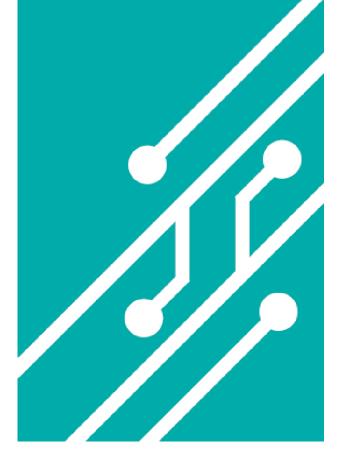


# ATHENA TIME AND ATTENDANCE

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## PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE

The Absence Records Resource Guide will provide you with explanations of the basic tools within Athena, walk you through the procedure of creating and approving absences within the software, as well as provide you with specific scenarios you may encounter as you begin to independently navigate the system within the User Stories section of this guide.

# ATHENA ABSENCE RECORDS INTRODUCTION

The workflow of creating and approving employee absence records takes place within the Absence Records Module of Athena Time and Attendance. Employees will have the ability to detail the specifics of their work absence, and be able to track the submission and approval history of a submitted record. Supervisors alternatively will have the ability to review employee absence requests, and either approve the request, or message employees directly to have them correct or change the submitted records.

### NAVIGATING THE ABSENCE RECORDS MODULE

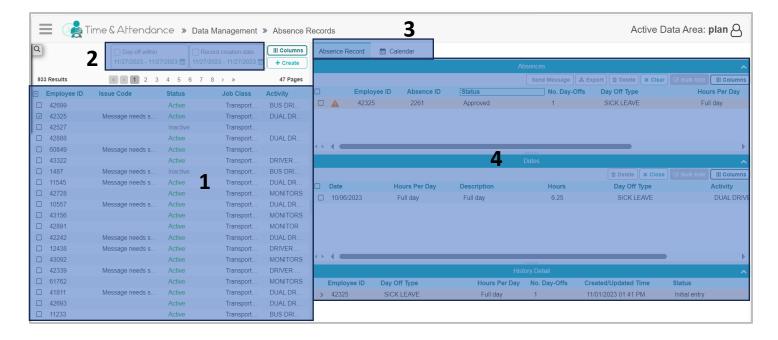
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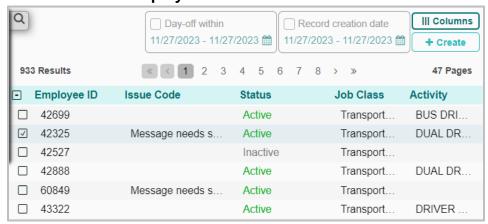


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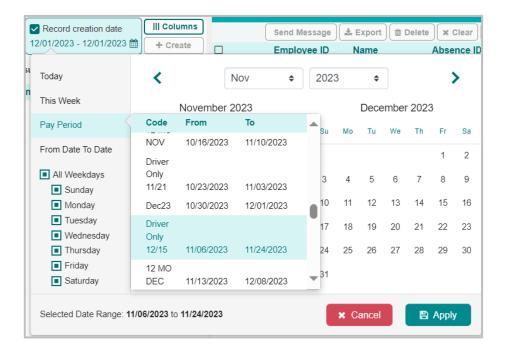
- (1) Employee List: On the left in the Data Panel is the employee list.
- (2) <u>Date Range:</u> The user will have the ability to search within a specific week, pay period, or date range for employee absences.
- (3) <u>Absence Tabs:</u> There are two tabs that display in the Workspace Panel: Absence Record and Calendar.
- (4) <u>Workspace Panel Cards:</u> There are three cards in the Workspace Panel: Absences, Dates, and History Detail.

#### 4. Data Panel and Employee List:



**4.1.** Filter for day's off or for records created within a selected pay period by enabling the "Day-off within" or "Record Creation Date" tools. Opening the calendar window, the user will have the ability to search within a specific week, pay period, or date range.



