Consistency Edit Messages

The Error of Our Ways

Oh, those error messages! You know, those messages in the ECON screen that stand between you and the Comments screen (especially when you're just trying to get that PPS bundle done!). What do they mean? What do they WANT! Here are some clues.

Consistency Edit Messages range in severity levels:
** IMPLD MT - Implied Maintenance. PPS will derive a value based on changes the preparer has made.
** DATA OVRI - Data Override. PPS will replace a preparer's data with its own, or derive a value for a required field that was left blank.
** WARNING - Warning. PPS sees a possible error or inconsistency, but will accept it anyway.
** EMPL REJ - Employee Activity Reject. Whoa. PPS will not let you go any further. The error MUST be corrected before PPS will update your changes.

The IMPLD MT and DATA OVRI messages are for your information and you don't have to do anything further to continue your update. (But make sure it's appropriate for what you're trying to do!)

Now, just because PPS will let you get by with a WARNING doesn't mean you can ignore it! A warning is telling you that something doesn't jive, are you SURE you want to update your inconsistency "as is"? Here's one NOT to ignore: "NON-STUDENT HAS CASUAL/RESTRICTED APPOINTMENT." PPS is saying that a "Not Registered" student status code doesn't match up with the "Casual/Restricted" appointment type code. This could mean that:

1. You're trying to put a non-UCSB student into a student title. Student titles are reserved for registered UCSB students ONLY. Student title codes are 4919, 4920, 4921 or 4922.
2. The student status code is wrong. If your employee really IS a registered student and in a student title, make sure his student status is coded that way (in EPD1).
3. You've used the Casual/Restricted appointment type code ('4') for a job title that isn't Casual/Restricted. Only student titles (4919, 4920, 4921 and 4922) are Casual/Restricted. If a title is given an inappropriate appointment type the title will be coded incorrectly in other ways, such as union representation. The appointment type is important! For a review, see PPSSST! notices 5/5/00-Appointment Types and 9/15/00-Student Employees.

The EMPL REJ is impossible to ignore-you fix the error, or else. For example, "LEAVE OF ABSENCE BEGINS AFTER RETURN DATE." (Oops.) PPS clearly won't let this fly. You can fix the error on the ECON screen or go back to the screen where the error lies. Find more details on how-to in your PPS User's Guide under System Messages.

In PPS, to err is human...but you get another chance. So take advantage of those error messages!