

Keep Learning with SAO

BARS Update webinars

Our annual Budgeting, Accounting, and Reporting System (BARS) Updates will be held virtually again this fall. These no-cost, two-hour sessions are worth two CPE credits.

SAO's Local Government Support Team will show you changes to the BARS GAAP and Cash Manuals, including important accounting and reporting updates, annual report filing changes, new BARS codes and more. We will have separate sessions for GAAP governments and Cash governments highlighting changes that only affect your government's basis of accounting.

Your government's audit liaison will receive an email from our Office by Oct. 1 when registration opens for these events. Additionally, you can watch for information on SAO's BARS and Annual Filing Training webpage: <https://sao.wa.gov/bars-annual-filing/filing-training-and-workshops/#BARS-Update>.

Webinar dates and times:

10 sessions, 5 morning (9-11 am) and 5 afternoon (1-3pm),
For BARS GAAP and Cash users

GAAP Sessions

Tuesday, October 11	1 – 3 p.m.
Thursday, October 13	9 – 11 a.m.
Tuesday, October 18	9 – 11 a.m.
Thursday, October 20	1 – 3 p.m.
Wednesday, October 26	1 – 3 p.m.

Cash Sessions

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Thursday, October 13	1 – 3 p.m.
Tuesday, October 18	1 – 3 p.m.
Thursday, October 20	9 – 11 a.m.
Wednesday, October 26	9 – 11 a.m.



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More training on BARS and annual filing

Bookmark our Training and Workshops page: <https://sao.wa.gov/bars-annual-filing/filing-training-and-workshops/#elearnings>

Here you'll find:

- Recordings of our August 2021 webinars on leases. Separate recordings will be available for GAAP and Cash governments.
- Recording of the overview of the annual online filing system webinar from April 2022.
- Several no-cost eLearnings, including Introduction to the BARS Manuals, SAO 2021 BARS Update, FY2021 Pension Calculations for Cash Basis Governments, OPEB for Cash Basis Governments and more.

Online, on-demand, CPE-eligible training on internal controls

Cash handling internal controls are a vital process in your government. Strong policies, practices and well-trained employees make all the difference when safeguarding public resources and minimizing your risk for loss or misappropriation.

Now there's a new way to learn about these controls: An online course you can take whenever you want, wherever you are, and you'll earn CPE in the process.

We developed a 90-minute interactive training session that you can complete at your own pace. The training follows an actual fraud case and tests your learning along the way, making it eligible for continuing professional education (CPE) credit.

To access this no-cost training and other videos like it, visit our [online training library](#).

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The Center for Government Innovation connects you with knowledge and resources to help your local government innovate and improve. The Center's services are available virtually or in person. Contact us at Center@sao.wa.gov, and we will listen to your needs and develop a plan to help you innovate, improve and build sustainable change in areas like:

- Lean process improvement
- Team building and leadership
- Finance related topics
- Financial data analysis
- Cybersecurity

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