

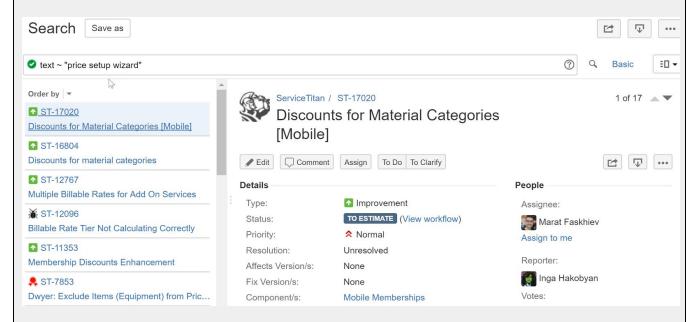
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Customer-facing documentation

& Example of my participation in the software development process

#### About this writing sample

This is an example of customer-facing documentation. I have written more than one thousand (1000+) pages of customer-facing documentation on topics that cover accounting, inventory, dispatching, payroll, and all functionality of the ServiceTitan software.

Documentation is sourced both from JIRA and product requirements



In order to produce the documentation below, I reviewed approximately 100 JIRA tickets (including epics, tasks, and bugs) and reviewed dozens of pages of product requirements.

When I work on documentation such as this, my role is not limited to technical writing. I also heavily participate in crafting revisions to product requirements, flushing out necessary details within the product requirements, verifying calculations, reviewing product requirements & identifying feature gaps (where feature conflicts might occur, where additional functionality is required for features to work together, etc), and participating in the QA process.



## Price Setup Wizard: Automate pricing for services, equipment, or chargeable materials

#### ServiceTitan Best Practices

When it's time to update prices in your Pricebook, ServiceTitan can automate the process for you. Using the *Price Setup Wizard*, you can make global pricing changes in just a few clicks.

#### Reasons to use the Price Setup Wizard:

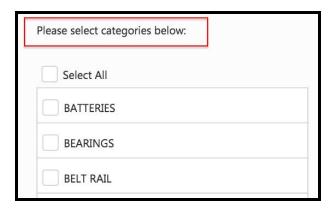
- ★ You can fully automate Pricebook updates, including regular pricing and add-on pricing.
- ★ The Pricebook history is great for record-keeping and for peace of mind. If it's ever necessary, you can always use your Pricebook history to upload a previous version of your Pricebook.

## **How it works**

# You can run the *Price Setup Wizard* across the entire **Pricebook**, or you can select specific Pricebook categories

You can run the *Price Setup Wizard* across the entire Pricebook or you can choose specific Pricebook categories only. This gives you the flexibility to use different pricing criteria for different types of services, or for different business units.





## You will enter a billable rate per hour, optional surcharge, and member discount

First, you will enter primary pricing criteria (billable rate per hour, optional surcharge, and member discount). This criteria will be used to calculate the regular *Price* and *Member Price*.

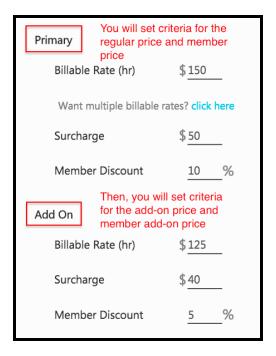
- → The billable rate per hour will be multiplied by sold hours entered in the Pricebook. Note: You'll have the option to enter multiple billable rates.
- → The surcharge will be added as a flat amount on top of item prices.
- → The member discount will be used to calculate the *Member Price* of each item. Note: Your account can be configured so you control how the member discount is applied.



## You will enter add on pricing criteria

The add on pricing criteria will be used to calculate the Add On Price and Member Add On Price.





# Material costs will be added and material mark-ups will be applied

If there are materials attached to a service, the *Price Setup Wizard* will automatically include material costs to the service price. If you have set up material mark-up rates in your Pricebook, material mark-ups will also be applied.

→ Please note: When you enter new mark-ups, these mark-ups will *not* be instantly applied (you must run the Price Setup Wizard to apply the mark-up).



