount.

Note When a PO number has reached it's end date it will no longer be an option in the PO setup drop down (under details) on a new order record; in other terms the PO has expired. However, if the PO was attached to an assignment (prior to it's end date) the PO will continue to be listed on the invoices and reports (etc.).

A PO number does not require a value or an end date, therefore if not utilized leave these fields blank.

Searching for POs

Once your customer has a few PO numbers, you can utilize the filter options on the side to search for a PO number you are looking for:

po list filter options

Drag a column header here to group by that column.

Status	PO...	Act	Value	Used	Start	End	Warn Date	Warn Amt	Customer	Dept
●	12344558			Amount				\$28,000.00		
	Buy N Large, Primary			Used				\$0.00		
	Warn on Date	12/19/2018	Created	12/17/2018						
	Warn on Balance	\$21,000.00	End Date	12/29/2018						
				Balance				\$28,000.00		
●	123456			Amount				\$20,000.00		
	Buy N Large, Primary			Used				\$1,032.00		
	Warn on Date		Created	12/3/2019						
	Warn on Balance	\$15,000.00	End Date							
				Balance				\$18,968.00		
●	1234566			Amount				\$0.00		
	Buy N Large, Primary			Used				\$132,212.23		
	Warn on Date		Created	1/14/2019						
	Warn on Balance	\$0.00	End Date							
				Balance				(\$132,212.23)		
●	12345685			Amount				\$0.00		
	Buy N Large, Primary			Used				\$4,244.59		
	Warn on Date		Created	8/16/2018						
	Warn on Balance	\$0.00	End Date							
				Balance				(\$4,244.59)		

PO Number
 Customer
 Dept
 Amount

Deactivating POs

Purchase orders that should no longer be utilized should be deactivated to prevent it from being selected on a new order or assignment.

1. Navigate to the PO number you want to deactivate on the customer record
2. Select the PO and select the pencil icon in the upper right to edit
3. Uncheck the Purchase Order Activate checkbox

po setup

po setup

PO Number	<input type="text" value="636363"/>	Amount Used	\$0.00
Value	<input type="text" value="\$25,000.00"/>	Warning Amount	\$0.00
End Date	<input type="text"/>	Warning Date	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order Activated			

4. Select Save

The green light will now appear grayed out and the purchase order has become inactive:

●	636363									
	Stearns Trailers, Primary									
	Warn on Date		Created	9/1/2015						
	Warn on Balance	\$18,750.00	End Date							

Removing a PO From the System

You also have the option to simply remove the PO from an order within Enterprise. This can be done by doing the

following:

1. Make sure the PO Number has been deactivated and given an end date previous to today on the customer record.
2. With the PO Number deactivated on the customer record, navigate to the order record with the PO Number that needs to be removed.
3. Within the order record, navigate to Details < PO Setup < PO Number.
4. Within the PO Number dropdown, simply clear out the PO Number and you will be able to save your changes, therefore removing the PO Number from the order record.

