

# Reconciliation Guide — Accounting

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### CTOC Framework Reminder

- **C (Context):** You have two Excel files representing invoice-export and payment-records
- **T (Task):** Match rows by Invoice\_ID, find every discrepancy
- **O (Output):** Excel workbook (.xlsx) with matched, discrepancy, and summary sheets
- **C (Constraints):** Use formulas for totals. Conditional formatting: red = critical, yellow = minor

### Matching Rules

- **Primary key:** Invoice\_ID
- **Amount columns:** Invoice\_Amount vs Payment\_Amount
- **Status columns:** AP\_Status vs Payment\_Status

### Accounting-Specific Rules

Financial accuracy is paramount. Any amount discrepancy needs investigation. Watch for decimal shifts, currency mismatches, and rounding differences.

### Traffic Light Verification

- **GREEN (check first):** Do formulas calculate correctly? Are totals accurate? Is currency consistent?
- **YELLOW (check second):** Are categories assigned correctly? Do status labels match expected values?
- **RED (human decision required):** Should flagged items be escalated? Are the recommended actions appropriate?

### Common Discrepancy Types

1. **Amount mismatch** — Different values for the same Invoice\_ID. Check for decimal shifts, partial amounts, or fee deductions.
2. **Missing row** — Present in one source, absent in the other. May indicate delayed processing or data entry gap.
3. **Status conflict** — One source says "Approved", the other says "Scheduled". Check which is more current.
4. **Name variation** — Same Invoice\_ID but slightly different names. Likely the same entity; verify before merging.