

HOD Review Features - Complete Guide

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⌚ What Was Implemented

The HOD (Head of Department) review interface has been enhanced with the following features:

1. Approve and Decline Buttons

- Two clear action buttons:
 - "Approve" - Approves the requisition
 - "Decline" - Declines/rejects the requisition
- Both buttons are located in the modal footer
- Buttons are disabled until comments are provided

2. Mandatory Comments Section

- Large textarea for comments
- Marked as required with red asterisk (*)
- Validation: Both Approve and Decline actions require comments
- Alert shown if clicked without comments: "Please provide comments for your decision"
- Comments are sent to the backend and stored in the database

3. Editable Quantity Fields

- HOD can modify item quantities before approving
- Quantity fields shown as editable input boxes (number type)
- Only HOD sees editable fields - others see read-only values
- Changes are saved to database when requisition is approved

4. PDF Download After Approval

- "Download PDF" button appears after HOD approves
- Button location: Left side of modal footer
- Also available to requisitioner after approval
- Generates professional PDF document with all requisition details
- Auto-downloads with filename: Requisition_(req_number).pdf

5. Status Flow

Once HOD approves:

- Status changes: pending_hod → hod_approved
- Requisition moves to **Procurement** stage
- PDF becomes downloadable
- Procurement can add vendors and pricing

💻 How to Use (HOD)

Step 1: Login as HOD

```
Username: mary.mwanza  
Password: password123
```

Step 2: View Pending Requisitions

1. You'll see requisitions with status "Pending HOD"
2. Click "View" button on any requisition

Step 3: Review the Requisition

The modal shows:

- **Basic Information:** Title, description, location, requester
- **Items Table:**
 - Item name
 - **Editable quantity** (you can change this!)
 - Specifications
 - Unit price (if added by procurement)
 - Total price
 - Vendor (if selected)

Step 4: Adjust Quantities (Optional)

- Click in the **Qty** field for any item
- Change the quantity as needed
- System will save these changes when you approve

Step 5: Add Comments

- Mandatory step!
- Scroll to the **Comments section**
- Type your justification/decision reason
- Examples:
 - "Approved for Q4 budget. Urgent requirement."
 - "Declined. Budget not available for this quarter. Please resubmit in January."
 - "Approved but reduced quantity from 10 to 5 based on current needs."

Step 6: Make Decision

- Click "**✓ Approve**" to approve (buttons disabled until you add comments)
- Click "**X Decline**" to reject

Step 7: Download PDF (After Approval)

- If you approved, the requisition status becomes "**HOD Approved**"
- Click "**Download PDF**" button (left side of footer)
- PDF will be generated and downloaded automatically

Features in Detail

Feature 1: Comments Validation

Frontend Validation:

```
if (!comments.trim()) {  
    alert('Please provide comments for your decision');  
    return;  
}
```

Button State:

- Buttons are **disabled** (grayed out) when comments field is empty
- Buttons are **enabled** (colored) when you type comments

Feature 2: Quantity Editing

Before (Original):

```
Item: Laptop  
Quantity: 10 (read-only)
```

After (HOD View):

```
Item: Laptop  
Quantity: [ 5 ] (editable input box)
```

How it works:

1. HOD changes quantity from 10 to 5
2. Clicks "Approve"
3. System updates item quantity in database
4. System approves requisition
5. New quantity (5) is used for procurement

Feature 3: PDF Download

When PDF is available:

- Status: `hod_approved`
- Status: `procurement_completed`
- Status: `completed`

What's included in PDF:

- Company header: "PURCHASE REQUISITION"
- Requisition number
- Basic details (location, date, requester, department)
- All items with quantities, specs, prices
- **Grand total** (sum of all item totals)
- Approval details
- Procurement information (vendors, pricing)
- Generated timestamp

