

Account Maintenance

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The instructions in this article relate to **Account Maintenance**. The icon may be located on your *StrataMax Desktop* or found using the *StrataMax Search*.

Account Maintenance is where you create, manage and delete account codes, such as income and expense codes. To create creditor codes, check out our [Creditor Maintenance](#) article.

Codes can be added to the local building from the Master Chart using the *Add From Master Chart* button. Any new account codes created in a building will automatically be created in the Master Chart so the new code can be added to other buildings.

This area is also where you manage the tax code for an income or expense code, whether the code is a non-mutual account code, review if an account code is part of an *Account Group*, and set the *Account Category* (for the *Statement of Key Financial Information applicable to NSW*).

To clean up any account codes locally or globally, [Search Local Accounts](#) and [Search Global Accounts](#) can assist with reporting codes that are different from the Master Chart or not in the Master Chart. For the not recently used accounts, there is an option to restrict access, which will prevent them from being displayed in the relevant areas where an account code can be processed.

Security Setup

Access to this menu is held within [Security Setup](#) under the "Account Maintenance" menu category.

Account Maintenance Video

Account Code Explanation

Each account code in the chart of accounts is assigned a name and a unique number by which it can be identified. Account codes can have up to 8 digits. The number of the account code will determine the reporting position on the Financial Statements and if it is a Balance Sheet code, an Administrative Fund or a Sinking (Capital, Maintenance or Reserve) Fund code.

Account codes are organised into the following ranges:

Balance Sheet	001 - 099
Capital Account	001 - 009
Assets	010 - 0598
Debtors	021 prefix
Liabilities	0599 - 098
Creditors	082 prefix

Income and Expenditure	100 - 399
Administrative Fund	100 - 199
Admin Fund Income	100 - 1191
Admin Fund Expenditure	121 - 189
Sinking (Capital, Maintenance or Reserve) Fund	200 - 299
Sinking Fund Income	200 - 2191
Sinking Fund Expenditure	221 - 289
Additional Funds	300 - 399
Additional Funds Income and Expenditure	31100 to 39199
Appropriation	400 - 410

Additional Funds	300 - 399
Income	301 - 3199
Expenditure	321 - 3299

Code numbers do not need to be consecutive. For example, Repairs and maintenance codes may be broken down into many codes and will depend on how you want the account names to appear on your financial statements. You may use up to eight numbers for an account code to ensure that it will be in alphabetical order, as financial statements are sorted into code number order.

Note: Account code numbers appear on Management Financial Reports only, they do not appear on Presentation Financial Reports.

For example, one building has the following codes for repairs and maintenance:

1501	R & M - Air-Conditioning
1502	R & M - Building
1507	R & M - Electricity

15075	R & M - Elevator (Note the code number of this one. It needed the extra '5' to appear alphabetically after "R & M - Electricity" and before "R & M - Fire Equipment". You can use up to 8 Digits to do this.)
1508	R & M - Fire Equipment
1509	R & M - Gardens and Grounds
1510	R & M - Keys and Locks

Another building may have only:

1501	R & M - Air-Conditioning
1502	R & M - Building
1507	R & M - Electricity
1509	R & M - Gardens and Grounds

Configuration

Below are the settings within **Account Maintenance** that must be considered when creating a new account code, as these will affect how the account codes function. The advanced settings in the next section are not essential for the account codes to function but are additional configurations.

Type (H/P/1-9X)

The Code Type field indicates the type of account code and how StrataMax will treat it.

Posting

Indicates that the account code is a 'Posting' account to which transactions can be posted.

Calculated

This will report a total of postings accounts based on system flags.

Debtor Main

The financial statements will show the total of primary debtors.

Second Debtor Main

The financial statements will show the total of the second debtors.

Creditor Main

The financial statements will show the total of the creditors.

Main (Other)

The financial statements will show the total of account codes, which start with the same three characters and are marked as System Flag 'Other Sub Account'.

Header

Transactions cannot be posted to this account. Header account codes will appear in bold on the financial

statements.

Header (Report Group)

The Financial Statements will show as a header, but with the total of the defined.

Total 1-9

These numbers are used for designating accounts to hold the totals for reporting on the balance sheet and income and expenditure statements. In most cases, these have been preset and will not require any adjustment. If changes do need to be made, take note that the totaling system works on the following basis:

- All accounts preceding the type number will be added to the following previous same type number.
- To see an example of how this works, print out a *Master List* and see the occurrences of the numbers.

Account Type

This field will control where this account reports on the Financial Statements.

