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Journal items are the individual accounting lines that make up your entries. Bank-statement import brings transactions into bank activity, where you can review each line and reconcile it with a journal item, a rule, or a manual counterpart. Reconciliation is the matching of a bank line to the accounting entry that explains it. Lock dates restrict editing for periods you have closed.

If you need to...	Go to
Import a bank statement	Import and review a bank statement
Find an existing journal line	Review journal and bank or cash activity
Match a bank line	Reconcile bank lines
Prevent changes before a closing date	Set lock dates
Start from the wider accounting workspace	Accounting dashboard
Prepare accounts, taxes, or currencies	Accounts, taxes, and currencies
Continue into reporting and audit work	Reports and audit work

Before you start

Prerequisites

Have this ready	Why it matters
A Bank Journal and a Bank Statement File	The import wizard uses the selected bank journal and uploaded file as its starting information.
Access for the accounting work you need to perform	Journal Items is guarded by an accounting read-only group, and Lock Dates is guarded by the account manager group.

Have this ready	Why it matters
The statement file and its mapping information	Import is available only after preview data exists.
A bank line with the needed reconciliation state	Validate is shown only when the reconciliation state is balanced.

Collect the file before opening the import wizard. If the file uses columns that need mapping, have the date and amount columns identified before you begin.

Find accounting work

Accounting work is grouped under **Accounting**. Journal Items is under **Accounting > Accounting > Journals**. Import Bank Statement is also under **Accounting > Accounting > Journals**. Bank and Cash activity is under **Accounting > Accounting > Bank and Cash**, and Bank Reconciliation is under **Accounting > Accounting > Bank and Cash > Bank Reconciliation**. Lock Dates is under **Accounting > Accounting > Actions > Lock Dates**.

Steps

1. Open **Accounting**.
2. Choose the destination that matches your task.

If you need to...	Choose
Work with journal lines	Journal Items
Upload a statement file	Import Bank Statement
Review bank or cash activity	Bank and Cash
Match imported bank lines	Bank Reconciliation
Set closing restrictions	Lock Dates

Result: The selected accounting destination is open for the accounting job.

Understand the accounting screens

The Journal Items list shows the accounting lines you can inspect.

Screen area	Reader-facing fields
Journal Items list	Date, Journal, Journal Entry, Account, Partner, Journal Item, Product, Currency, Debit, Credit, Tax Grids, Discount Date, Discount Amount, Originator Tax, Due Date, Residual, Residual in Currency, and Analytic Distribution
Journal Item form	Information, Amount, Dates, Taxes, Matching, Currency, Product, States, Analytic, Analytic Lines, and Accounting documents

The Journal Items search offers Journal Item, **Invoice Date**, **Date**, Due Date, Discount Date, Amount, **Account**, **Journal**, Journal Entry, and Originator Tax. Its filters include Unposted, Posted, To Check, Unreconciled, Sales, Purchases, Bank, Cash, Miscellaneous, Payable, Receivable, P&L Accounts, Date, and Invoice Date. Use Group By for Journal Entry, Account, Partner, Journal, Date, Invoice Date, Taxes, or Tax Grid.

The import wizard is arranged in five steps.

They are 1. Upload File, 2. Format Detection, 3. Column Mapping, 4. Preview & Validation, and 5. Import Log.

Its file choices

include CSV (Comma-Separated Values), CAMT.053 (European XML - ISO 20022), OFX/QFX (USA/Canada), MT940 (SWIFT), QIF (Quicken), and Auto-Detect. CSV-specific

settings include CSV Delimiter, Date Format, Number Format, Has Header Row, and Skip Lines. The preview area includes Total Transactions, Duplicates Found, Validation Errors, Imported Transactions, Skipped Transactions, and Import Log.

Bank Reconciliation has a list with **Date**, **Journal**, **Partner**, and **Amount**. Its form groups

the bank line and status, then provides Proposals and Add. The Add area contains Match a Document, Apply a Rule, and Manual Counterpart. Advanced matching can add Match Information, Invoice Matching, and Bank Account areas.

The reconciliation states are Nothing to Reconcile, In Progress, Ready to Validate, and Reconciled. Ready to Validate means the proposals are balanced for validation; **Reconciled** is the completed state.

Lock Dates contains Management Closing with **Journal Entries Lock Date** and **Tax Lock Date**, and Account Period Closing with **Lock Date for All Users**.

Import and review a bank statement

A bank-statement import creates bank activity from a file so that you can review its transactions and continue with reconciliation.

Prerequisites

- Have a **Bank Statement File** and a **Bank Journal** ready.
- Identify the date and amount columns if the file needs manual mapping.

Steps

1. Open **Import Bank Statement**.
2. Select a **Bank Journal**.
3. Upload the **Bank Statement File**.
4. Select **Auto-Detect Format** when the file format and mapping need to be detected.
5. Review **Detected Format**, **Detected Encoding**, **Detected Delimiter**, **Detected Date Format**, and **Detected Number Format**.
6. Select **Preview**.
7. Review **Total Transactions**, **Duplicates Found**, **Preview Data**, and **Validation Errors**.
8. Select **Import** after the preview data is available.
9. Review **Created Statement**, **Imported Transactions**, **Skipped Transactions**, and **Import Log**.

Result: The imported statement and its resulting bank activity are ready for review.