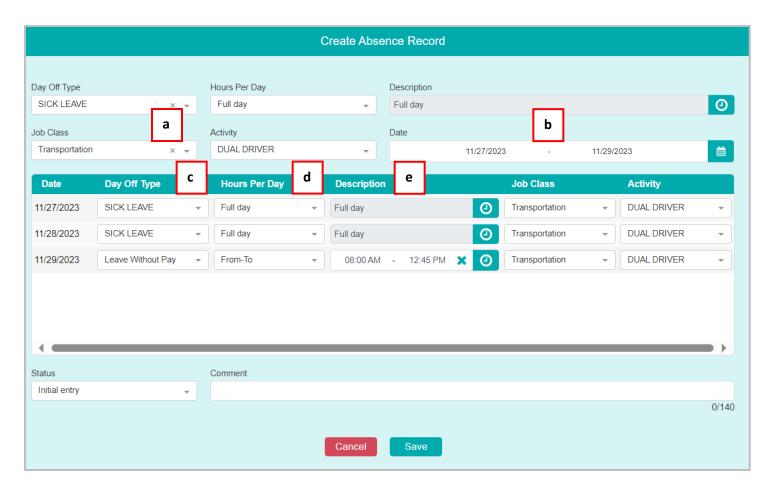


#### 4.2. Create an Absence Record:

To create an Absence Record (A-Record) for an employee, the user will select the employee in the data panel, before selecting the "Create" tool.



Following the selection of the "Create" tool the user will be brought to the "Create Absence Record" window where they will outline the employee's Absence:



- **a.) Job Class and Activity:** Prior to saving an employee's absence, the user will verify the "Job Class" and "Activity" are correct for the selected employee.
- **b.)** Date Range: Select a date or date range for the time the employee will be absent.
- **c.) Day Off Type:** Select the "type" of day-off the employee will be claiming: Sick Leave, Leave Without Pay, Vacation, etc.
- **d.)** Hours Per Day: Detail whether the absence on that day will be for a "Full Day" or for a partial absence (From-To)—a partial absence is if the employee plans to be gone for a period of time during their work day.
  - **Note**: A "Full Day" of work is based on the default working hours that are set for that employee. So if an employee's is assigned to 7 default working hours then a full day will be considered 7 hours of work, and a half day would be 3 1/2 hours.
- **e.) Description:** In the description the user will either detail the employees "Full Day" absence, or in the event of a partial absence, they will detail the time period they will be out for that day.

- **4.2.1.** Following the creation of the employee absence(s), the user can determine the status of the newly created absence:
  - Approved: If a Supervisor is creating the A-Record on behalf of an employee they
    can opt to approve the record upon its creation.
  - Initial Entry
  - Supervisor Review



#### 5. Workspace Panel:

When the user selects an employee in the Data Panel, they will see that employee's absence record information populate within the Workspace Panel Cards—the cards within the Workspace Panel provide further details concerning the recorded absences for the selected employee.



#### 5.1. Absences Card:

The Absences Card will provide all absences recorded for the selected employee. Keep in mind the number of absences you see populate within the card will be dependent on the date range you set within the Data Panel.

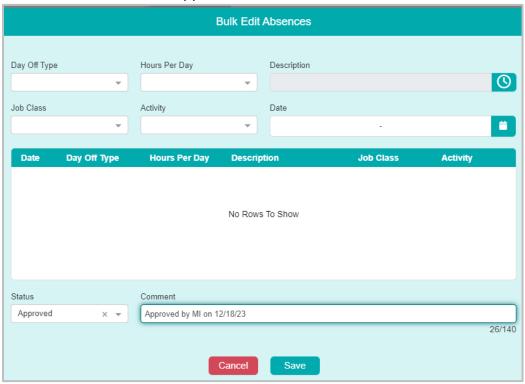
 Selecting an A-Record within the Absences card will populate the "Dates" and "History Detail" cards, providing further information on the selected A-Record.



