

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: <code>mary.mwanza</code>
Password: <code>password123</code>

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 "✗ **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.mwanza
 - 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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