

UA Travel

Sneak Peek Video of the New UA Travel Management Tool - Concur

The University of Alaska will soon launch **Concur**, a **new paperless travel management system**. Concur for Travel is a one-stop shop for all things travel, from submitting the initial planning request and booking your trip to uploading receipts and completing your expense reports. Gone are the days of tracking paper receipts. Travelers can simply snap pictures of their receipts and upload them to their expense report.

Transition over to Concur Travel will be phased over the next few months with the goal of all university travelers using the system by June 2019. "We are thrilled to be launching Concur to the full University of Alaska community," said Geoff Jacobs, UA Finance Business Process Analyst. "We are confident that it will streamline processes for travelers, travel coordinators and delegates/approvers, while saving a few trees."

New UA Travel Cards were created to be used with the Concur tool. The University pays for the business expenses on the card directly so the traveler will no longer bear the burden of personally paying for the trip and then waiting for reimbursement. The card transactions feed directly into concur and reconcile when assigned to the expense report, streamlining the expense reporting process. The trip expenses will post to the departments account after the expense report is completed.

All University employees will also receive access to **Concur's TripIt**, a mobile app that organizes all fight details in one place. "TripIt provides an incredible variety of services to the traveler," Jacobs said. "It will give you real time flight updates; information about gate changes, and track your reward points. It can even help find another flight if yours gets canceled."

Here is the promised **sneak peek video** link to watch the 10-minute overview of the Concur travel management system: <u>Concur Overview Video</u>. The video does not contain UA's Concur Configuration but the UA site will be similar to the one in the video.

Pilot training is currently underway for travel coordinators and arrangers at UAS, UAF and SW. Additionally, pilot training for Travelers and Delegate/Approvers will commence in early November. UAA will begin transitioning over to the UA Travel management system in January 2019. Training for all employees associated with travel activities will also be available beginning January 2019. For additional details, regular updates and future training registration please join our <u>UA-travel-project listserve</u>. For questions regarding the travel project or the new process, contact us at 907/450-8785 (TRVL) or email <u>ua-travel@alaska.edu</u>.

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