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Creating a Travel Authorization Overview

The Commonwealth and Agency policy dictate under which circumstances a Travel Authorization is required to be submitted. Travel Authorizations are not required to be entered in Cardinal. Alternate procedures may be used to authorize travel and other business-related expenses.

A Travel Authorization must be created, submitted, and approved prior to the proposed travel. Travel Authorizations do not create a financial transaction (no information is posted in the General Ledger).

Travel Authorizations can be:

- used for non-travel expenses such as education or meals
- copied into the Expense Report (prevents duplicate entry)

When entering a Travel Authorization, record all expenses related to the trip, including any that are direct billed to the Agency or paid by a third party. They are still part of the total cost of travel and are used for approval routing and tracking purposes, even if they are not reimbursable to the employee.

If an employee requests a Cash Advance, it can be entered when creating the Travel Authorization.

The user must be set up as a Proxy to enter expense transactions for themselves or other employees. A Proxy is not a security role and does not require a security form. Work with an Agency employee who has the Travel Expenses Sync Processor role to add and remove a Proxy as applicable. See the Job Aid titled **AP315_Authorizing a Proxy for an Employee** for details on adding a Proxy. This Job Aid is located on the Cardinal website in **Job Aids** under **Learning**.

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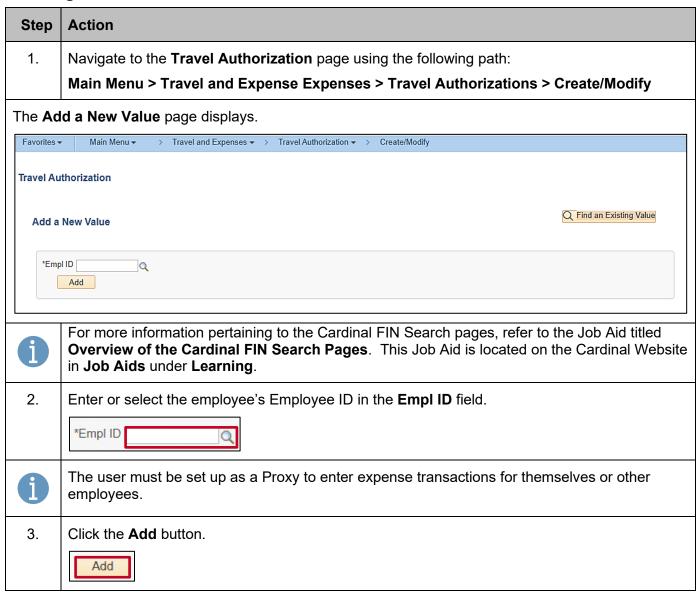
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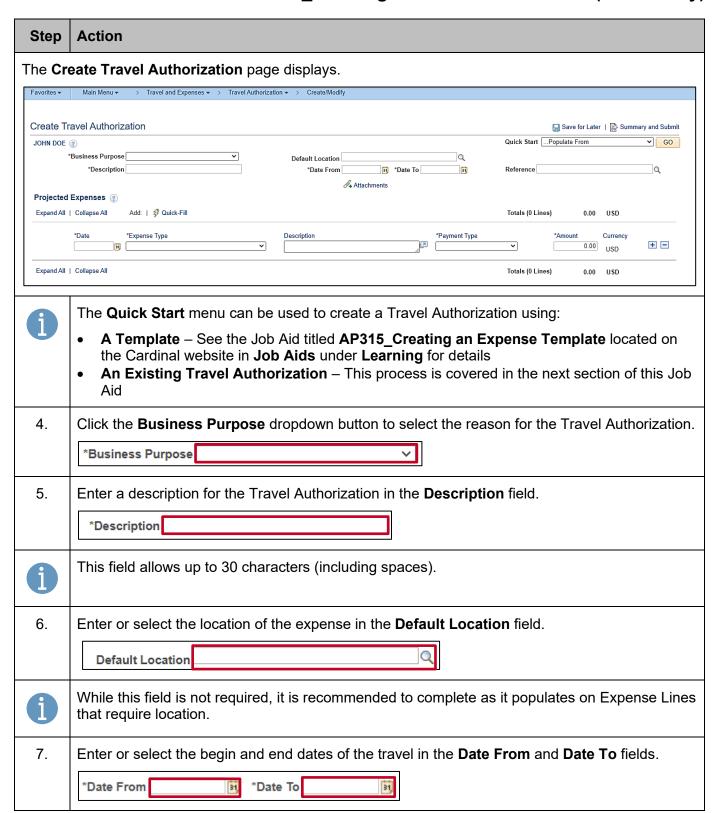
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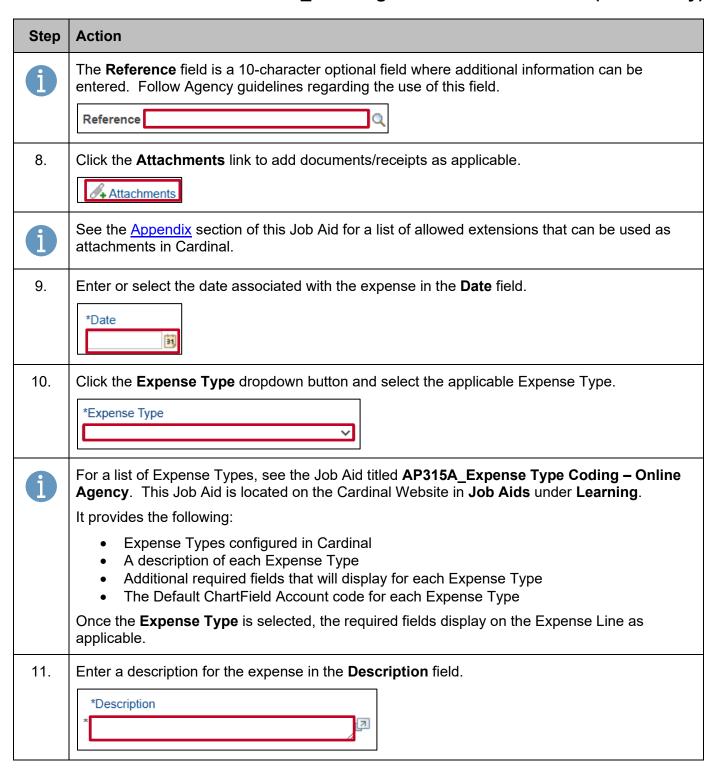
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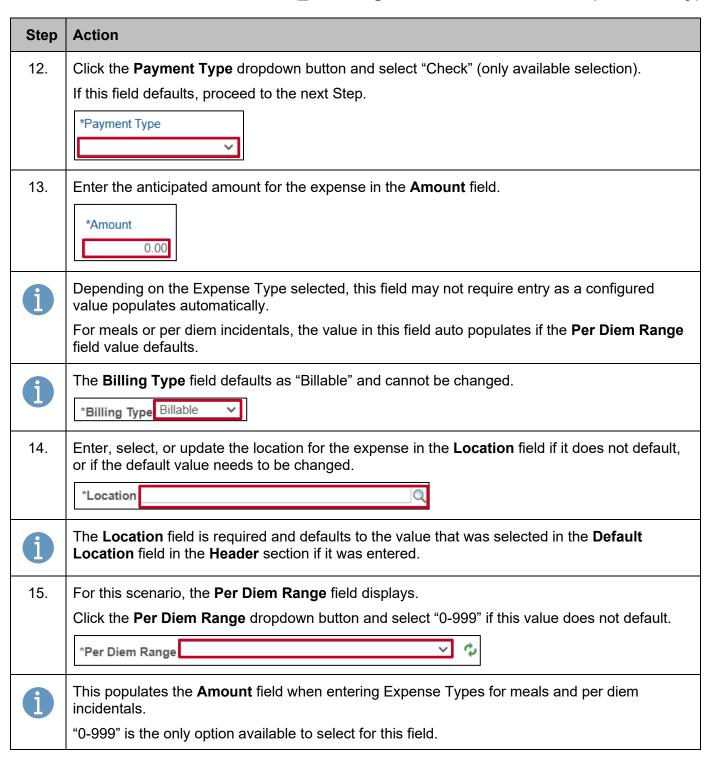
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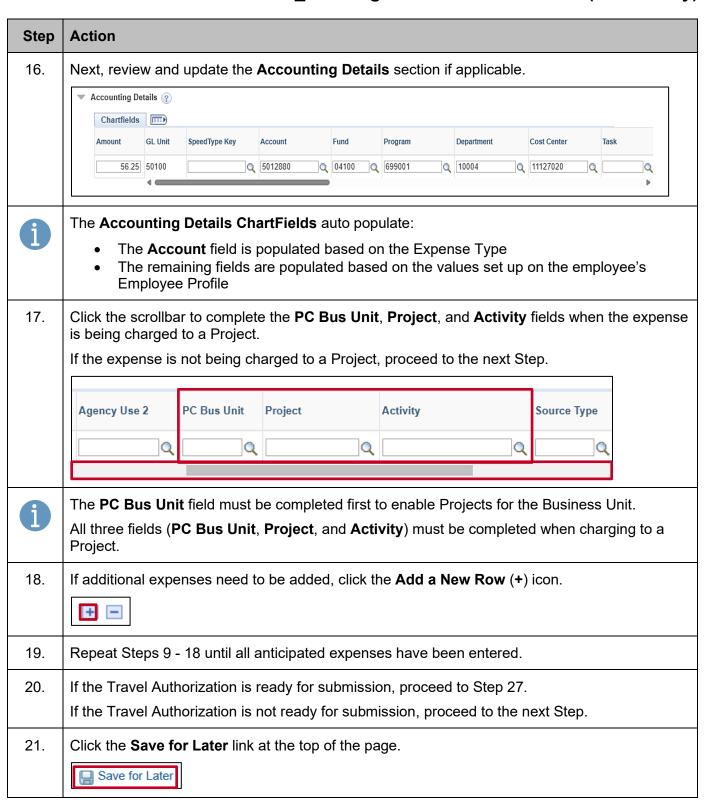
