This document is one of a set that provides general information about CNS services and facilities. This document includes a CNS organizational overview, who to contact for help, CNS hardware and facilities, information about accounts, userids and passwords, accounting and charging information, and a brief summary of the CNS charging algorithm.

For information about available software, see the "General Information: CNS Software and Software References [http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu/docs/d0009/d0009.html]" document (D0009).

For information about newsletters, handouts, manuals, seminars and workshops, and other sources of information, see the "General Information: Sources of Information on Computing [http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu/docs/d0008/d0008.html]" document (D0008).
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CNS Charging Algorithm Overview

CNS staff often are asked such questions as "How much does it cost to run a statistical program?" or "How much will it cost to compute this project?" These questions are difficult to answer without specific information on the types and amounts of services you will be using.

However, if you know how much data or CPU time your processing will require, you can estimate charges using the tables given in the CNS Charging Algorithm document (D0001).

If you are not sure how to estimate your computer use or costs, discuss your intended use with a consultant at your university computing support organization or call the CNS Support Desk (352-392-2061) for assistance.

Types of Charges

Charges are generated either automatically by the computing system or manually by authorized personnel. They are collected by the accounting system to be debited from the appropriate access number. Charges are accrued and subtracted from the current balance. The automatic system-generated charges apply to four main categories: batch, interactive, storage of data within the system, and miscellaneous. These categories are described below and in the CNS Charging Algorithm document (D0001).

Note

Charges are subject to change. Therefore, be sure to check the CNS charging algorithm frequently for current charges.

Batch Charges

The access number associated with your userid will be charged for each job submitted to the system for batch processing after the job has completed execution and all output has been generated. The MVS batch charges listed in the CNS Charging Algorithm document (D0001) are those in effect at normal priority (Class A). See this document for a list of priority classes and the multiplication factor for each class.

Interactive Charges

Interactive charges are generated at the end of the session (except for CICS and NERSP, which are calculated at the end of each day) using the criteria for the system you are using.

Data Storage Charges

Data storage charges are generated daily. Storage charges can be closely estimated according to the charging functions under the "OS Data set Storage (Disk)" section of the CNS Charging Algorithm document (D0001).

Miscellaneous Charges
Costs of supplies, and charges for producing computer output microfiche, using the Versatec plotter, using tapes, and using other services are listed in the CNS Charging Algorithm (D0001) [http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu/docs/d0001/d0001.html].

**Your Comments are Welcome**

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