

# 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.

## 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 to order from another store in the mSupply system.
- For a specific item, you cannot order different pack sizes for different stores. For any item, all stores must have receive the stock in 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

### Permissions

To be able to create a multi-store purchase order the user must have permissions to:

- Log in to [Supervisor - All stores](#)
- Create a purchase order in **Supervisor - All stores** - refer [The permission tabs](#)

### Creating a new purchase order

To create a new multi-store purchase order

1. login to [Supervisor - All stores](#)
2. Choose **Supplier > New blank Purchase Order.**



**New Purchase Order line...**

General Usage Quotes Receipt history Ledger

Item: Amethocaine Sterile Eye Drops, 0.5% (Individual Applicators), Pkt/5 101800

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
Badili 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		

Buttons: Cancel, OK, OK & Next

- If you put a price per pack and a discount, the discounted price per pack will be calculated and applied to each line.
- For each store, you can specify the number of packs to order.
- The total quantity will be automatically calculated.
- 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.
- The other tabs are the same as normal purchase orders with two exceptions:
  - **Usage tab** When adding a line for a normal purchase order, the usage is calculated for the currently logged in 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.



- **Ledger tab** 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

1. login to [Supervisor - All stores](#)
2. Open the purchase order
3. 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.



- You can change the pack size, the price, the discount and the requested and expected delivery dates.
- If you put 0 as the number of packs for a line that had previously contained a quantity, this line will be deleted when the user clicks the OK or OK & Next button.

As with normal purchase orders, when a purchase order has been confirmed it is no longer possible to go back and edit the order lines.

### Viewing multi-store POs when logged in to the receiving stores

When logged in to the receiving stores, multi-store purchase orders can be identified by an asterisk (\*) after the supplier name in the purchase order display list.



- 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 - see example:



Furthermore, the displayed lines will not be editable. To edit the lines, you will need to accessing it in supervisor mode.

## Goods receipt

Good receipt will function as normal (see the link to Goods Receipt [here](#)) but only the lines pertaining to the store you are currently logged in will be available.

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