

## INCOMPATIBLE ACCESS FOR BACKUP APPROVAL

For Use by Departments

In response to an audit finding, the University is minimizing *incompatible access*, which is when a Finance System user has the ability to both create and approve journal entries (JE). Units unable to approve JEs due to limited staff, vacations, etc. must seek approval outside the department (i.e. *backup approval*) per the procedures established by their VC office. Standard procedure forbids employees from approving journals created by their supervisor.

The following shows the progression of backup approval by Division for those units that are unable to approve JEs in-house.

Chancellor: Department → PBA or CCO

SVC: Department → PBA or CCO

VCA: Department → VC → CCO

VCAA: Department → Dean → VC → CCO

VCSA: Department → VC → CCO

If a departmental JE needs backup approval, contact the office first in line (VC or Dean). Don't skip them because you will be referred back to them. Contact your VC office if you have questions about this process or any additional requirements.