Capital (equity) - Balance Sheet
Asset - Balance Sheet
Liability - Balance Sheet
Income (Revenue) - Income and Expenditure Statement
Expense - Income and Expenditure Statement
Surplus/ Deficit - System Account Codes
Other/ Appropriation - System Account Codes

System Flag

This flag should systematically be set and will only require adjustment to align an account for a specific purpose.

None
GST Gross
Withholding Tax
GST Clearing
PAYG Clearing
Rounding Adjustment
Capital Balance
Brought Forward
Overdue Interest
Appropriation
Levies Billed Not Yet Due
Generated Levies Billed Not Yet Due
Generated Levies Paid in Advance
Other Sub Account

Trading Fund

This field assigns which fund the account code will report to, as a standard, this fund will be systematically set based on the number convention of the account code.

- Administrative Fund

- Sinking Fund / Capital Fund / Maintenance Fund

Tax Code

The *Tax Code* field controls the type of tax for the account code and may create transactions to assist with GST and Tax reporting. Tax codes are normally assigned to an account code as the account is created and added to the master chart.

A GST Registered Building (in *Building Information*) will have the default tax type of:

- GST 10% on all Income and Expenses.
- Not Included on BAS for all Balance Sheet account codes.

If an account code is not to calculate GST, the *Tax Code* field may need to be set to GST Free Expenses/Sales. See below for other tax codes types.

Usually, there will be only one instalment tax account, one wages excluding tax account and one tax on wages account (or one wages account).

Within each account code is the functionality to update the tax code and how StrataMax will treat these account codes.

- GST on Sales.
- GST Free Sales.
- GST on Expenses.
- GST Free Expenses - No GST included but will report on the BAS totals (Tax-Fee - Stamp duty on Insurance)
- GST on Capital Purchases.

Other Tax Codes

- PAYG Instalment Tax - (fixed or percentage for income tax instalments).
- PAYG Withholding (wages tax) - employee income tax payable.
- Wages (Gross) - Wages expense account
- Tax on Wages - Set automatically on Tax transactions from Pay Employees
- Non Claimable Items
- Not Included in BAS - Account codes with this tax code will not be reported on the BAS. (Superannuation, Depreciation, tax expense)
- Export Sales

Withholding Tax 49% - ABN Withholding Tax – to be remitted to the ATO if no ABN is quoted on Creditor Invoices over \$82.50.

Non Mutual Income

Non mutual income refers to any income the building receives from activities other than levies; for example, interest on investments or renting out some common property. If the *Non Mutual Income* box is ticked, the code will be flagged as non-mutual income and will be used to calculate the payable tax on the Business Activity Statement. Refer to our [Non Mutual Income](#) article. A Non Mutual Income Report can be exported to list all Non-Mutual Income account codes for the building.

Comments

This field is a free type field and will allow comments to be added to an account code. An example may include a comment for a GST-free account versus a GST account for Bank Charge type expenses.

Report Group

This field is used with the *Type-Header Report* and configured with a user-defined numbering system to assist with grouping similar-type expenses under a heading. This can be useful for buildings that like to see similar expense accounts together, and this can also be done on a per- building basis however will require individual configuration for each account code that wish to include this setup.

For example, account code 121, called 'ADMINISTRATION' is set as the *Header Report Group* in **Account Maintenance**, and any other account codes to report under this header will require the *Report Group* set as 121.

The screenshot displays the 'Account Maintenance' software interface. At the top, there is a search bar. Below it is a table listing account codes, descriptions, types, system flags, account groups, report groups, and tax codes. The table includes the following data:

Code	Description	Type	System Flag	Account Group	Report Group	Tax		
1191	TOTAL ADMIN. FUND INCOME	Total1						
120	EXPENDITURE - ADMIN. FUND	Header						
121	ADMINISTRATION	Header Report Group			121			
12105	ACCOUNTING	Expense			121	GST		
12110	ACCOUNTING - BAS PREPARATION	Expense			121	GST		
127018	BANK CHARGES - NO GST	Expense			121	Tax Free		
12705	BANK CHARGES	Expense			121	GST		
12900	MANAGEMENT FEES	Expense			121	GST		
12910	MANAGEMENT FEES - ADDITIONAL	Expense			121	GST		

An 'Account Maintenance' dialog box is open, showing configuration for account code 12105 'ACCOUNTING'. The 'Report Group' field is highlighted with a red box and contains the value '121'. Other fields include 'Code' (12105), 'Description' (ACCOUNTING), 'Type' (Posting), 'Account Type' (Expense), 'Trading Fund' (Admin Fund), 'System Flag' (None), 'Tax Code' (Default), and 'Default Tax Code' (GST). There are also checkboxes for 'Non Mutual Income', 'Restrict Access', and 'Apply Changes To Master Chart & Buildings', along with 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

At the bottom of the interface, there are buttons for 'Export', 'Log', and 'Add From Master Chart', and a status bar showing 'Count: 108'.

