

Component TAS-BETC

A New Initiative by the Department of Treasury
Account Symbol (TAS) and
Business Event Type Code (BETC)

Why is the Government moving to Component TAS-BETC?

- In accordance with the letter from the Commissioner, the Department of the Treasury dated April 11, 2013, addressed to all CFOs, Deputy CFOs and CIOs, Treasury's Bureau of Fiscal Service is modifying their systems to capture valid Component Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) and Business Event Type Code (BETC) information at the transaction level for Central Accounting Reporting System (CARS) agencies. View the Commissioners letter at https://www.fms.treas.gov/cfo_lttr.html
- As of October 1, 2014, all agencies will transition from Government Wide Accounting (GWA) to CARS, the new name of the system of record for the government's financial data. The change will standardize TAS formatting and allow agencies to report transactions in real-time to Treasury.

What is a Component TAS and BETC?

- TAS is an identification code assigned by Treasury Fiscal Service to agencies. All financial transactions of the Federal Government are classified by TAS for reporting to the Department of the Treasury and the Office of Management and Budget. In the GWA system, agencies report their TAS in String format. Once an agency becomes a CARS Reporter they report the TAS in the Component format.
- BETC is an up-to 8-character code used by Fiscal Service in CARS to indicate the type of activity being reported, such as payments, collections, etc. This code must accompany the Component TAS in order to classify the transaction against the fund balance with Treasury.
- Most agencies doing business with GPO will use the **DISB** BETC for disbursement of funds to GPO.

How to Read a Component TAS

BILLING ADDRESS CODE (BALT)	BILLING ADDRESS CODE (BALT)		AGENCY LOCATION CODE (ALC)		APPROPRIATION CHARACTERIZATION (W)					
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How to Convert String TAS to Component TAS

- Federal agencies have been using the String TAS format for several years so TAS information is generally available.
- Below are examples of conversions from String to Component format using a funding year account (example 1) and a no-year (revolving) fund account (example 2).

Example 1: String TAS Format

411/120110 (2-Digit Year) or 41/20110 (1-Digit Year)

Component TAS Format

Sub-level Prefix Code (SP)	Allocation Transfer Agency Identifier (ATA)	Agency Identifier (AID)	Beginning Period of Availability (BPOA)	Ending Period of Availability (EPOA)	Availability Type Code (A)	Main Account Code (MAIN)	Sub- Account Code (SUB)
Size: (2)	(3)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(1)	(4)	(3)
		004	2011	2012		0110	000

Example 2: String TAS Format

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Size: (2)	(3)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(1)	(4)	(3)
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Where Does This Information Go?

- All obligation documents, i.e., [Standard Form 1](#) (SF-1), [GPO Form 2511](#) Print Order, SPA Work Order [Form 4044](#), Deposit Account (Printing and Binding) [Form 4045](#), etc. have been revised as of January 2014 to incorporate the Component TAS and BETC fields. When an Agency submits their obligation document to GPO, they **must** include the Component TAS-BETC in the 'Billing Info' section.
- If a previous version of these obligation forms are used, the Component TAS-BETC should be inserted in the single TAS field in the 'Billing Info' section or in the 'Additional Information' box.
- To view the latest obligation forms and instructions on how to complete them go to: <https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/agency/forms-and-standards>

Will All Orders Require a Component TAS-BETC?

The Component TAS-BETC is required for agencies that are CARS Reporters. After October 1, 2014, all agencies will be required to provide GPO with this information for all IPAC transactions.

- **IPAC Transactions:** The Component TAS-BETC **is required** on all orders placed using the [SF-1](#), [2511](#), [4044](#), etc. where funds will be collected via the Treasury's IPAC system. This includes orders for the GPO online Paper Store, *GPOExpress*, Congressional Riders, *Federal Register* and *Code of Federal Regulations*.
- **Deposit Accounts:** The Component TAS-BETC **is required** on the [Form 4045](#) only when establishing, replenishing, or requesting refunds for the deposit account. Individual orders using a deposit account BAC **do not require** a TAS-BETC.
- **Credit Cards:** The Component TAS-BETC **is not required** for payment via credit card.

Where Can Agencies Obtain Their TAS-BETC?

- If the customer is not aware of this requirement, they should contact their finance department. The accounting or budget officer should be familiar with the terminology and be able to provide the correct TAS-BETC information.

For Additional Information

- Treasury's CARS Reporters Official List (updated monthly) https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/acctg/cars/cars_home.htm
- Treasury's Shared Accounting Module (SAM) database provides a crosswalk between the string and component TAS formats, along with their associated BETCs <https://www.sam.fms.treas.gov/sampublic/tasbetc.htm>
- Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) http://fms.treas.gov/cars/factsheet_tas.html
- Business Event Type Code (BETC) https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/acctg/cars/cars_home.htm
- GPO Circular Letters <https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/agency/circular-letters>

Contact Information

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