Review journal and bank or cash activity

Journal and bank or cash activity is where you inspect accounting lines after entries or statement transactions exist. Use the list headers and search tools to narrow the lines before opening a record.

Prerequisites

- Have a journal line or bank or cash activity to locate.
- Know whether you are looking for a posted, unposted, bank, cash, payable, or receivable line.

Steps

1. Open **Journal Items** or **Bank and Cash**.
2. Enter a search term in the search field.
3. Apply the filter that describes the line.

If you need to find...	Choose
Draft journal lines	Unposted
Posted journal lines	Posted
Lines needing matching	Unreconciled
Bank journal lines	Bank
Cash journal lines	Cash
Customer receivable lines	Receivable
Supplier payable lines	Payable

4. Open **Group By** and choose the grouping that matches your review.

If you want to group by...	Choose
The journal entry	Journal Entry
The account	Account
The partner	Partner
The journal	Journal
The posting date	Date
The invoice date	Invoice Date
Taxes	Taxes
A tax grid	Tax Grid

5. Open the line whose **Journal Entry**, account, partner, date, or amount matches your search.

Result: The matching journal or bank activity line is open for review.

Reconcile bank lines

Reconciliation uses a document match, a rule, or a manual counterpart to clear an imported bank line against the accounting entry that explains it.

Prerequisites

- Open an unreconciled bank line.
- Have a matching document, a reconciliation rule, or the account and amount for a manual counterpart.
- For **Validate**, the reconciliation state must be **Ready to Validate**.

Steps

1. Open **Bank Reconciliation**.
2. Select **Reconcile** on an unreconciled line.
3. Choose one reconciliation route.

If you have...	Choose
A posted journal item to match	Select the item in Match a Document , then select Add Match .
A saved reconciliation rule	Select the rule in Apply a Rule , then select Apply Rule .
The account and amount for the other side	Complete Manual Counterpart , then select Add Counterpart .
Suggested invoices	Review Invoice Matching , then select Apply Invoice Match .
A partner bank account to connect	Review Bank Account , then select Link Bank Account .

4. Select **Load / Refresh** when you need to load or refresh proposals.
5. Select **Reset Proposals** when you need to remove the current proposals.
6. Review the reconciliation status.
7. Select **Validate** when the status is **Ready to Validate**.
8. Select **Unreconcile** when you need to reverse a completed reconciliation.
9. Confirm the reversal when the confirmation asks:
Undo this reconciliation and restore the suspense entry?

Result: The line is reconciled after balanced validation, or the existing reconciliation is reversed after confirmation.

Set lock dates

Lock dates define the dates before which accounting or tax journal entries are restricted. Use them when a closing period must no longer be edited.

Prerequisites

- Have account manager access to **Lock Dates**.
- Know the dates for journal-entry, tax, and all-user closing.

Steps

1. Open **Lock Dates**.
2. Review **Management Closing** and **Account Period Closing**.
3. Enter the **Journal Entries Lock Date**.
4. Enter the **Tax Lock Date**.
5. Enter the **Lock Date for All Users**.
6. Select **Save**.

Result: The lock-date form saves the dates entered for the company.

When accounting work goes wrong

Use the message on screen to choose the corrective action.

What you see	What it means	What to do
Error parsing file: %s	The file could not be parsed.	Review the file format and its mapping, then use Preview again.
Please preview the data before importing	The import has no preview data.	Select Preview before selecting Import .
No transactions to import	The import has no transactions to create.	Review the file and its mapped columns.
No transactions could be read from this file: the required column(s) %s are not mapped. Open the Column Mapping tab and assign them, or rename the file's header row.	A required date or amount column is not mapped.	Open 3. Column Mapping and map the required columns.
No transactions could be read from this file. Check the format, encoding and column mapping – every row failed to produce a valid date and amount.	Every row failed date and amount validation.	Review the format, encoding, and column mapping.

What you see	What it means	What to do
Auto-detection complete! Review the detected values above. If they look correct, click Preview to see your data.	Format detection has finished.	Review the detected values and select Preview .
All validations passed! Click Import to create the bank statement.	Preview validation has passed.	Select Import .
Import completed successfully!	The import completed.	Review Created Statement, Imported Transactions , and Import Log .
Only accountants may validate reconciliations.	The current access does not permit validation.	Ask an accountant to validate the reconciliation.
The reconciliation is not balanced: % (residual).2f remains. Add matching documents or a counterpart before validating.	The proposals leave a residual amount.	Add a matching document or counterpart, then validate again.
Only accounting managers may undo a reconciliation.	The current access does not permit undo.	Ask an accounting manager to undo the reconciliation.
Undo this reconciliation and restore the suspense entry?	The requested action reverses the reconciliation.	Confirm only if restoring the suspense entry is intended.
Nothing to reconcile – every imported bank line is matched.	All imported bank lines are already matched.	Review the matched activity or open another accounting destination.
You Are Not Allowed To Perform This Operation	The current access does not permit the lock-date operation.	Ask an account manager to perform it.

What to do next

After an import, continue from **Created Statement, Imported Transactions, Skipped Transactions**, and **Import Log**. After reconciliation, use the status to distinguish **In Progress**, **Ready to Validate**, and **Reconciled**. After setting dates, continue accounting work with the closing restrictions in place.

Use [Accounting dashboard](#) to return to the wider accounting workspace, [Accounts, taxes, and currencies](#) when setup is needed, or [Reports and audit work](#) when the reviewed activity must support a report or audit task.