Example of Financial Statements:

EXPENDITURE - ADMIN. FUND			
ADMINISTRATION			
Accounting	0.00	458.33	500.00
Accounting - Bas Preparation	609.10	1,100.00	1,200.00
Bank Charges - No Gst	5.60	18.33	(257.72)
Bank Charges	110.39	55.00	58.18
Management Fees	5,306.00	0.00	0.00
Management Fees - Additional	2,680.30	0.00	0.00
Management Fees - Arrears	340.00	0.00	0.00
Management Fees - Disbursement	1,896.00	0.00	0.00
Management Fees - Add Disb	211.01	0.00	0.00
Maxsoft Licence Fee	921.27	1,535.42	1,856.72
Mgmt Fees - Prior	4,250.73	6,691.67	6,926.67
Mgmt Fees - Prior Additional	913.67	779.17	1,661.27
Mgmt Fees - Prior Disbursement	1,189.08	2,752.75	2,860.00
Mgmt Fees - Prior Add Disb	840.53	733.33	1,127.90
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE			
Garden & Grounds	0.00	504.17	419.03
PRINCIPAL BODY CORPORATE			
Levies - Pbc Admin Fund	65,830.00	60,348.37	65,830.00
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES			
Hospitality	0.00	275.00	0.00
Legal Fees	5,259.39	0.00	0.00
Room Hire	245.46	201.67	50.00
Sundry Expenditure	230.15	0.00	0.00
Website Management	339.36	183.33	181.23

Restrict Access

Restricting account codes prevents certain codes from being used in example areas like **Journal Preparation** or **Creditor Invoices**. The account code will not appear in the selection list. This can be useful in maintenance examples to ensure that the account code is no longer available for selection in the Master Chart and/or specific buildings. The Building Transfer process will also automatically hide any account codes that have no actual or budget line item for the current or hold years.

To review these accounts, tick 'Show Hidden/Restricted'.

Code	Description	Type	System Flag	Account Group	Report Group	Tax	
120	EXPENDITURE - ADMIN. FUND	Header					
12100	Accounting RG	Header Report Group			121		
12105	ACCOUNTING	Expense				GST	
12110	ACCOUNTING - BAS PREPARATION	Expense				GST	
12505	AUDITORS - AUDIT SERVICES	Expense				GST	
12510	AUDITORS - TAXATION SERVICES	Expense				GST	
12705	BANK CHARGES	Expense				GST	
12710	BANK CHARGES - ACCOUNT FEES	Expense				Tax Free	
12715	BANK CHARGES - BPAY	Expense				GST	
12720	BANK CHARGES - RETURNED CHEQUE	Expense				GST	
12900	BUILDING REPAIRS	Expense				GST	

Count: 11

Export Log Add From Master Chart Add New Close

The below instructions allow you to hide account codes where needed.

1. From either the Master Chart building or the selected building, search or select **Account Maintenance**.
2. Locate the account code that must be restricted and click the pencil icon to edit.
3. Tick the *Restrict Access* box. If the restriction is to apply to the Master Chart and Buildings, include this option too (recommended)
4. Click Save.

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Code: 10255 Description: DNU BUILDING INS.

Type: Posting Account can be used to post transactions

Account Type: Income (Revenue) Trading Fund: []

System Flag: None

Tax Code: Default Default Tax Code: GST

Non Mutual Income

Comments: []

Report Group: []

Restrict Access

Category: []

Default Update Codes For Sub-Groups

By-Laws: [] X

Utilities: [] X

Air-Conditioning: [] X

Marina: [] X

Apply Changes To Master Chart & Buildings Save Cancel

Account Group

The Account Group field is not editable in **Account Maintenance** if transactions already exist for the account code. New Account Codes can be set up in **Account Group Setup**. This field will display the account group to which the account code belongs. This is designed for properties with multiple layers within a registered scheme (primarily Victoria with Multi Owners Corporations registered).

Category

This field applies to New South Wales strata plans, specifically for the *Statement of Key Financial Information*. The legislation was introduced in 2016, requiring it to report expenditure breakdowns to the Administrative and Capital Works Funds, identifying Administrative and Capital Works expenses and the income gained from bank interest.