#### 5.1.1. Bulk Edit Tool:

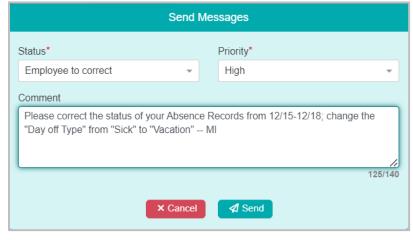
The bulk edit tool can be used to edit a single Absence Record, or multiple at one time. Select the absence(s) to be edited, and within the "Bulk Edit Absences" window the user is able to edit the entirety of the A-Record, or specific fields.

• For example: A supervisor can bulk edit multiple absence records and change their status to approved.



#### 5.1.2. Send Message Tool:

The send message tool allows supervisors to message an employee within Athena to review their Absence Records—The status of the message can be set to "Employee to approve", "Employee to correct", or "Request info from employee".



#### 5.2. Dates Card:

If the selected A-Record encompassing multiple days, the dates card would detail an entry for each day within the larger absence record.

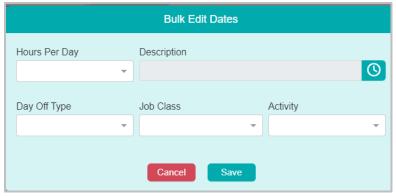
For Example: The A-Record was recorded for 12/3-12/5, the user would see an entry for 12/3, 12/4, and 12/5 within the "Dates" card detailing the "Day Off Type" as well as the "Hours" the employee is absent.



#### 5.2.1. Bulk Edit Tool:

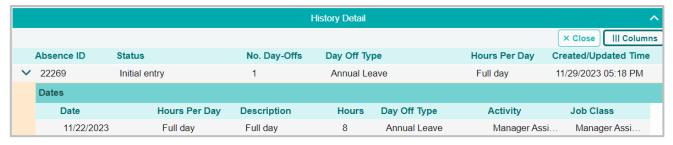
The Bulk Edit tool allows the user to update the following information for the selected A-Record(s):

- Hours Per Day
- Day Off Type
- Job Class
- Activity



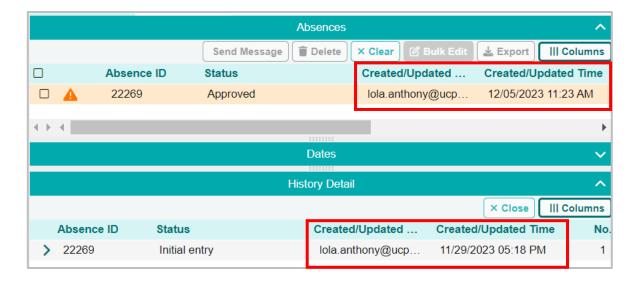
#### 5.3. History Detail Card:

The History Detail Card will show the 'audit logs', or changes, that have been made to the selected A-Record.



#### 5.4. Audit Logs:

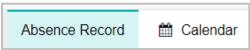
Users are able to track any changes made within the A-Records module within the Created/Updated By columns of the Workspace Panel cards.



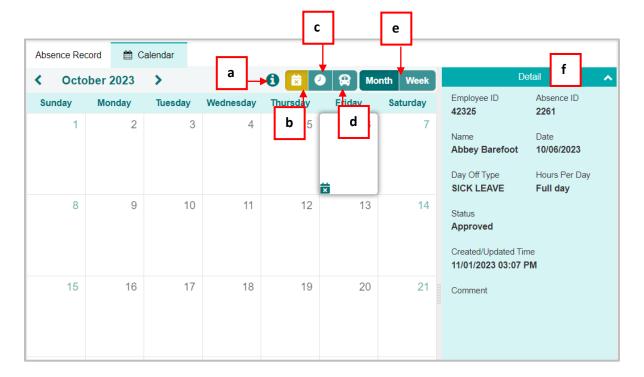
#### 6. Absence Record Tabs:

Within the Workspace Panel the user will see two tabs—"Absence Records" and "Calendar".

