



POLICY	CREDIT CARD POLICY				
Area covered	This policy is University-wide				
Approval date	8 April 2016	Effective date	8 April 2016	Next review date	April 2019
Policy Statement					
Intent	The credit card policy provides the principles governing the use of UNSW credit cards by credit Card Holders and credit Card Supervisors.				
Scope	This policy applies to all UNSW staff				

Policy Provisions

1. BACKGROUND

UNSW credit cards are intended to provide an efficient method of purchasing travel, accommodation and low value (purchases below \$3,000) goods and services where no preferred supplier agreement ([UNSW Preferred Suppliers](#)) is in place for UNSW business purposes.

This policy is supported by the [UNSW Credit Card Procedure](#) which is intended to ensure a clear and consistent understanding and implementation of this policy. Using a credit card is a means to engage in a procurement activity. UNSW's Procurement [Policy](#) and [Procedures](#) therefore apply and all Card Holders and Card Supervisors must be aware of the Procurement Policy.

Employees to whom UNSW issues a corporate card are placed in a position of trust. Intentional misuse of UNSW credit cards represents a breach of trust, and any misuse, whether intentional or otherwise, may expose the University to significant risk, including the risk of regulatory investigation and damage to reputation. Intentional misuse may also lead to disciplinary action.

2. POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to all UNSW credit Card Holders and credit Card Supervisors.

3. FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

All UNSW staff members issued with a credit card must use their credit card based on the following guiding principles:

- All transactions on the card must be for a legitimate University purpose. Use of the card must satisfy UNSW's core procurement principles of probity and equity, risk management, value for money and fit for purpose. The expenditure must be reasonable and publicly defensible.
- Credit cards will be issued in accordance with [Financial Delegations](#) and credit limits will be set to minimise risk to the University without constraining staff in effectively undertaking their roles.
- For all transactions, original receipts or tax invoices must be obtained, at the time of the transaction (including for Paywave (contactless) transactions). Cardholders must comply with all other UNSW requirements with respect to statement reconciliation (and otherwise) which are notified to them from time to time.

- Personal expenditure must not be charged to the credit card, even if it is intended to subsequently repay the expenditure.
- Credit cards must be kept secure and under no circumstances should cards or PINs (Personal Identity Numbers) be shared with third parties, including UNSW staff
- Purchases must not be split into smaller transactions (or over multiple credit cards) to circumvent expenditure or transaction limits.
- All credit card statements must be reconciled within one month after statement date.
- All credit card expenditure must be approved within one month after statement date.
- Failure to use the credit card in accordance with this Policy and the UNSW Credit Card Procedure will result in revocation, possible disciplinary action and a possible requirement for repayment by the employee. In circumstances of intentional non-compliance, both HR and Internal Audit will be informed.
- Fraudulent or other intentional misuse of the credit card will be reported by UNSW to the police and may also be reported to the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

4 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director of Finance has overall responsibility for the implementation and review of the Credit Card Procedure and communication of the Procedure to credit Card Holders and Supervisors.

The Director of Finance will ensure that appropriate accounting procedures are in place to support the UNSW Credit Card Procedure, and are communicated to University credit Card Holders and credit Card Supervisors.

Finance Shared Services will monitor credit card expenditure and enable reporting for Faculties and Divisions. Periodic audits may be conducted into compliance with the Credit Card Procedure by Internal Audit.

Revision History				
Version	Approved by	Approval date	Effective date	Sections modified
1.0	President and Vice-Chancellor	8 April 2016	8 April 2016	New document
Supporting Information				
Supporting Procedures and Guidelines	UNSW Credit Card Procedure UNSW Code of Conduct			
Related Documents	UNSW Procurement Policy UNSW Procurement Procedure UNSW Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy UNSW Travel Policy UNSW Travel Procedure			
Superseded Documents	Nil.			
UNSW Statute and / or Regulation	Nil.			

Relevant State / Federal Legislation	Nil.
Accountabilities	
Responsible Officer	Vice-President, Finance and Operations
Contact Officer	Director of Finance
Further Information	
Key words for search engine	Credit card
Definitions and Acronyms	
UNSW Credit Card	Credit card provided by the University and identified by UNSW branding
Cardholder	The staff member whose name appears on the UNSW Credit Card
Card Supervisor	The financial delegate of the cardholder, typically a staff member nominated to supervise the use of the credit card by the Card Holder.
Personal Expenses	Any expense that is not for UNSW business purposes
Reconcile	The processing of a card transaction in New South Financials so that its costing, GST and FBT expenses are coded to the appropriate ChartFields
Transaction limit	Maximum amount of expenditure allowed per month

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