Administrative expenses, Capital Works expenses, and bank interest are the three categories to select from in this field. The *Account Categories* are set in the relevant account codes, and synchronisation will apply based on the code number and description, updating this field where the account is used in buildings, including the Old Year. This will ensure that the *Statement of Key Financial Information* is correctly reported.

Apply Changes to Master & Buildings

This tick box will ensure that any changes made in the Master Chart building or a local building update the account in all areas. It will be controlled via **Security Setup** for access. Please note that buildings that may use specific account codes when completing Budgets or specific code descriptions will update this in all areas if this setting is applied.

Take care when using this setting.

Add New Account Code

When adding a new account code, review the **Master Chart** to determine the account code number to use and the description that will be created. Remember that the account code number will dictate the position where the code will appear on **Financial Statements**.

When adding a new code to a local building the code will also be added to the old year, for the purpose of processing journals and adding codes in **Budget Update**.

The following instructions include creating a new account code, '14210 Insurance Premium'.

1. Search or select **Account Maintenance**.
2. Click *Add New*.
3. In the *Code* field, enter the nominated number, and the *description* of the account code capitalisation on the description should be applied.

The screenshot shows the 'Account Maintenance' window with the following fields and values:

- Code:** 14210
- Description:** Insurance Premium
- Add To Master Chart:**
- Type:** Posting (dropdown)
- Account Type:** Expense (dropdown)
- Trading Fund:** ADMINISTRATIVE FUND (dropdown)
- System Flag:** None (dropdown)
- Tax Code:** (dropdown)
- Default Tax Code:** GST
- Non Mutual Income:**
- Comments:** (text area)
- Report Group:** (text field)
- Restrict Access:**
- Category:** (dropdown)

Buttons for 'Save' and 'Cancel' are located at the bottom right.

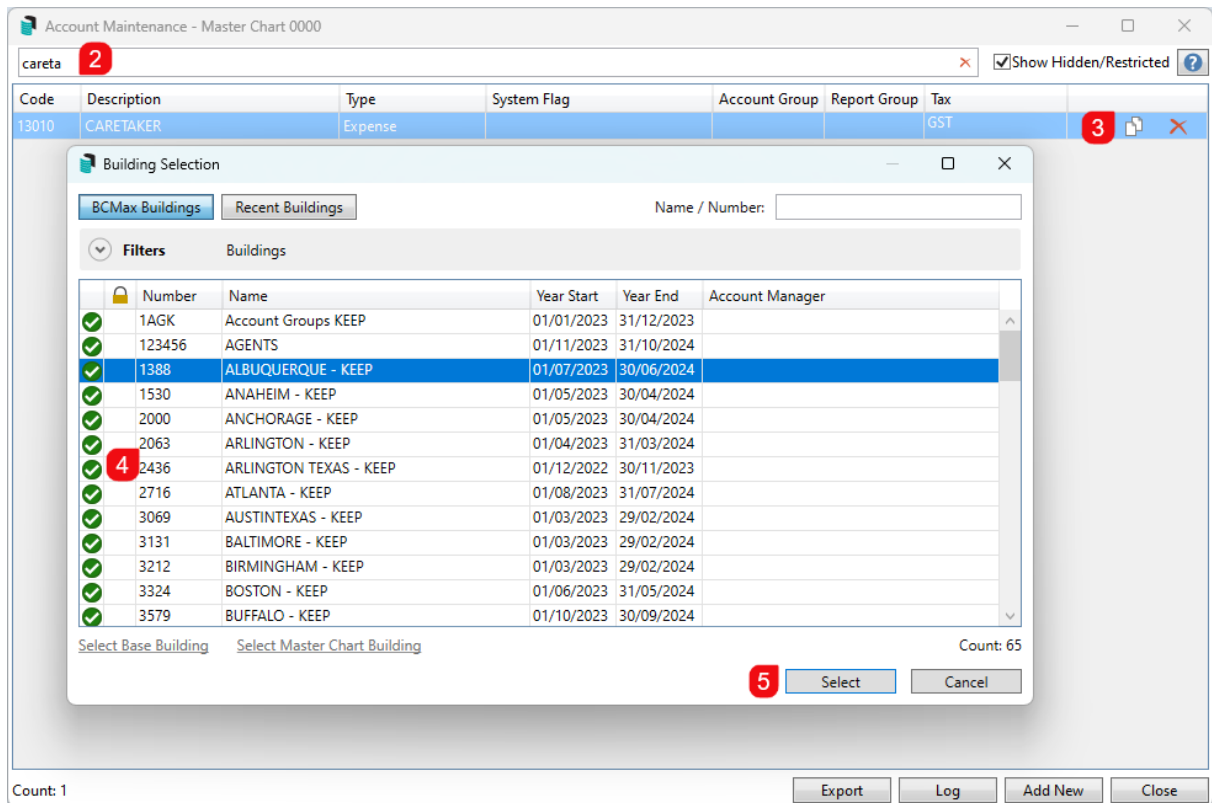
4. Enter any other information as required, and the critical fields to check include the *Tax Code* and *Non-Mutual Income*. For NSW buildings, use the *Category* field. For further information, review the configuration areas above if they are required.
5. Click Save.