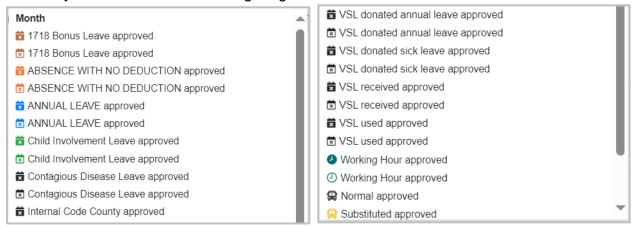
The "Absence Record" tab will be the default view found within the Workspace Panel—within this tab the user will find cards providing additional information concerning a selected employee's absence.



The "Calendar" tab will display the selected employee's absence(s) on a calendar for the user to review.



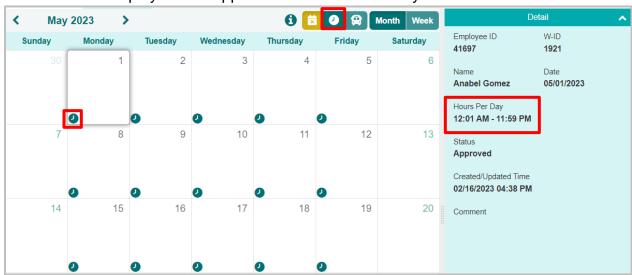
**a.) Information Icon:** The information icon provides a drop-down list of the different symbols a user may come across when navigating the calendar tab.



**b.) Absence Hours:** The absence hours layer is the default calendar display, and will highlight all absences recorded during the displayed month.



**c.) Working Hours:** The working hours layer allows the user to view the dates the selected employee is designated to work. Selecting day will populate the "Detail" card and will display the hours that employee was approved to work for that day.



**d.) Month vs Week:** The user can change the display of the calendar from a monthly view to a weekly calendar display.

**e.) Detail Card:** Selecting an absence within the calendar will populate the "Details" card, and will provide details specific to the selected absence.

# ATHENA USER STORIES

The User Stories section of this guide will offer you scenarios that are applicable to some of the workflows you might encounter in your day-to-day tasks within Athena. Some scenarios that will be discussed include:

- Search for Absence Records to be Approved by a Supervisor
- Create an Absence Record

#### 1. Search for Absence Records to be Approved by a Supervisor

You would like to check if there are any absence requests that you have not yet approved. To search for absence records needing to be approved, the user will use the search filters within the Absence Records Module.

#### Here's How:

1. Enter the Time and Attendance Application.

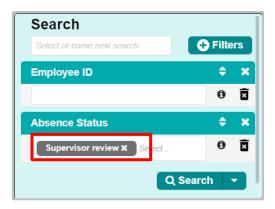


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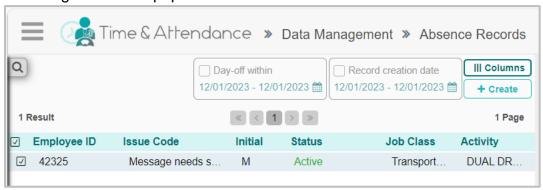


#### 3. Search Bar:

In the search bar, the user will add the "Absence Status" filter, and select "Supervisor Review"—this will catch any A-Records that are waiting for approval from a supervisor.