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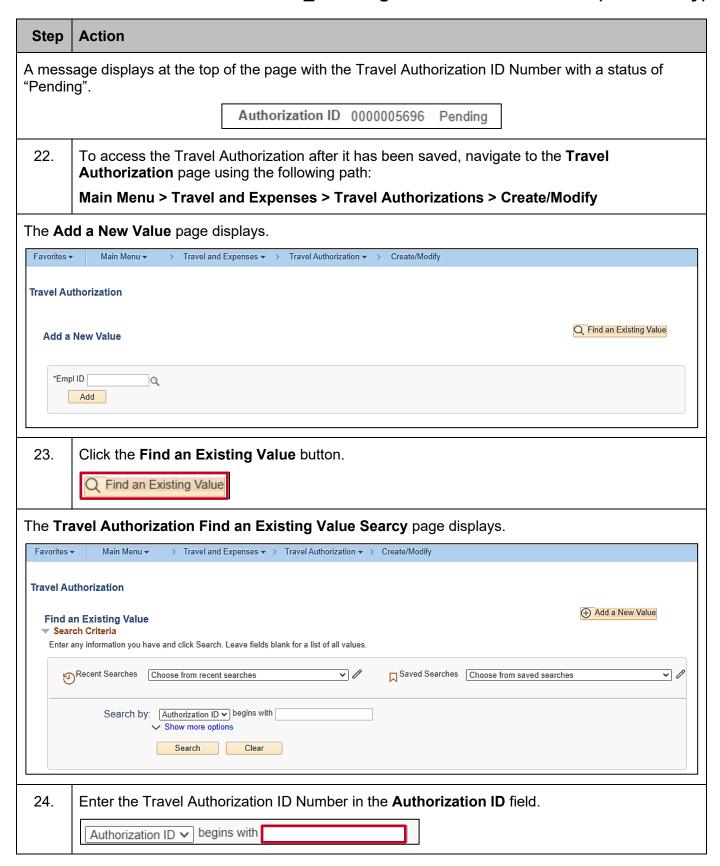
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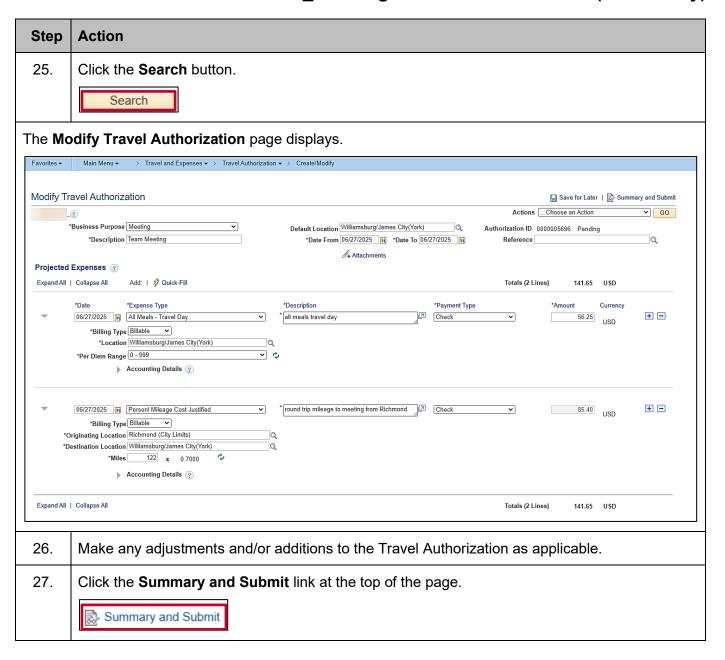
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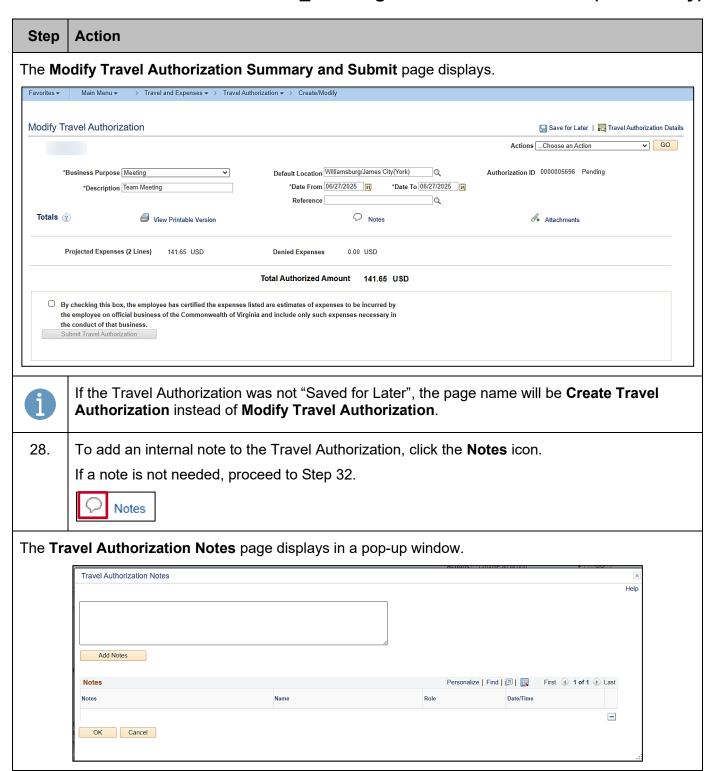
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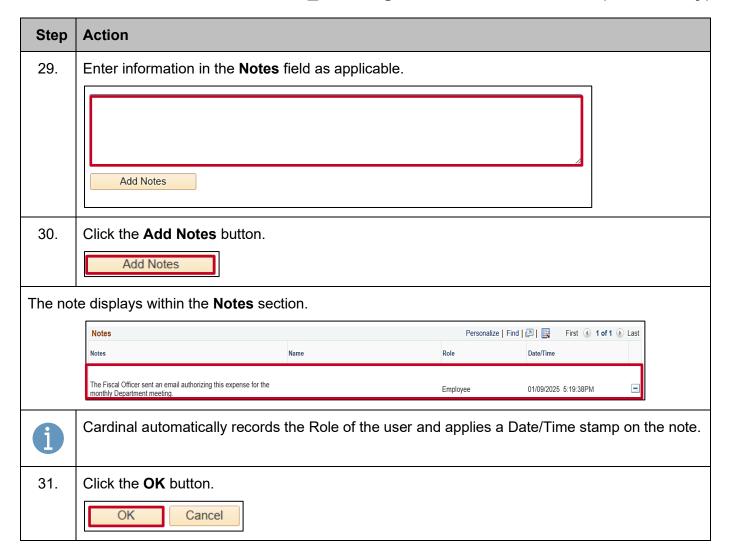
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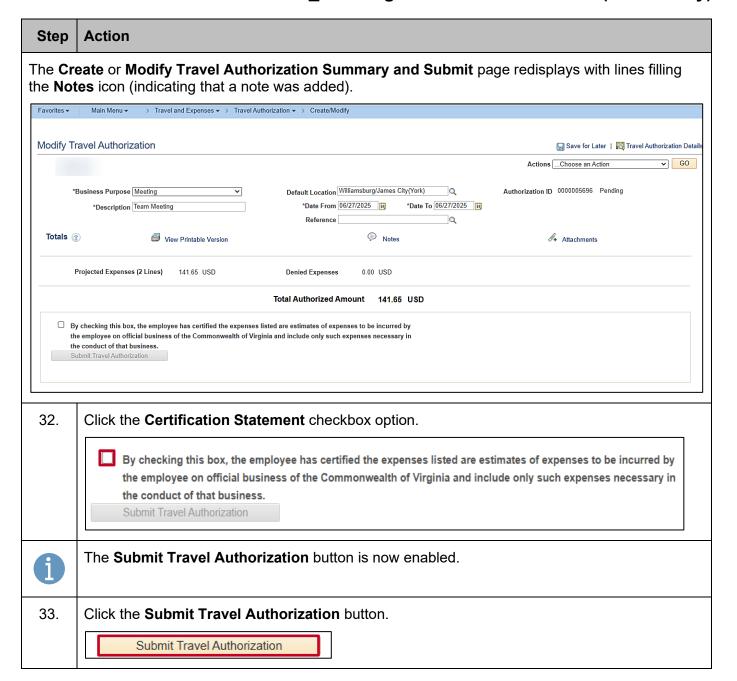
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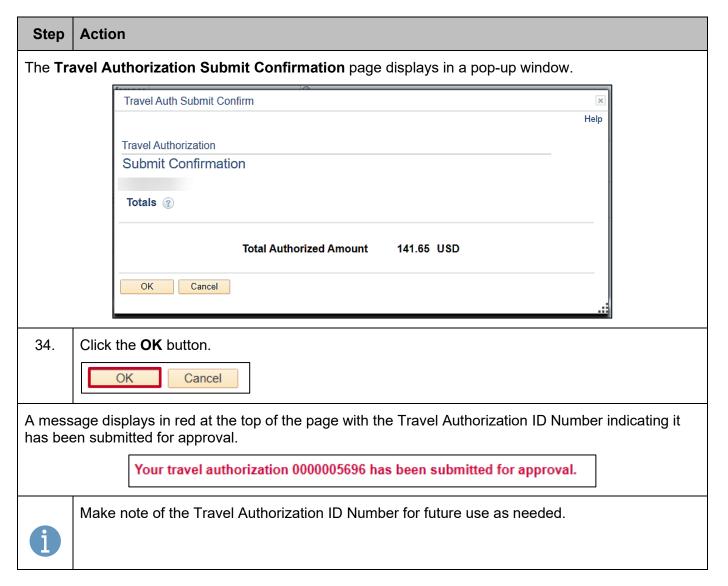
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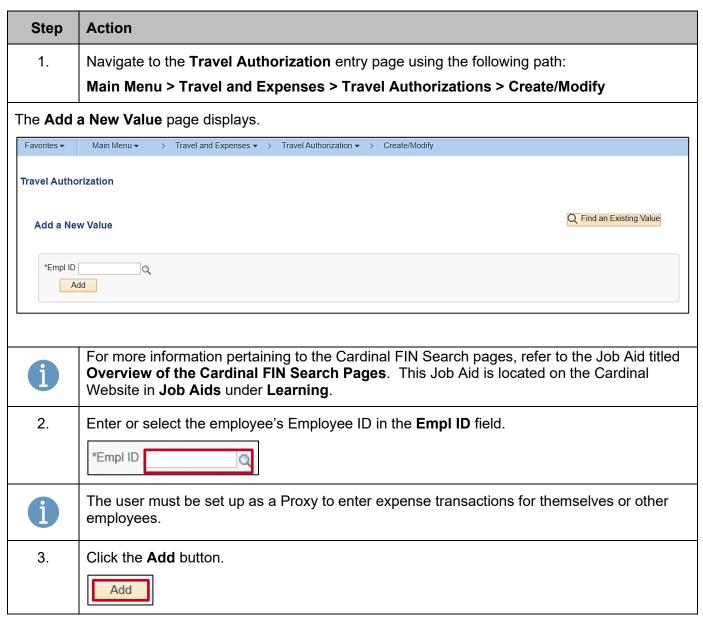


