



IV-Introduction - Descriptor Tables

Descriptor Tables provide master lists and titles for many of the codes contained in CALSTARS. Accounting activity is validated against these codes. Descriptor Tables are either Agency specific or Statewide. Agency Tables are created and used by the agency that establishes them. Statewide Tables are created and maintained by CALSTARS staff for use by all agencies. See Exhibit IV-1 for a listing of all the Agency and Statewide Descriptor Tables.

This chapter includes a brief description of the Descriptor Tables. For information about Agency Descriptor tables, refer to Chapter IV-DA, Introduction to Agency Descriptor Tables, or to the chapter for the specific table in this volume. For information about Statewide Descriptor tables, refer to Chapter IV-DS, Introduction to Statewide Descriptor Tables.

STRUCTURE

There are 36 active Descriptor Tables. Each table is divided into two segments: the control key and informational elements.

The control key uniquely identifies each table record. The control key segment contains the Descriptor Table Identification (ID) and additional fields that vary in amount and length according to the table. The Descriptor Table numbers range between D01 through D53.

The informational elements segment is the Title and sometimes other fields, such as Reference or Posting Indicators.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER TABLES

Descriptor Tables validate codes contained in other tables. For example, all Index Code Table transactions are edited against the Organization Hierarchy Table (D02-D06) to ensure that codes such as Section and Subsection are established.

INPUT CODING

The structure and use of each of the accounting classification data elements contained in the Descriptor Table are defined in Volume 1, Chapter IV, "Classification Structure," of the CALSTARS Procedures Manual. Specific coding instructions and coding forms for agency tables are contained in each individual chapter within this volume. Coding instructions for statewide tables are included in Chapter IV-DS, Introduction to Statewide Descriptor Tables.

EXHIBIT IV-1

| Agency Descriptor Tables | | Statewide Descriptor Tables | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Table ID | Table Name | Table ID | Table Name |
| D02 | Section | D01 | Organization |
| D03 | Sub-section | D09 | Category |
| D04 | Unit | D10 | Category/Object |
| D05 | Sub-unit | D11 | Object Detail |
| D06 | Sub-sub-unit | D20 | Funding Source |
| D12 | Agency Object | D21 | GAAP Fund |
| D15 | Program | D22 | Fund |
| D16 | Element | D24 | Character |
| D17 | Component | D25 | Method |
| D18 | Task | D31 | General Ledger Account |
| D19 | PCA Level 1 | D33 | Source |
| D23 | Fund Detail | D39 | Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance |
| D26 | Reference | D45 | Agency Conversion |
| D32 | Subsidiary | D46 | Pay Period |
| D34 | Agency Source | D52 | Correction Element |
| D35 | Location | | |
| D40 | Federal Catalog | | |
| D42 | Project | | |
| D43 | PCA Activity | | |
| D47 | Payroll Object Conversion | | |
| D53 | Fund/Fund Source Edit | | |