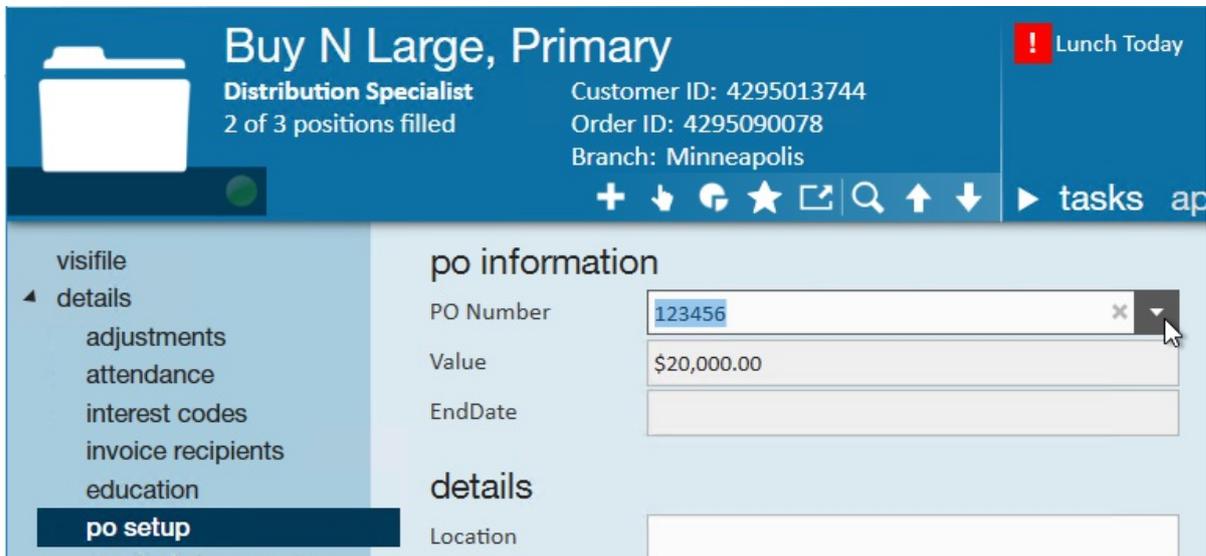
POs on Orders and Assignments

PO Numbers can be added to Orders and Assignments in order to track PO amounts, etc. In those cases where PO numbers are not universally applied to all active assignments, you can individually update orders and assignments as necessary.

Make sure you first add the PO number to the customer before navigating to the order

Adding a PO Number to an Order

1. Navigate to the Order record you want to apply a PO to
2. Select Details > PO Setup
3. Select the PO Number using the drop down

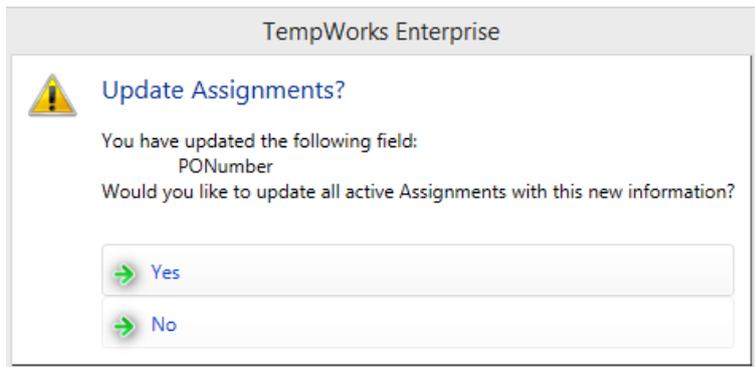


The screenshot shows a software interface for a customer record. The header area is blue and contains the text "Buy N Large, Primary" and "Distribution Specialist" with "2 of 3 positions filled". To the right, it displays "Customer ID: 4295013744", "Order ID: 4295090078", and "Branch: Minneapolis". A red notification icon with "Lunch Today" is visible in the top right. Below the header is a navigation bar with icons for home, back, refresh, star, share, search, and navigation arrows. A sidebar on the left lists menu items: "visifile", "details", "adjustments", "attendance", "interest codes", "invoice recipients", "education", and "po setup" (which is highlighted). The main content area is titled "po information" and contains a form with the following fields: "PO Number" (with the value "123456" and a dropdown arrow), "Value" (with the value "\$20,000.00"), "EndDate" (empty), and "Location" (empty). A "details" section is also visible below the "po information" section.

4. Select Save in the upper left (or CTRL+S)

Updating Active Assignments from the Order

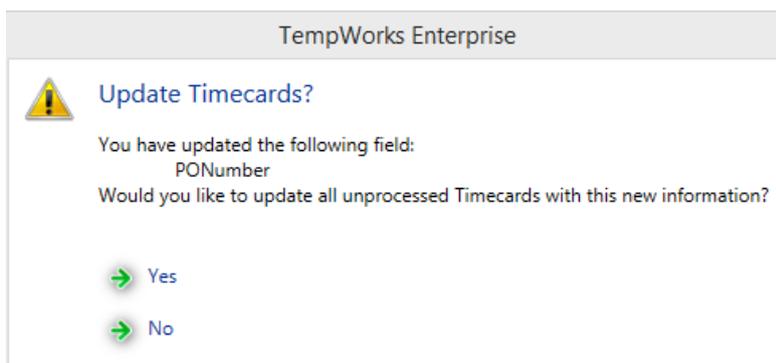
When you update a PO number on an order with active assignments, you will be asked if you want to apply the new PO to the assignment records:



- If you select No, then the PO will not automatically be apply to assignments and will need to be individually updated on assignments but new assignments going forward will default to the new PO number
- If you select Yes, then all active assignments will update the PO number to the new number selected

When making a change to the PO on an order after assignments have been created, there is an option to push those changes to the current assignments and pay/bill transactions.