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Creating a Travel Authorization from an Existing Travel Authorization

This section of the Job Aid will walk through the steps for creating a Travel Authorization using an existing Travel Authorization. This can be helpful in saving time when an employee has Travel Authorizations for expenses that are used frequently (e.g., regular monthly meeting).

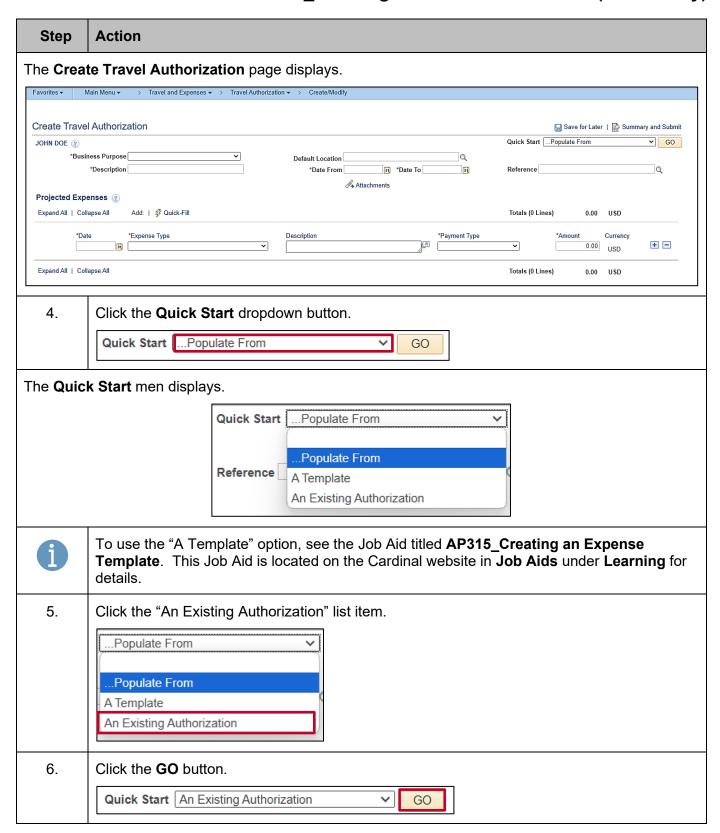
Cardinal copies all of the information from the previous Travel Authorization to populate a new Travel Authorization. Fields can then be updated and additional entries can be added as needed.



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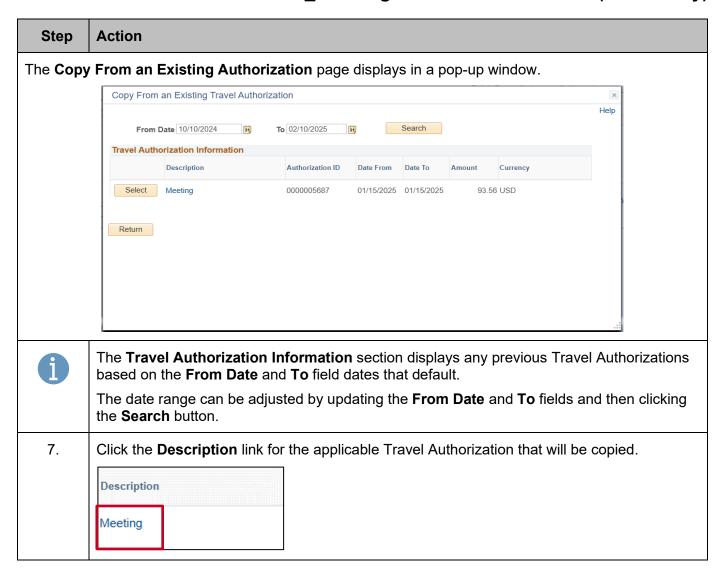
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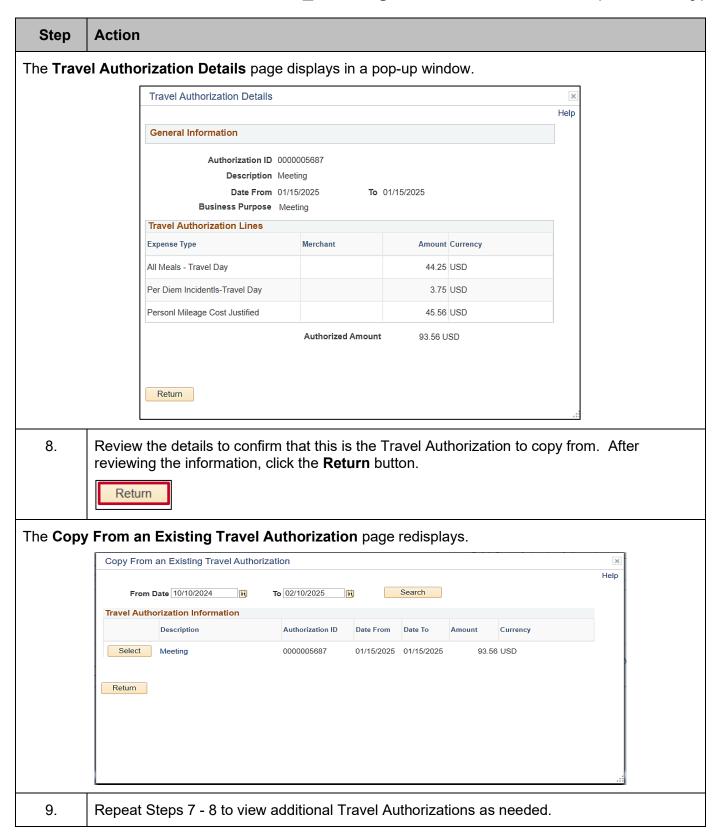
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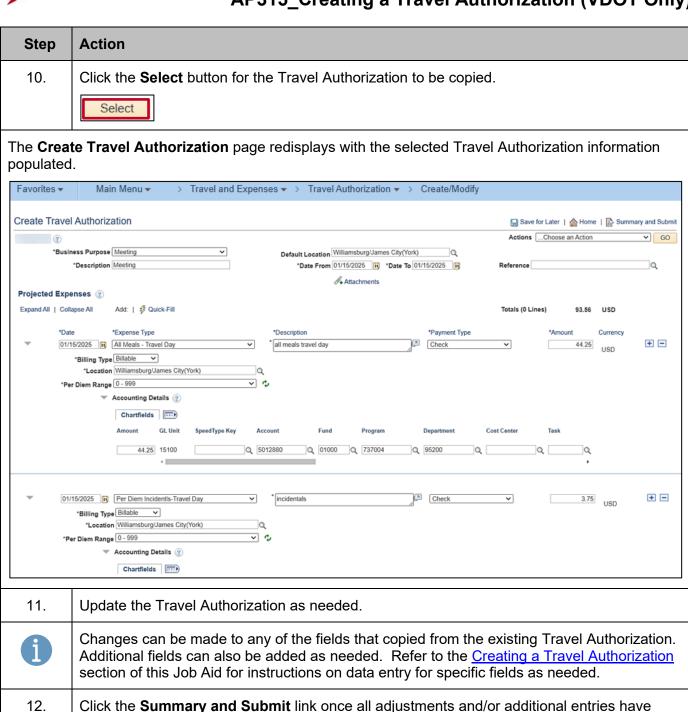


