

## 15.02. Purchase order preferences



- The preferences described here (accessed through **File > Preferences...**) apply to all stores on an mSupply server.
- In a [synced system](#) there will be multiple 'sync satellites' and these settings can be different on each sync satellite.
- There are some settings that are 'per store' - refer [Store preferences](#), and store preferences can be different for each store on an mSupply server.

There are two tabs of purchase order preferences in the **File > Preferences...** menu item.

### Purchase Order Defaults tab

The screenshot shows the 'Preferences' window with the 'Purchase order defaults' tab selected. The sidebar on the left lists various preference categories, with 'Purchase order defaults' highlighted. The main area contains the following fields:

- Heading 1:** MINISTRY OF HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES
- Heading 2:** Department of Pharmacy, Republic of Singaland
- Heading 3:** Phone: +691 72400 Fax: +691 72300 Email: fin\_mgr@gmail.com
- Notes:** Checked (Director of Pharmacy): \_\_\_\_\_
- Reply Address:** Director of Pharmacy  
Ministry of Health & Medical Services  
PO Box 320, Tulemakar  
Republic of Singaland
- CC to:** (Empty field)
- Delivery Address & Shipping marks:** Director of Pharmacy  
Ministry of Health & Medical Services  
PO Box 320, Tulemakar  
Republic of Singaland

At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons.

This window allows you to enter text that will be printed on Purchase Orders.

The easiest way to see how these fields will look on a Purchase Order is to fill in the fields and then print a sample Purchase Order. Note that we are willing to design custom Purchase Order forms to meet individual needs.

### Purchase Order 2 tab

Preferences...

General  
Misc  
Purchase order defaults  
**Purchase order 2**  
Invoices 1  
Invoices 2  
Item  
Price  
Quotes  
Reports  
Names  
Tender  
Reminders  
Patient Medication  
Drug Interactions  
Registration  
Printing  
OK and print  
Logo  
Dispensary mode  
HIS  
Log  
Backup  
Backup 2  
Email  
Server  
Synchronise  
Customization

☒ Print signature section on purchase orders  
Number of decimal places for price extension and totals :   
Prefix printed purchase order number with :   
Default number of month's usage to evaluate when creating an order :

☐ Purchase order category must be chosen  
☐ Expected delivery date must be chosen  
☐ Show purchase order custom field 1  
Custom field 1 label :   
☐ Show purchase order custom field 2  
Custom field 2 label :

☐ Purchase order contract date must be entered  
☐ Purchase order advance payment date must be entered  
☐ Purchase order received at port date must be entered  
☐ Procurement is done centrally  
☐ Requested delivery date must be entered  
☐ Unit cost (price before discount) must be entered  
☐ Re-use deleted purchase order numbers

Labels for custom fields on purchase order categories

field 1 (text) :   
field 2 (text) :   
field 3 (number) :

Cancel OK

### Print signature section on Purchase Orders

When this box is checked a section will be printed on Purchase Orders that shows the authorising officer(s) and includes a space for signatures. This is applicable if you print Purchase Orders and post them to suppliers, but should most likely be turned off if you send Purchase Orders via email.

### Number of decimal places for price field:

This field allows you to specify the number of decimal places that may be entered in the price field on Purchase Orders. This will override the currency format setting in the Misc tab only for the price field on Purchase Orders.

### Prefix printed Purchase Order number with

Enter any required prefix in this field

### Default number of days usage to evaluate when creating an order

Enter the number of days to “look back” when evaluating each item's usage to calculate the amount of stock needed. Entering a higher number will give a better long term average, but will mean that orders take longer to create.

### Purchase Order category must be chosen

Check if you need a Purchase order category to be chosen on every purchase order.



This can be overridden by the user if they hold down the shift key as they click **OK**

**Expected delivery date must be chosen:**

Check if required, leave unchecked if not.

**Show purchase order custom field**

Check this box if you would like an extra field added that you can customise and use for your own purposes.

The space below this check box is for you to enter the name of your custom field.

**Purchase order contract date must be entered**

If you require this information on your purchase orders then check this box - this will force users to enter it when a purchase order is created.

**Purchase order advance payment date must be entered**

If you check this, the **Advance paid** field must be completed when a purchase order is created - a user will not be able to save a purchase order without entering it.

**Purchase order received at port date must be entered**

If you check this, the **Received at port** field must be completed when a purchase order is created - a user will not be able to save a purchase order without entering it.

**Procurement is done centrally**

This option is only relevant for a synchronised system (refer [Remote Synchronisation](#)). If you select this option, purchase orders for stores on sync satellites can only be prepared, confirmed and finalised on the sync primary. There is a work-around if you need some stores on some sync satellites to do their own purchase orders. For help with setting that up, contact [support@msupply.org.nz](mailto:support@msupply.org.nz).

**Requested delivery date must be entered**

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**Labels for custom fields on Purchase Order categories:**

Fields 1 and 2 accept text entries, field 3 accepts numeric entries. The use of these fields is optional.

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