

# Access Dimensions: Opening Balances Guidelines

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# **OPENING BALANCES - GUIDELINES**

NB: Any closing and opening balance details should be determined by a suitably qualified accountant

- 1. Ensure closing balances are taken from the "old" system (i.e. aged-debtors, aged-creditors, trial balance and unreconciled cash item report) at the SAME time that the data is provided to TEAM Software after which **no** further transactions should be entered on the "old" system
- 2. Check the setup:
  - a. Company details
  - b. System Control for ledger dates and current period
- 3. Checked the import, i.e.:
  - a. Nominal accounts, nominal categories, sales and purchase analysis
  - b. Customers and suppliers
  - c. Customer and supplier outstanding transaction details
- 4. Check the balances, i.e.:
  - a. Aged-Debtors matches
  - b. Aged-Creditors matches
  - c. Trial Balance is zero, with ALL transactions posted both sides to a suspense account, i.e. nothing posted to the AR or AP Control Accounts, VAT control or Bank account
- 5. Print/export a Trial Balance (s/be £0), Aged Debtors and Aged Creditors Report

## 6. Take a back-up

7. Enter the trial balance as a NL journal (not a VAT journal!)

**NB**: The opening balance for the bank accounts should be broken to detail un-reconciled / un-cleared payments and receipts. If this is not done, it will not be possible to reconcile the first bank statement properly

- 8. Print/export a Trial Balance and Un-reconciled Cash Book Items report
- 9. Use validate function within System Control -> Company -> Snapshot to ensure the Debtors and Creditors Control Accounts agree to the balances on the ledgers

### 10. Take a back-up

NB: Do not allow operators to enter and post any transactions in the "new" system until ALL ledgers have been signed-off



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