



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 D54.

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	D45	Agency Conversion
D26	Reference	D46	Pay Period
D32	Subsidiary	D52	Correction Element
D34	Agency Source		
D35	Location		
D40	Federal Catalog		
D42	Project		
D43	PCA Activity		
D47	Payroll Object Conversion		
D53	Fund/Fund Source Edit		
D54	Remittance Advice Message		