If there are any transactions within the pay/bill section which have not been processed, a prompt will ask if timecards should be updated with the changed information.



Note When selecting to update assignments and pay/bill transactions this change will affect ALL active assignments and pay/bill transactions (which have not yet been processed) affiliated with that order.

Adding POs to Assignments

When you need to individually assign POs to specific assignments, you can locate and update the PO number on the assignment record

1. Navigate to the assignment you want update a PO for
2. Navigate to Details
3. Use the drop down under financial details to change the PO number on this assignment

Ali, Nadia J.
Stanley Inc, Forklift
Assignment ID: 4301323114
Order ID: 4295044755
Employee ID: 4295003816

No tasks to display for your current filter settings

tasks appointments social email

2.

details

accruals
adjustments
calls
integrations
messages
tasks
search

employee
customer
order
assignment 1.

assignment information

Employee Ali, Nadia J.
Aldent 4295003816
Customer Stanley Inc
Department Primary
Order ID 4295044755
Assignment ID 4301323114
Alt Assignment ID
Temp Phone () - - -
Status Complete
Replaces
 Customer DNA Employee DNA

financial details

Multiplier None Overtime Factor 1.5000
Bill Rate \$21.15 Pay Rate \$15.00
Salary Bill \$0.00 Salary \$0.00
Unit Bill \$0.00 Unit Pay Rate \$0.00
Other Agency Pay \$0.00
Overtime Bill \$31.73 Overtime Pay \$22.50
Doubletime Bill \$42.30 Doubletime Pay \$30.00
Company High Tech Staffing
EINC 0 W2
Worker Comp Code 8997
Payroll Notes

job information

Job Title Forklift
Business Code
Start Date 2/2/2016
Expected End Date Original Start 2/15/2016
Actual Date Ended 2/15/2016

3.

PO Number 700

other information

4. Select Save

Note If the purchase order number is added on the assignment after the timecard has been created, users may refresh the transaction within time entry.

PO Options on Invoice Setup

If your customer wants to see PO Numbers on invoices, you can utilize the following options to customize their invoice options:

Separate Invoices by PO

Customers may request to separate invoices by PO number to keep track of PO totals, etc. This will automatically generate separate invoices for each PO number that will be printed/emailed to customer contacts.

1. On the customer record navigate to Invoice Setup > Billing Setup
2. Check the PO box under create separate invoices for each:

Create Separate Invoices For Each

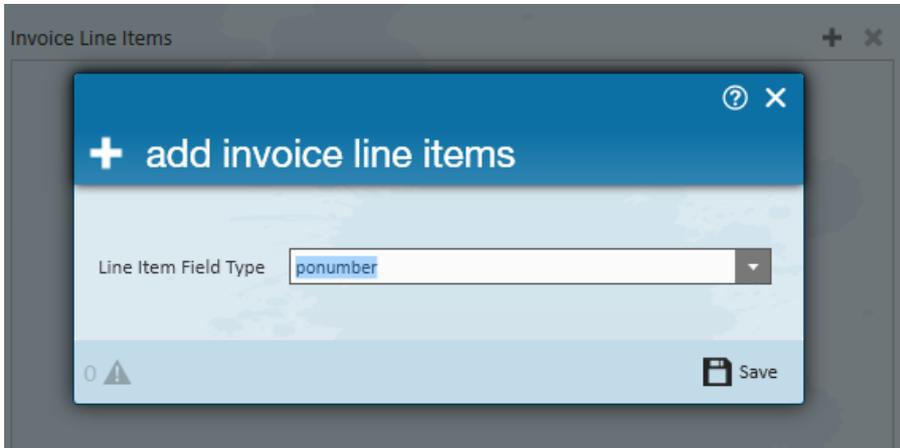
Department Branch
 Order Worksite
 Assignment Supervisor
 Employee ID Job Title
 Week End Sub-entity
 Cost Center Division
 PO Department Address
 Shift

To learn more, check out [Enterprise - How to Manage Billing Setup on a Customer](#).

Adding PO Numbers as a Line Item

Additionally, within the billing setup section users will have the option to add the PO number as an invoice line item. Selecting this option will allow customers to view multiple PO numbers on one invoice.