If adding the account code from the Master Chart building, additional *Default Update Codes for Sub-Groups* are available. Further information on this type of setup is available [here](#).

Copy an Account Code to Buildings from the Master Chart

To copy an account code from the Master Chart to either a single or multiple buildings, the process below can be applied. **Security Setup** will apply to this area.

1. Search or select **Account Maintenance** from the Master Chart building.
2. Use the *Search* field from the Account code list to enter either the description or number of the required account code.
3. Select the Copy Account to Other Buildings icon.
4. From the Building Selection window, tag the required plans. If all buildings are required, Ctrl+A will tag all.
5. Click *Select*.

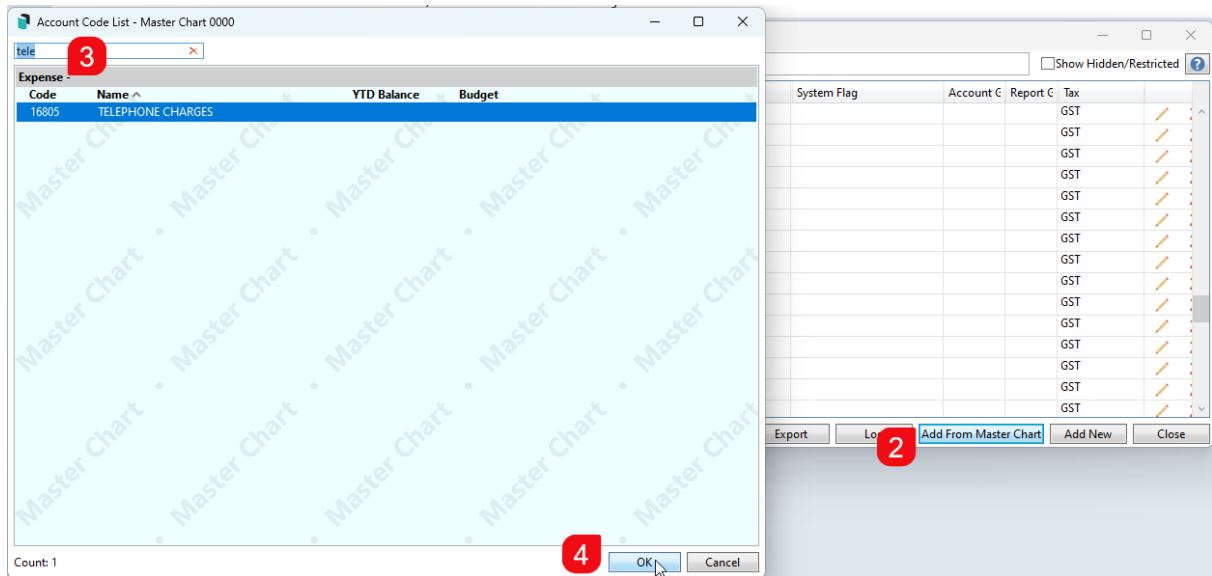


6. There will be a message to confirm that the account code has been copied to the selected buildings.

Adding an Account Code to a Building from the Master Chart

The following instructions will show you how to add an account code that already exists in the *Master Chart* to a single building.