Testing Guide

Test Scenario 1: Approve with Quantity Change

1. Login as Initiator:

- Username: `john.banda`
- Create requisition with:
 - Item: Laptop

- Quantity: 10
 - Click "Submit for Approval"
2. Login as HOD:
- Username: mary.mwanzza
 - View the requisition
 - Change quantity from 10 to 5
 - Add comment: "Approved but reduced quantity based on current budget"
 - Click "✓ Approve"
3. Verify:
- Status changes to "HOD Approved"
 - Item quantity is now 5 (not 10)
 - Comment is saved
 - PDF download button appears
4. Download PDF:
- Click "📄 Download PDF"
 - Open PDF and verify quantity shows 5

Test Scenario 2: Decline Without Comments

1. Login as HOD
2. View a pending requisition
3. Don't type any comments
4. Try clicking "✗ Decline"

Expected Result:

- Alert appears: "Please provide comments for your decision"
- Requisition is NOT declined
- You must add comments first

Test Scenario 3: Decline With Comments

1. Login as HOD
2. View a pending requisition
3. Type comment: "Budget not available. Resubmit next quarter."
4. Click "✗ Decline"

Expected Result:

- Alert: "Requisition declined successfully!"
- Status changes to "Rejected"
- Rejection reason is stored
- Requisitioner can see the reason

Test Scenario 4: PDF Download After Approval

1. Create and submit requisition (as initiator)
2. Approve requisition (as HOD)
3. Login as initiator (john.banda)
4. View the approved requisition

Expected Result:

- "📄 Download PDF" button is visible
- Click it to download
- PDF contains all details

🔧 Technical Implementation

Frontend Changes (index.html)

1. Added State Variables:

```
const [comments, setComments] = useState('');
const [editedItems, setEditedItems] = useState(requisition.items || []);
const [downloadingPDF, setDownloadingPDF] = useState(false);
```

2. Quantity Update Function:

```
const updateItemQuantity = (index, newQuantity) => {
  const updated = [...editedItems];
  updated[index].quantity = parseInt(newQuantity) || 0;
  setEditedItems(updated);
};
```

3. Enhanced Approve Handler:

```

const handleApprove = async (approved) => {
    // Validate comments
    if (!comments.trim()) {
        alert('Please provide comments for your decision');
        return;
    }

    // Update quantities if changed (for HOD)
    if (approved && action === 'hod_approve') {
        for (let item of editedItems) {
            if (originalQuantity !== item.quantity) {
                await updateItemAPI(item);
            }
        }
    }

    // Send approval/decline with comments
    await fetch(`/api/requisitions/${id}/hod-approve`, {
        method: 'PUT',
        body: JSON.stringify({
            user_id: user.id,
            approved: approved,
            comments: comments
        })
    });
};

}

```

4. PDF Download Function:

```

const downloadPDF = async () => {
    const response = await fetch(`/api/requisitions/${id}/pdf`, {
        headers: { 'Authorization': `Bearer ${token}` }
    });
    const blob = await response.blob();
    const url = window.URL.createObjectURL(blob);
    const a = document.createElement('a');
    a.href = url;
    a.download = `Requisition_${req_number}.pdf`;
    a.click();
};

}

```

5. Editable Quantity Fields:

```

<td>
    {actionType === 'hod_approve' ? (
        <input
            type="number"
            className="form-control form-control-sm"
            value={item.quantity}
            min="1"
            onChange={(e) => updateItemQuantity(index, e.target.value)}
        />
    ) : (
        item.quantity
    )}
</td>

```

6. Comments Section:

```

{actionType === 'hod_approve' && (
    <div className="mb-4">
        <h6>Comments <span className="text-danger">*</span></h6>
        <textarea
            className="form-control"
            rows="3"
            placeholder="Please provide your comments..."
            value={comments}
            onChange={(e) => setComments(e.target.value)}
            required
        />
        <small className="text-muted">
            Comments are mandatory for both approval and decline
        </small>
    </div>
)}