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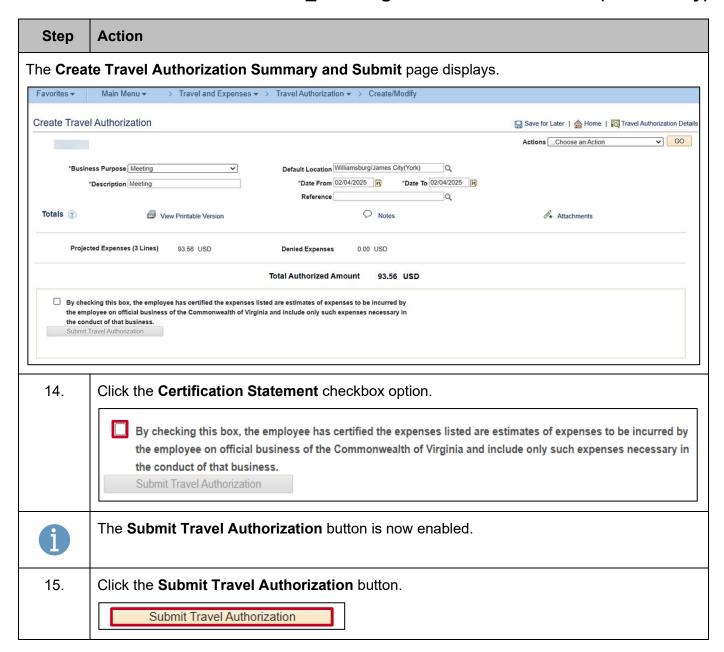
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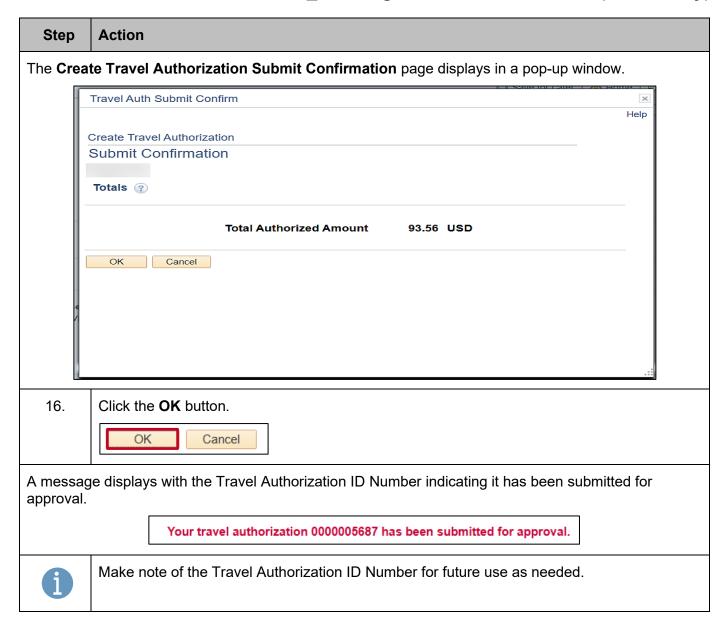
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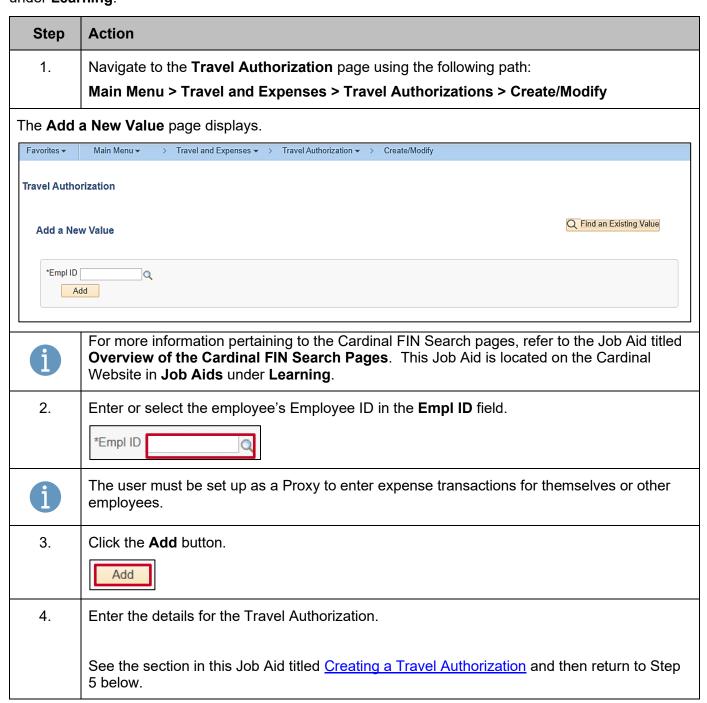
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Creating a Cash Advance while Creating a Travel Authorization