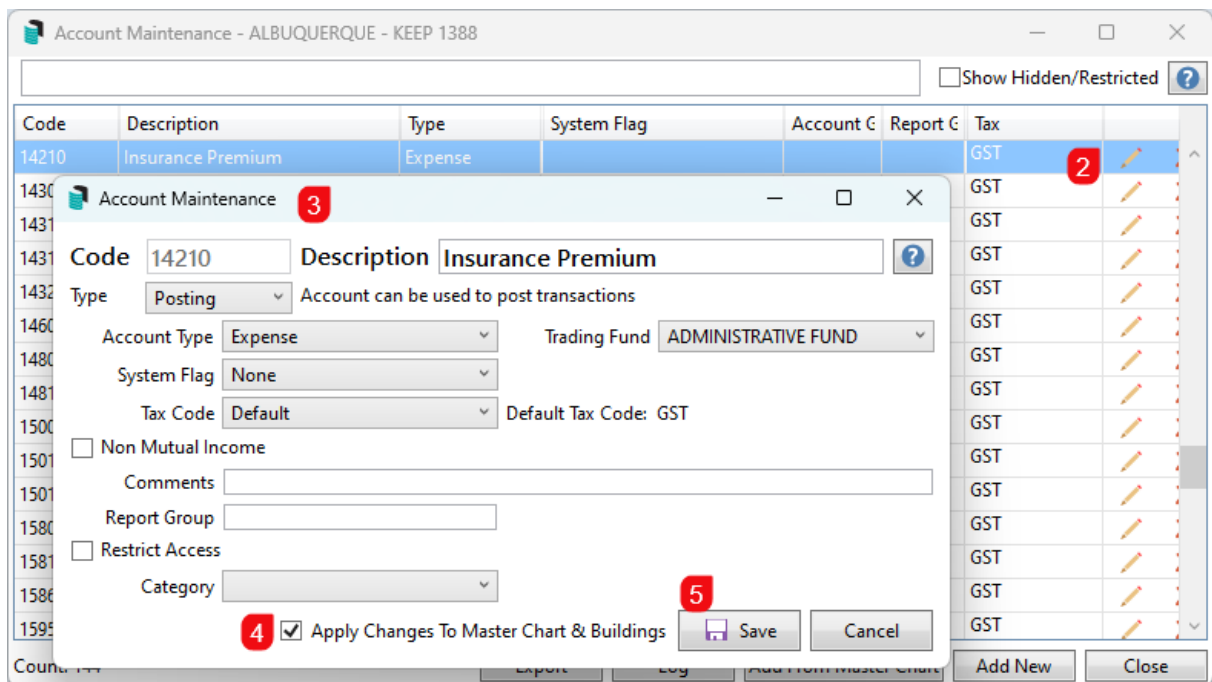
1. In the building to which you wish to add the account code, search or select **Account Maintenance**.
2. Click Add From Master Chart.
3. Use the *Search* field from the Account code list to enter either the description or number of the required account code. If unsure, scroll through the list to find the account code.
4. Select the account code and click *OK*.



Editing an Account Code

StrataMax allows you to edit the description, type, account type, comments, tax code, non-material item, restricted access, account group, and account category of an account code. Editing an account code should be done with **extreme care**, as this will be updated in both the Master Chart building and any building that may be using this account code.

1. From either the Master Chart Building or the local building, search or select **Account Maintenance**.
2. From the Account Maintenance window, use the **Search** field from the Account code list to enter either the description or number of the required account code. Click the pencil icon to edit the account setup. Note the number cannot be changed.
3. Review the fields of information and adjust as required.
4. *Apply Changes to Master Chart & Buildings* will be ticked by default. This setting should be considered and unselected if the change should not affect the Master Chart or other buildings.
5. Click **Save**.