4. Selecting search will populate the results in the Data Panel:

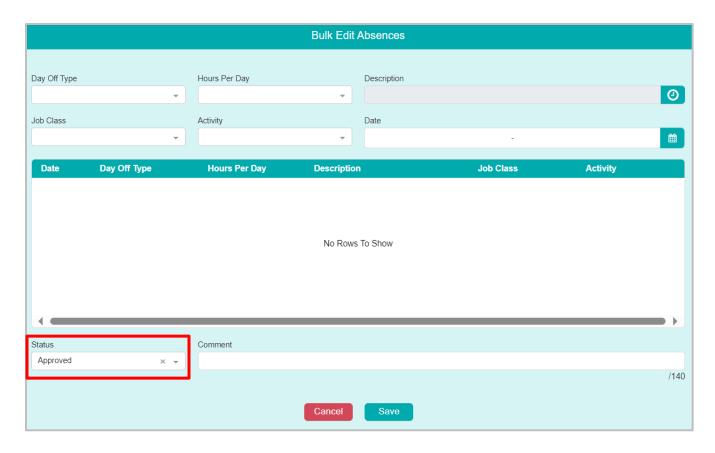


#### 5. Approve A-Record:

To approve the A-Record for the selected employee, the user will select the record in the data panel, then select the records checkbox in the "Absences" card.



Select the "Bulk Edit" tool, and within the "Bulk Edit Absences" window the user will set the status to "Approved".



The user will see the following notification upon saving the changes made in the "Bulk Edit Absences" window:



6. The user will find the A-Records status changed within the "Absences" card:



#### 2. Create an Absence Record

One of your drivers called out sick for the remainder of the work week, and does not have the ability to submit an absence request. Within the Absence Records Module, you will submit an A-Record for your employee, as well as approve the absence.

#### Here's How:

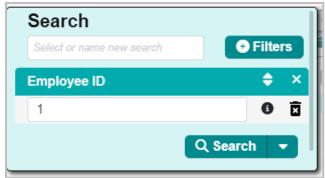
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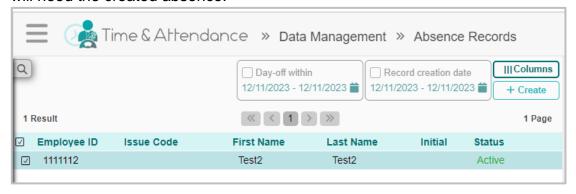
2. Navigate to the Absence Records Module under the Data Management section of the menu.



3. Within the search bar, query by the employee's ID—select search when ready.



**3.1.** The user will find the result of their search displayed in the Data Panel—select the user whom will need the created absence.



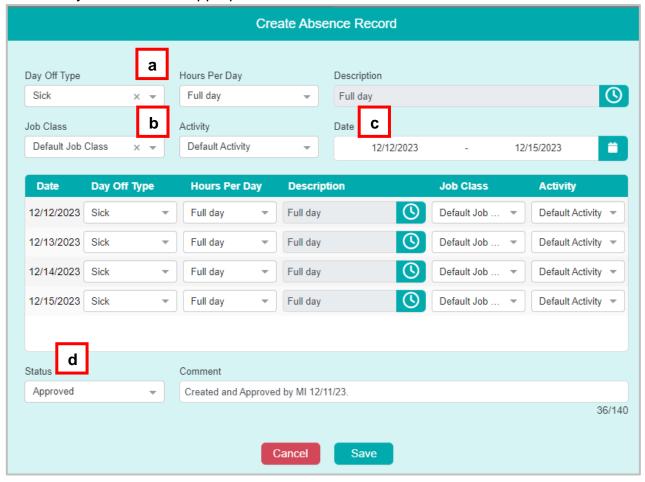
**4.** Following the selection of the user in the Data Panel, select the "Create" tool located in the upper right of the Data Panel.





#### 4.1. Create Absence Record Window:

After selecting "Create" the user will be brought to the "Create Absence Record" window, where they will fill out the appropriate information for the driver's absence.



- **a.)** Set the "Day Off Type" and the "Hours Per Day".
- **b.)** Verify the "Job Class" and "Activity" are correct.
- **c.)** Select the "Date" range the employee with be absent.
- d.) Set the "Status" to "Approved".

**5.** Once saved, the user will see the new absence record populate within the "Absence" card of the Workspace Panel.



**5.1.** Selecting the record in the "Absences" card, will populate the "Dates" card, where the user is able to review the entirety of the A-Record, broken down by individual days.

