Concur Request is used to create, prepare, and submit a request for approval, including Pre-Trip Travel Requests. Pre-trip requests are required for all travel extending beyond a single day.

Creating a Pre-Trip Travel Request

There are two ways to create a travel request.

**Pre-Trip Travel Request Creation #1**

You can click on the Requests tab from the Concur home page. Then, click **Create New Request**.

OR

**Pre-Trip Travel Request Creation #2**

From the Concur home page, hover over **New** and select **Start a Request** from the dropdown menu.
Completing the Request Header

Update all relevant and required fields on the **Request Header** page. Required Fields are identified by a * (red asterisk) on the right side of the field name. Requests cannot be submitted if there is data missing for required fields.

**Request Type**

From the **Request Type** dropdown menu, select **Pre-Trip Request**.

**Request Name**

The **Request Name** should be descriptive enough for you and your budget authorities to know the purpose of the request. Best practices include using the location and dates of your travel in the
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**Request Name** field (i.e., “Sao Paulo Brazil 09/23-09/30/21” or “Dallas, TX December 6-8, 2021”). This field is limited to 32 characters.

If there isn’t enough space in the **Request Name** box, additional information can be provided under **Detailed Trip Purpose** or **Comments** sections.

**Business Travel Start/End Dates**

These dates should include all travel dates, both personal and business.

**Destination City**

If the location you are traveling to is not available, use the closest location that is loaded into Concur. The **Travel and Expense Office** can add locations upon request.

**Will this trip contain personal travel?**

If travel contains personal days, select **Yes** which will then require the **Personal Dates of Travel** field to be populated (i.e., 9/20-9/23/2021).

Requestors will be required to select **Booked with Agent** – OSU’s contracted vendor Corporate Travel Planners (CTP) to ensure incremental costs associated with the personal portion of the travel are paid for by the traveler via personal credit card.

**How will you book your travel?**

- **Booked outside Concur & Agent**
  
  This option is used when the travel requestor has independently made travel arrangements, and those travel arrangements are managed by another organization or travel arrangements are not required.

- **Booked with Agent**
The approved request will be available to CTP. Once the request is approved, the traveler can reach out to CTP to make travel arrangements. This option should be used for complicated trips with multi-segments, travelers who require specific accommodations, or when adding personal travel to the business trip.

**Booked with Concur Online**

This option will require at least one segment of your travel (Airline, Hotel, Car Rental, Train) to be added and booked within Concur. You will be unable to complete this step until the request is fully approved. The status of the request will update to **Pending Booking**.

**Index and Activity Code**

Provide funding information for the upcoming trip. If multiple funding sources will be used, expenses should be allocated after clicking **Save**.

**Estimating Trip Cost**

**Add Expected Expenses**

Expected expenses must be added before the request can be submitted. Under **Expected Expenses**, click **Add** and select the expense type(s) you would like to provide an estimate for.
The **Estimated Amount** and **Currency** are mandatory fields. The comments section is helpful for approvers to know any relevant information about your trip and how the expense was estimated.

**Allocate Expected Expenses**

To allocate an expense to a funding source different than the index you initially provided on the Request Header, select the box next to the expense you would like to change and click **Allocate**. By selecting multiple expenses, you can change the allocation for multiple expenses at once.

The default allocation will be visible at the top of the screen for your reference. Allocate lets you choose to allocate an expense by **Percent** or by **Amount**. Select the allocation method and then **Add**.
You can then provide another funding source to be used.

Complete this step as many times as necessary to continue adding funding sources, and once your amounts and funding sources are correct, click Save.
Once the allocation has been updated, select **Save**.

**Add a Cash Advance**

If a cash advance is needed for the upcoming travel, it can be added to the pre-trip request before submission. Under **Request Details**, select **Add Cash Advance**.

![Image of a pre-trip travel request with a cash advance added](image-url)
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Select **Add Cash Advance** to add the amount to your pre-trip travel request.

**Review Alerts**

An **Alerts** section will appear near the top of the screen to notify traveler of potential errors or information relevant to the upcoming trip. To view the alert, expand the **Alert** box for additional information. Make any necessary corrections before submitting the request.
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If any items require correction before moving forward, Concur will direct the user to the alert box for their review. Red errors must be corrected before submitting a request. If action is not required by Concur to proceed, the alerts will have a yellow icon next to them.

Submit a Request
Once expected expenses have been added and allocated and the alerts have been reviewed and corrected, if needed, the request can be submitted. In the top left corner, click Submit Request.
Review the **Pre-Trip User Confirmation** that pops up on your screen and select **Cancel** or **Accept & Continue**.
Request Approvals

Before the traveler can proceed with making travel arrangements, the request must first be approved through the automatic, electronic routing process. If needed, the requestor can recall the request only if the request has not been approved. If the request has been approved, the requestor would have to cancel or close request.

System Generated Notifications

- Travel Approvers will receive email notifications to approve a Request, such as this Pre-Trip Travel Request.
- Requestors will receive email notifications of approval status changes (i.e. approved or rejected).

Approvers

- Approvers can delegate the initial review of Requests to a ‘Previewer’ through the Delegate setup process. Previewers will be able to confirm documentation and approvals are received, then notify the approver that the Request is ready for approval.
- Approvers and Requestors can add additional approvers.

Approval Status

- Not Submitted
- Submitted
- Submitted & Pending Approval
- Cancelled
- Approved
- Sent Back to User
- Pending On-line Booking (Note: This will only appear when Booked with Concur Online option is selected)
- International Approval (Note: This will only appear for international travel to select locations only)
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