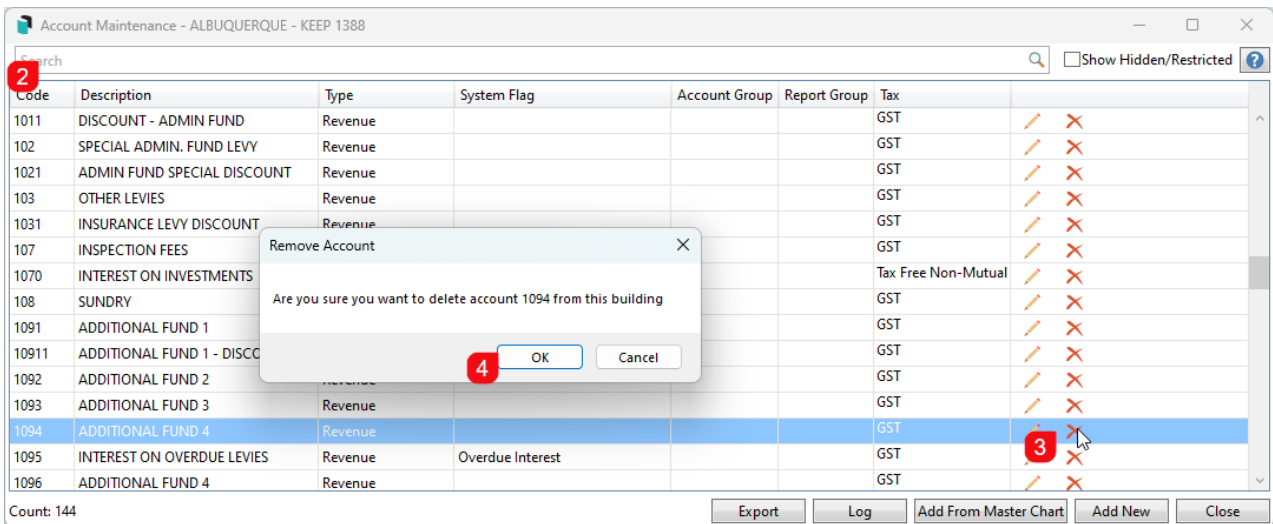
Deleting an Account Code

An account code can only be deleted if there has never been any transactions posted in the selected building. If the account has previous transactions then the [restrict access](#) option can be used as an alternative.

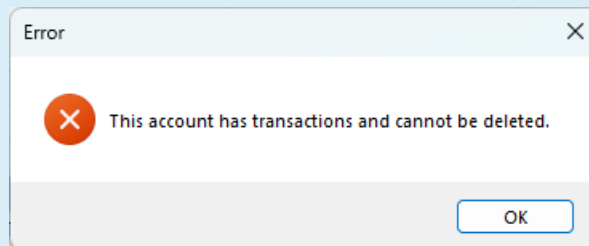
If there are multiple entries for the same or similar account codes, [Change Code Number](#) can merge two codes and all respective transactions within those codes will be merged into the same account code.

The instructions below show how to delete an account code.

1. If you wish to delete the account code in the building, search or select **Account Maintenance**.
2. Use the *Search* field from the Account code list to enter either the description or number of the required account code.
3. Click *Delete* on the account code that needs to be removed.
4. Click *OK* to message: *Are you sure you want to delete account XXXX from this building.*



Account Codes that cannot be deleted due to existing transactions will receive the below message:



Deleting Account Codes that include Levy Income Accounts

If an account that requires deletion is an income account, it may be assigned in the **Levy Invoice Code Setup** area. In that case, this area will need review, and the account code will be removed before being allowed to delete the income account.

1. Save this adjusted setup after deleting the income account's non-used **Levy Invoice Code Setup** line. Close out of this window.
2. Search or select **Account Maintenance**.
3. Use the *Search* field from the Account code list to enter either the description or number of the required account code.
4. Click *Delete* on the income account code that needs to be removed.
5. Click *OK* to message: *Are you sure you want to delete account XXXX from this building.*

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Code	Description	Type	System Flag	Account Group	Report Group	Tax		
103	OTHER LEVIES	Revenue				GST	/	X
1031	INSURANCE LEVY DISCOUNT	Revenue				GST	/	X
107	INSPECTION FEES	Revenue				GST	/	X
1070	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	Revenue				Tax Free Non-Mutual	/	X
108	SUNDRY	Revenue				GST	/	X
1091	ADDITIONAL FUND 1	Revenue				GST	/	X
10911	ADDITIONAL FUND 1	Revenue				GST	/	X
1092	ADDITIONAL FUND 2	Revenue				GST	/	X
1093	ADDITIONAL FUND 3	Revenue				GST	/	X
1094	ADDITIONAL FUND 4	Revenue				GST	/	X
1095	ADDITIONAL FUND 5	Revenue				GST	/	X
1096	ADDITIONAL FUND 6	Revenue				GST	/	X
110	RETURNED CHEQUE FEES	Revenue				GST	/	X
11900000	GST ON INCOME	Revenue	GST Gross			GST	/	X
1191	TOTAL ADMIN. FUND INCOME	Total1					/	X
120	EXPENDITURE - ADMIN. FUND	Header					/	X
12100	Accounting RG	Header Report Group			121		/	X
12110	ACCOUNTING - BAS PREPARATION	Expense				GST	/	X
12505	AUDITORS - AUDIT SERVICES	Expense				GST	/	X
12510	AUDITORS - TAXATION SERVICES	Expense				GST	/	X
12705	BANK CHARGES	Expense				GST	/	X
12710	BANK CHARGES - ACCOUNT FEES	Expense				Tax Free	/	X

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Account Codes that have not had the Levy Invoice Code Setup update applied first will receive the below message:

Error

 This account is required by an invoice code and cannot be deleted.