```

7. Modal Footer Buttons:

```

<div className="modal-footer">
  {/* PDF Download Button */}
  {canDownloadPDF && (
    <button onClick={downloadPDF}>
       Download PDF
    </button>
  )}

  {/* Approve/Decline Buttons */}
  {actionType === 'hod_approve' && (
    <>
      <button
        className="btn btn-success"
        onClick={() => handleApprove(true)}
        disabled={!comments.trim()}
      >
        ✓ Approve
      </button>
      <button
        className="btn btn-danger"
        onClick={() => handleApprove(false)}
        disabled={!comments.trim()}
      >
        ✗ Decline
      </button>
    </>
  )}

  <button className="btn btn-secondary" onClick={onClose}>
    Close
  </button>
</div>

```

Backend Changes (server.js)

1. Added HOD to Item Update Authorization:

```

app.put('/api/requisitions/:id/items/:item_id',
  authenticate,
  authorize('initiator', 'admin', 'procurement', 'hod'), // Added 'hod'
  (req, res) => {
  // Update item quantity, specifications, etc.
})

```

2. HOD Approval Endpoint Already Supported Comments:

```

app.put('/api/requisitions/:id/hod-approve',
  authenticate,
  authorize('hod', 'admin'),
  (req, res) => {
  const { user_id, approved, comments } = req.body;

  // Validate comments for rejection
  if (!approved && !comments) {
    return res.status(400).json({
      error: 'Comments required when rejecting a requisition'
    });
  }

  // Update requisition status
  const newStatus = approved ? 'hod_approved' : 'rejected';

  db.run(`UPDATE requisitions SET
    status = ?,
    rejection_reason = ?,
    rejected_by = ?,
    rejected_at = CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
    WHERE id = ?
  `, [newStatus, comments, user_id, id]);
}
)

```

3. PDF Generation Endpoint:

```

app.get('/api/requisitions/:id/pdf',
  authenticate,
  (req, res) => {
  // Fetch requisition with items
  // Generate PDF using pdfGenerator utility
  // Return as downloadable file
})

```

Database Schema

Requisitions Table:

```
CREATE TABLE requisitions (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
    req_number TEXT,
    status TEXT, -- 'pending_hod', 'hod_approved', 'rejected'
    rejection_reason TEXT, -- Stores HOD comments for rejection
    rejected_by INTEGER,
    rejected_at DATETIME,
    -- ... other fields
);
```

Requisition Items Table:

```
CREATE TABLE requisition_items (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
    requisition_id INTEGER,
    item_name TEXT,
    quantity INTEGER, -- Can be modified by HOD
    specifications TEXT,
    unit_price REAL,
    total_price REAL,
    vendor_id INTEGER
);
```

⌚ Success Criteria

- [x] HOD sees **Approve** and **Decline** buttons
- [x] **Comments section** is visible and mandatory
- [x] Buttons are **disabled without comments**
- [x] **Quantity fields** are **editable** for HOD
- [x] Quantity changes are **saved to database**
- [x] Comments are **stored with approval/decline**
- [x] **PDF download button** appears after approval
- [x] PDF downloads successfully with correct filename
- [x] **Requisitioner can download PDF** after HOD approval
- [x] Status changes correctly: pending_hod → hod_approved
- [x] Declined requisitions show **rejection reason**

📌 Next Steps

For Requisitioner (After HOD Approval):

1. View approved requisitions
2. Download PDF for records
3. Track procurement progress

For Procurement (After HOD Approval):

1. View requisitions with status "HOD Approved"
2. Select vendors from dropdown
3. Enter unit prices
4. Complete procurement process

📄 Files Modified

File	Changes
frontend/index.html	Added HOD review UI, comments section, quantity editing, PDF download
backend/server.js	Added 'hod' to item update authorization
HOD REVIEW FEATURES.md	This documentation

🏁 Summary

HOD Review Features are now complete!

- Approve/Decline buttons** with proper labels
- Mandatory comments** for all decisions
- Editable quantities** before approval
- PDF download** after approval
- Status flow** to procurement after approval

Test it now:

1. Start servers (backend + frontend)
2. Login as john.banda → Create requisition
3. Login as mary.mwanza (HOD) → Review & Approve
4. Download PDF and verify all details!

Status: READY FOR USE

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