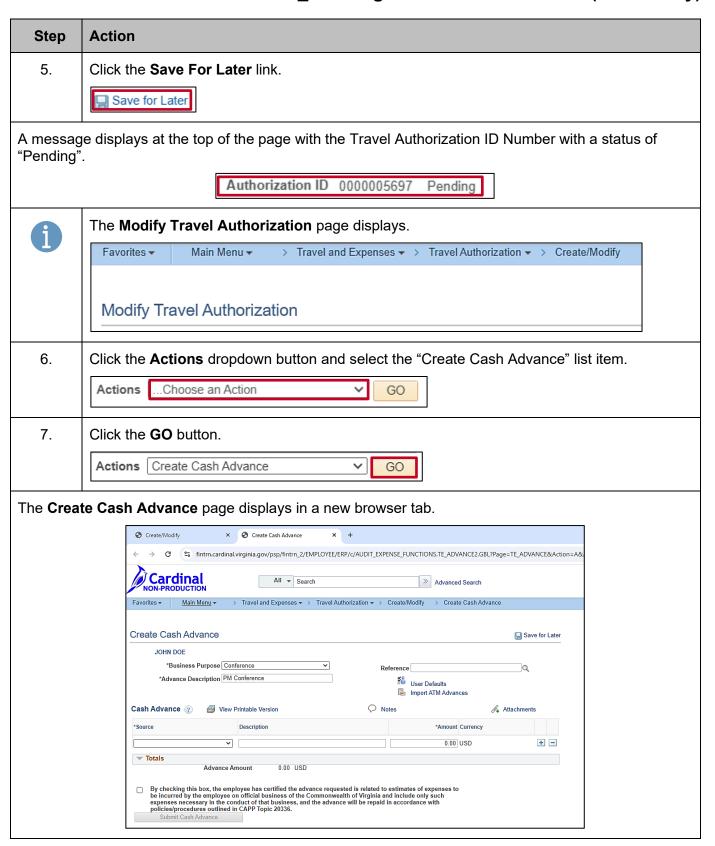
This section of the Job Aid will provide the steps for creating a Cash Advance while creating a Travel Authorization. For detailed information about Cash Advances, see the Job Aid titled **AP315A_Creating a Cash Advance**. This Job Aid is located on the Cardinal website in **Job Aids** under **Learning**.



