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How to post to a VAT account ?

In certain cases you may need to make an entry in the VAT account. This may be required when you need to make an adjustment to the VAT account directly. Another reason may be that you do not post automatically from the SAP standard VAT report "S_ALR_87012357 Advance Return for Tax on Sales/ Purchases" and need to post to the VAT payable account manually.

As you may know, if your VAT accounts are configured correctly as displayed in Figure 1, when posting to a VAT account SAP will request you to enter a VAT code and the base amount as displayed in Figure 2.

This is not recommended since it will require maintaining a special tax code for this reason and also since it will need to be excluded when running the standard SAP VAT report.
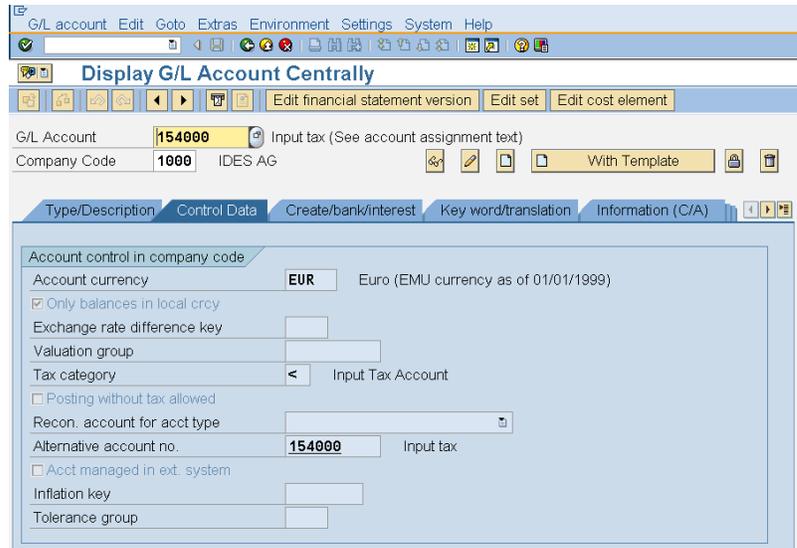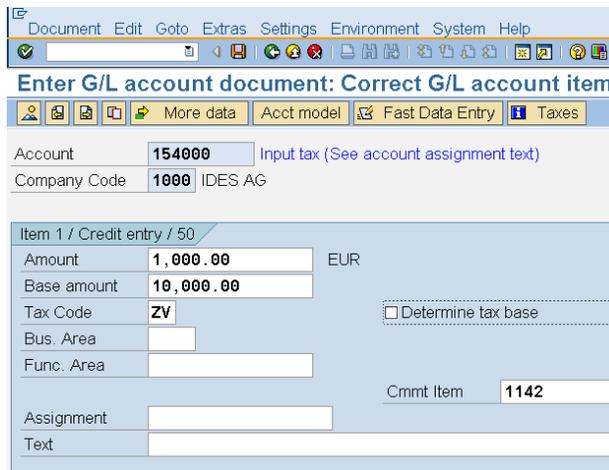

Figure 1   VAT Input tax account

Figure 2   Journal entry to tax account

The solution to this is to use transaction code FB41. This transaction code is the same one that is used by the standard SAP VAT program to post to the tax payable accounts. When using this transaction you do not need to enter a VAT code or a tax base amount. See Figure 3 below. Note that the tax code and checkbox for calculating the base amount are not part of this screen. See Figure 4 for the posted document.

Using tcode

FB41 allows

you to post to

the VAT

account

Figure 3   Transaction entered using FB41

Figure 4   Posted Document

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