

6.05. Ordering from multiple suppliers

The multi-store purchase order will enable you to create a purchase order that includes lines for many stores at once.



Multi-store purchase orders can only be created and edited in Supervisor mode, that is, when logged in to Supervisor - All stores.

Limitations

- You can only create a multi-store purchase order in supervisor mode.
- You can only create a multi-store purchase order as a blank purchase order. You cannot create a calculated multi-store purchase order yet.
- You cannot use multi-store purchase orders for transfers between stores.
- For a specific item, you cannot order different pack sizes for different stores. For that specific item all stores must have the same pack size.

Set up

To make a store available for multi-store purchasing, you will need to go into the store preferences and add a custom field labelled `canBeIncludedInMultiStorePOs` with its value set to `true`:

1. Log into any store
2. **Special > Show stores...**
3. Double click on the store name in the list
4. Go to the **Custom fields** tab
5. Add a new line that looks like this (be VERY careful to get the spelling of `canBeIncludedInMultiStorePOs` correct. It is case sensitive):



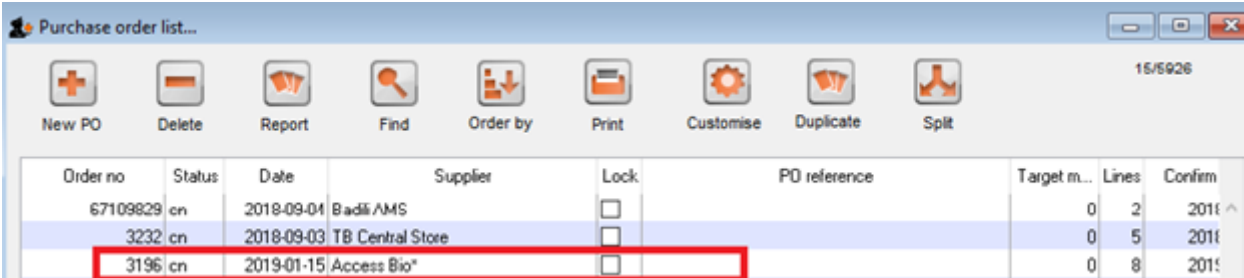
How it works

Permission

To be able to create a multi-store purchase order, a user must have permission to create a purchase order (see link to correct permissions tab [here](#), and have access to the supervisor store (see link to supervisor mode [here](#)).

Display

Multi-store purchase orders can be identified by an asterisk after the supplier name in the purchase order display list.



Order no	Status	Date	Supplier	Lock	PO reference	Target m...	Lines	Confirm
67109829	cn	2018-09-04	Badi AMS	<input type="checkbox"/>		0	2	2018
3232	cn	2018-09-03	TB Central Store	<input type="checkbox"/>		0	5	2018
3196	cn	2019-01-15	Access Bio*	<input type="checkbox"/>		0	8	2019

A multi-store purchase order appears in the purchase order list of each store for which goods have been ordered. When viewed in a particular store, only the lines that belong to that store will be displayed. The screenshot below shows an example:



Furthermore, the displayed lines will not be editable unless you are accessing it in supervisor mode.

Creating a new purchase order

To create a new multi-store purchase order, login to supervisor mode, choose Supplier > New blank Purchase Order as for a normal blank purchase order. Like a normal purchase order only one supplier can be chosen, but in the case of multi-store purchase orders this supplier cannot be a store. When entering a new line, you will be presented with this window.

New Purchase Order line...

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Item

Pricing for this item

Price before discount	Discount (%)	Price after discount	Line total
0.00	0	0.00	0.00

Store	No of packs	Pack size	Total Qty	Price extensi...	Requested delivery date	Expected delivery date
Totals	0		0	0		

Cancel

OK

OK & Next

You can choose an item by typing the first few letters of its name or item code in the “Item” field box and press the Tab key. You will be presented with a list of items corresponding to the letters you have entered. Note that since the stock available of all stores could not be displayed at the same time in supervisor mode the quantities shown in the Stock on Hand Column have been set to 0. After choosing an item, a line will appear in the table for each of the stores that you have setup to be included in multi-store purchase orders (see [Setup](#) (make the word Setup a link to the section) above) will be displayed, along with the default pack size for that item and the current date as the requested delivery date. If the chosen item has been designated as a non-stock item in a particular store, that store’s line will be disabled.

New Purchase Order line...

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Item

Amethocaine Sterile Eye Drops, 0.5% (Individual Applicators), Pkt/5101800

Pricing for this item

Price before discount	Discount (%)	Price after discount	Line total
1,000.00	5	950.00	23,750.00

Store	No of packs	Pack size	Total Qty	Price extensi...	Requested delivery date	Expected delivery date
Badli AMS	0	1	0	0	2019-01-15	
Hagen AMS	10	1	10	9500	2019-01-15	2019-03-31
Kokopo AMS	0	1	0	0	2019-01-15	
Lae AMS	15	1	15	14250	2019-01-15	2019-02-28
Wewak AMS	0	1	0	0	2019-01-15	
Totals	25		25	23750		

Cancel

OK

OK & Next

For each store, you can specify the number of packs to order. The total quantity will be automatically calculated. If you put a price per pack and a discount, the discounted price per pack will be calculated and applied to each line. You can change the requested delivery date and add an expected delivery date either manually or through the calendar icon on the column to the right. When you click OK, only the lines for which the number of packs is not 0 will be included in the purchase order line.

The other tabs are the same as normal purchase orders with two exceptions. Firstly, when adding a line for a normal purchase order, the usage is calculated for the current store only. For multi-store purchasing there is now a dropdown list that lets you choose for which store you want the usage to be calculated.

New Purchase Order line...

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Store:Badli AMS

Badli AMS

Hagen AMS

Kokopo AMS

Lae AMS

Wewak AMS

Month		hs
this month		0
last month		0
3 months ago	0	0
4 months ago	0	0
5 months ago	0	0
6 months ago	0	0
7 months ago	0	0
8 months ago	0	0
9 months ago	0	0
10 months ago	0	0
11 months ago	0	0
12 months ago	0	0

Months

Mean usage

Standard dev

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Cancel

OK

OK & Next

Secondly, there is also a dropdown list in the ledger tabs, where you can select the store for which you want the ledger to be displayed.

Editing a new purchase order

To edit a multi-store purchase order line, you must login to supervisor mode. When you have done so, open the purchase order and double-click on the line you want to edit. All the lines pertaining to the same item will be loaded. Here’s an example of a multi-store purchase order opened in supervisor mode:



If you click on the first line of the “Acryliser, Electric”, all five stores’ order lines for that item will be loaded.