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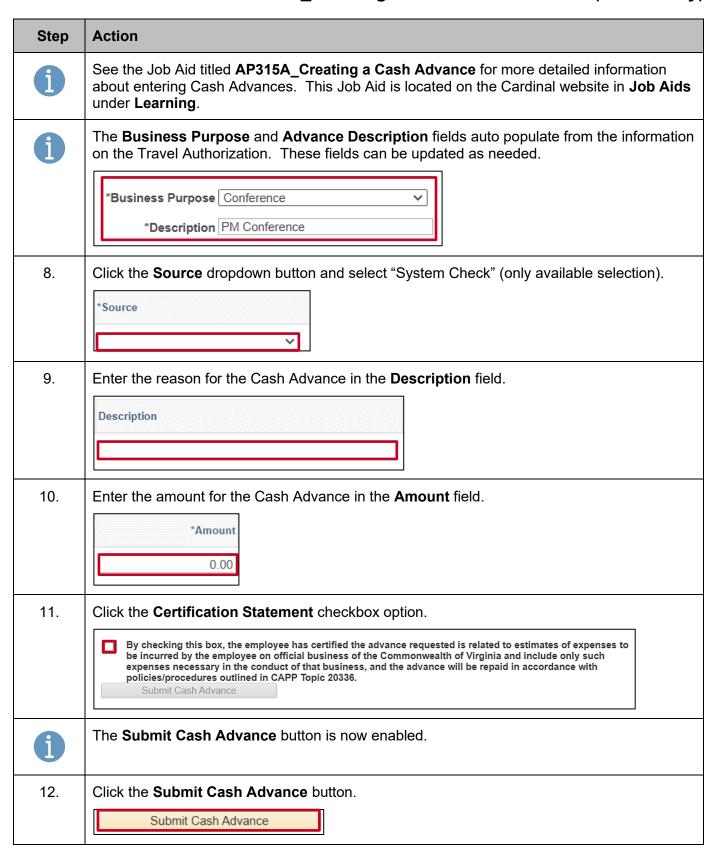
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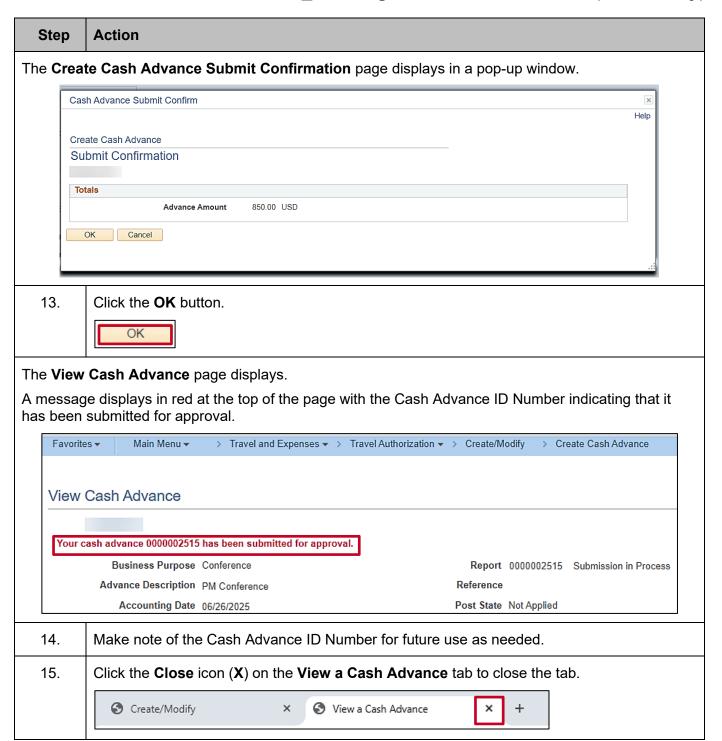
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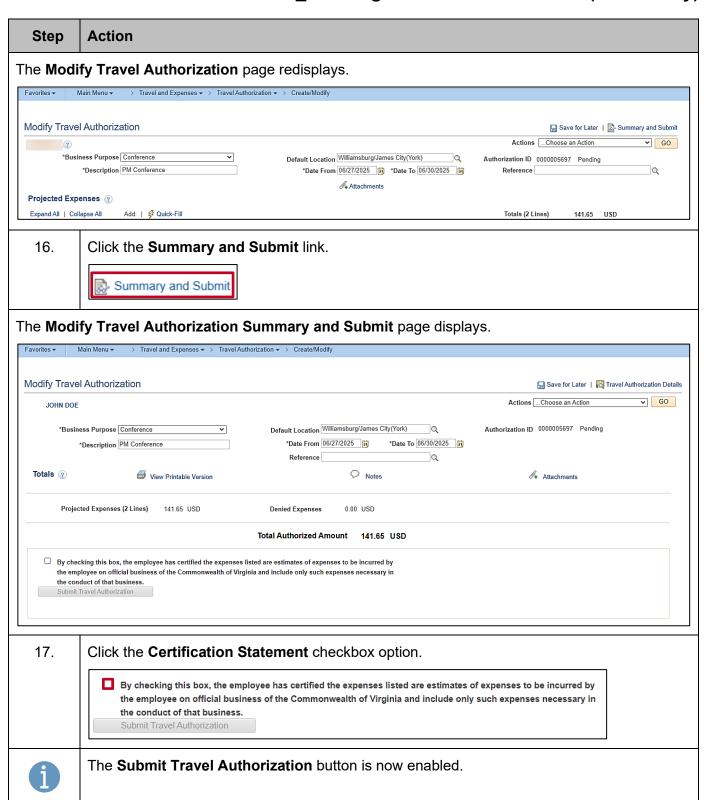
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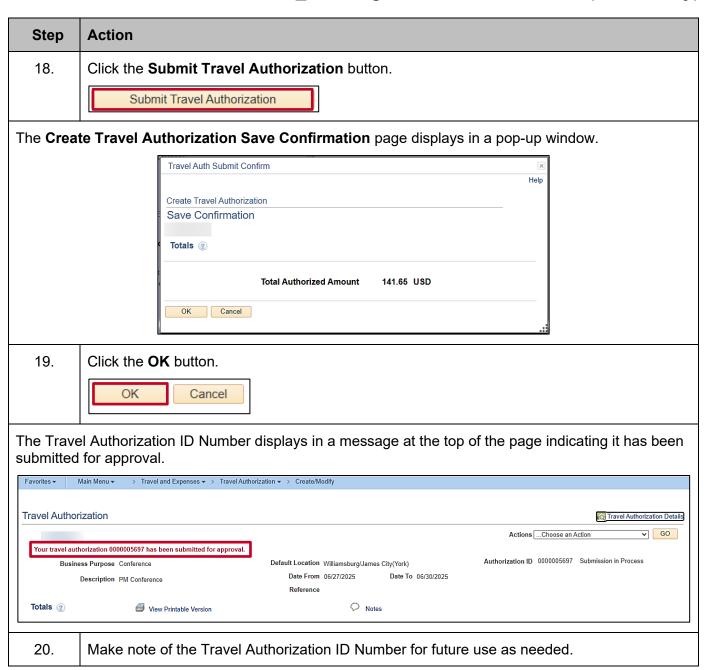
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Appendix

Allowed Extensions on Attachments in Cardinal

The following is a list of file extensions that are allowed on attachments uploaded to Cardinal. Users should only attach key supporting documents that either enhance the electronic Cardinal transaction approval process or are instrumental as part of the transaction history. The Cardinal system should not be relied upon to maintain Agency documentation and should not be considered the official retention source of the Agency. Supporting documents, as required by all applicable regulatory/governing bodies, should be maintained by the Agency apart from the Cardinal attachment functionality.

Allowed Extensions on Attachments in Cardinal			
.ВМР	.CSV	.DOC	
.DOCX	.JPE	.JPEG	
.JPG	.MSG	.PDF	
.PNG	.PST	.RTF	
.TIF	.TIFF	.TXT	
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