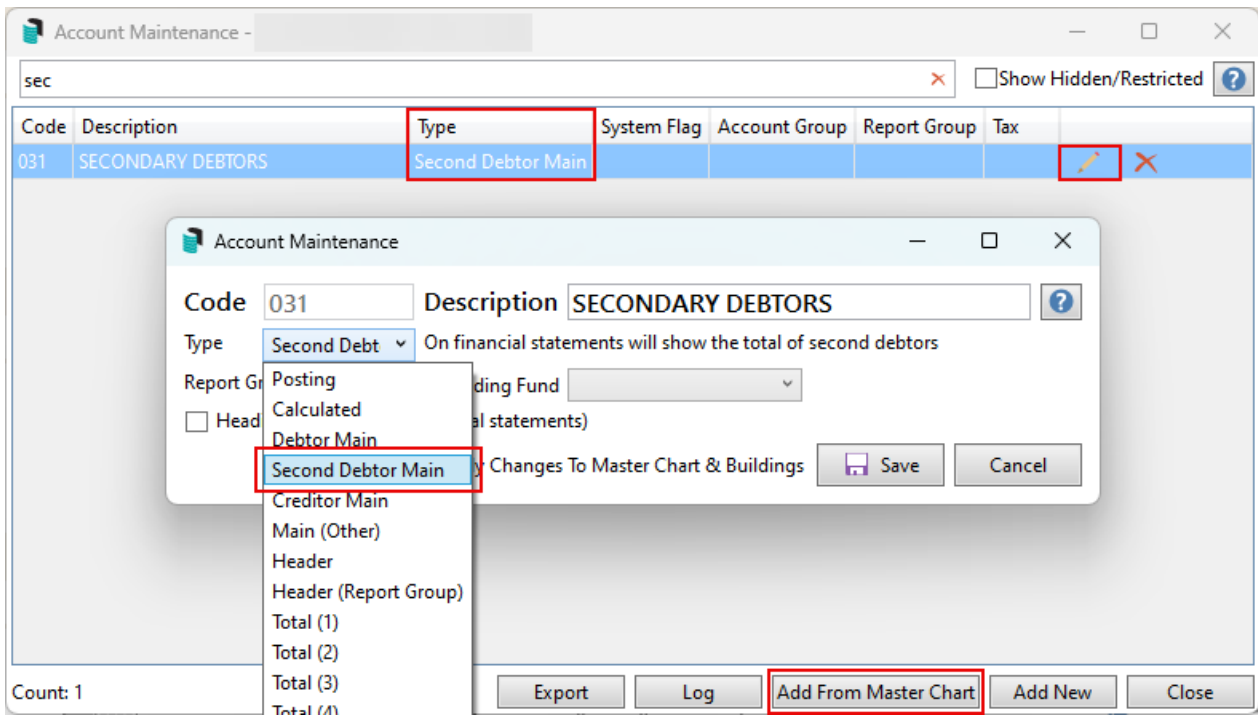
OK

Second Debtor Main

Secondary Debtors are used for billing purposes outside of a standard owner and levy billing scenario. This *Second Debtor Main* type is generally set at the install stage, and the Master Chart will contain this balance sheet for the *Second Debtor Main* account type. This type of account is used to create individual debtor accounts, total these accounts, and report on the Balance Sheet. A **Secondary Debtor Setup** is no longer required.

If existing second debtor codes exist, the local code cannot be changed, and the total balance will be reported using the *Second Debtor's Main* account.

When processing a Building Transfer, if no second debtors are included, the Master Chart balance sheet *Second Debtor Main* account can be added to the local building using the *Add From Master Chart* button, and second debtors can be added as needed.



Export

To export the Account Maintenance table into an Excel report from either the Master Chart or the local building, apply the below. The Master Chart will include all codes, and the local building will include the ones for the specific building;

1. Search or select **Account Maintenance**.
2. Click *Export*.
3. This will export the information into an Excel worksheet, including any Hidden or Restricted account codes.

Search Global Accounts / Search Local Accounts

Search Global Accounts and Search Local Accounts is a function designed to be similar to all other search screens. This search replaces the account compare tools previously available and allows codes to be consistent between the Master Chart (0000) and local buildings. It has its own article located [here](#).

Log

To review log information around changes made to account codes, this area will offer a search screen using the *Category: GeneralLedge*. This can be set to look at a building or the Master Chart (0000) type. Any recent search, including the advanced settings, can be saved to load as a saved search for future use.

Search Logs

Refresh Export Advanced

Field	Condition	Value
Date/Time	is on or after	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Dates Today
Building	is equal to	0000 - Master Chart ✗
Category	is equal to	GeneralLedge ✗
Username	is equal to	<input type="text"/> ✗

1 record displayed

Date/Time	Log Lev	Username	Description	Building	Category
20/12/2023 2:57:58 PM	Info	Jessica.Carroll	Saved changes to account code 108	0000	GeneralLedge