1. On the customer record, navigate to Invoice Setup > Billing Setup
2. Under Invoice Line Items, select the +
3. Choose ponumber from the drop down



4. Select Save

Note The ability to add additional line items will be dependent upon what invoice styles have been selected or created for your company. If you have a custom invoice style, PO number might already be a default column. Use the magnifying glass next to the invoice style to preview the invoice style to be sure.

PO Numbers in Time Entry

PO Numbers from Assignments will automatically be on any new timecards in time entry but sometimes your client may request a one off PO number change or a different PO each week.

If the change is going to be for this week and next go ahead and add it to the order/assignments to save yourself trouble later and refresh the timecards to reflect any changes made.

Adding a PO Number to a Timecard in Time Entry

1. In Time Entry, Navigate to the timecard you want to add a PO number to
2. Double click to open the detailed timecard
3. Under payroll info, select the PO number using the drop down

The screenshot shows the 'Detailed Timecard' interface. The 'Pay and Bill Rates' section includes tabs for 'Pay and Bill Rates', 'Adjustments', 'Overrides', and 'Codes'. It has radio buttons for 'Hourly' (selected) and 'Salary'. Under 'daily hours', there are input fields for Regular Hours, Overtime Hours, and Double Time Hours, all set to 0.00. A 'Number of Days' field is set to 0. Below this is a grid for 'Day 1' through 'Day 7', each with a '0.00' value. The 'units' section shows 'Units' at 0.00, 'Unit Bill' at \$0.00, and 'Unit Pay' at \$0.00. The 'rates' section lists various rates: Bill Rate (\$31.00), OT Bill (\$46.50), DT Bill (\$62.00), Pay Rate (\$20.00), OT Pay (\$30.00), DT Pay (\$40.00), Adj Gross (\$0.00), Adj Net (\$0.00), and OT Plan (PlanSTD). The 'payroll info' section includes fields for WE Bill (2/7/2021), WE Date (2/7/2021), Work Date, Inv Date, Pay Code (Regular earnings. H), Job Title (Production Worker), and PO Num. A table below shows PO Numbers and their values: S12394 (20000.0000, Used: 26185.4900) and Y21452 (50000.0000).

Viewing PO Numbers on Timecards

Purchase order numbers can easily be viewed within time entry spreadsheet by adding purchase order as a column. This is a great option to quickly audit your PO numbers on timecards before completing time entry.

1. In Time Entry, hover over the blue column & right-click the column
2. Select the PO Number option
3. Notice, the PO number column is now displayed within your time entry screen

The screenshot shows a time entry spreadsheet with columns for OT P..., DT Pay, WE Date, and PO Number. The PO Number column is highlighted with a red border. The data in the PO Number column includes: JKD7437829, Joseph Thompson, OT, Sipp-2016 - 123, T73B, TA59000, and Z2889. A context menu is open on the right side of the spreadsheet, listing various options with checkboxes. The 'PO Number' option at the bottom of the menu is checked and highlighted with a red border.

OT P...	DT Pay	WE Date	PO Number
\$27.00	\$36.00	2/5/2016 12:0...	JKD7437829
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\$27.00	\$36.00	2/5/2016 12:0...	JKD7437829
\$27.00	\$36.00	2/5/2016 12:0...	JKD7437829
\$25.13	\$33.50	2/7/2016 12:0...	Joseph Thompson
\$49.50	\$66.00	2/7/2016 12:0...	OT
\$49.50	\$66.00	2/7/2016 12:0...	OT
\$49.50	\$66.00	2/7/2016 12:0...	OT
\$49.50	\$66.00	2/7/2016 12:0...	OT
\$15.00	\$20.00	1/10/2016 12:...	Sipp-2016 - 123
\$15.00	\$20.00	1/10/2016 12:...	Sipp-2016 - 123
\$30.00	\$40.00	2/3/2016 12:0...	T73B
\$30.00	\$40.00	2/3/2016 12:0...	T73B
\$15.00	\$20.00	2/7/2016 12:0...	TA59000
\$15.00	\$20.00	2/7/2016 12:0...	TA59000
\$21.75	\$29.00	2/7/2016 12:0...	Z2889

Check out [Enterprise - Time Entry Tricks](#) for more tips and tricks on the Time Entry area.

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