## You will have the opportunity to preview new pricing

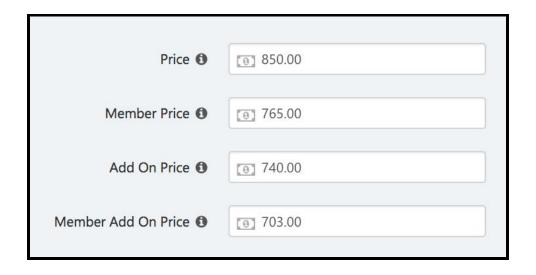
The *Price Setup Wizard* will calculate the item *Price, Member Price, Add On Price*, and *Member Add On Price* based on pricing criteria you entered into the wizard. Remember: Material costs and mark-ups will be included in service prices. You'll be able to preview new pricing before committing to any changes.





# Once you approve new pricing, the *Price Setup Wizard* will update item prices for you

Once you approve new pricing, the *Price Setup Wizard* will update item prices in your Pricebook for all the categories you selected. The *Price Setup Wizard* will update the *Price, Member Price, Add On Price*, and *Member Add On Price*.



# You can always review your Pricebook history and download any previous version of your Pricebook

You will be able to review your Pricebook history and download any previous version of your Pricebook at any time.





#### **Troubleshooting & Important Things to Note**

- Individual vs. Aggregate Material Mark-Ups Your account can be configured for individual or aggregate material mark-ups.
- Ability to exclude items You will have the ability to exclude specific Pricebook items
  from the Price Setup Wizard. The Price Setup Wizard will not change pricing for
  excluded Pricebook items.
- Use the Price Setup Wizard for chargeable materials If your account is configured for chargeable materials (if you add materials as line items on customer-facing invoices), you can use the Price Setup Wizard to set the customer-facing material price.
- Control how the member discount is applied By default, the member discount will be applied to the full item price (including labor, materials, and the surcharge). Your account can be configured so you control whether the member discount is applied to labor only, labor and materials only, or to the full item price (labor, materials, and the surcharge).
- Minimum Labor Time You will have the option to enter minimum labor time in your Pricebook. Minimum labor time allows you to track the expected time on the job, separately from the sold hours you would like to charge to the customer.

## **Required Setup and Instructions**

The *Price Setup Wizard* is not enabled by default. To use this feature, contact your Success Manager or Implementation Specialist / Onboarder to configure your account.



Before you begin using the *Price Setup Wizard*, you will need to perform the following Pricebook setup.

#### **Pricebook Setup: Enter sold hours in the Pricebook**

The *Price Setup Wizard* will calculate prices based on sold hours entered in your Pricebook. To enter sold hours, you can do one of the following:

- Enter sold hours item-by-item: Go to Settings > Pricebook. When you click to edit a service, material, or equipment, you will see the sold hours field (Hours) under the Commission tab.
- Enter sold hours in bulk: If you have to update many items at once, it is best to export then re-import your Pricebook. To do this, go to Settings > Import / Export Data. If you are unfamiliar with this process, your Implementation Specialist or Success Manager can assist you.

#### **Pricebook Setup: Set material mark-up rates**

The *Price Setup Wizard* will include material costs, with material mark-ups, when it calculates prices. You can set material mark-up rates in Settings > Pricebook > Materials.

 Note: If you don't see the material mark-up table, contact your Implementation Specialist or Success Manager to configure your account.



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## How to run the Price Setup Wizard

The Price Setup Wizard consists of three easy steps:

Step One: Select Categories



Step Two: Enter Billable Rate, Surcharge, and Member Discount

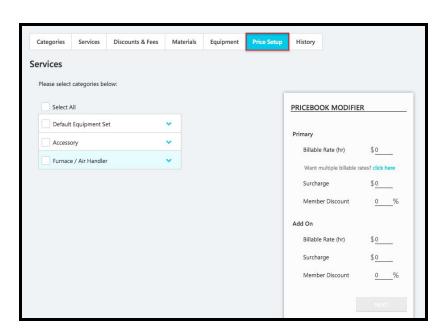


Step Three: Review and Confirm New Pricing

Read below for more information on each of these steps.

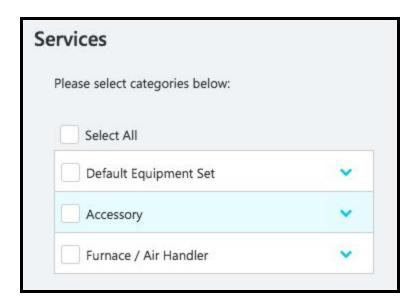
### **Step One: Select Categories**

1. Navigate to Settings > Pricebook > Price Setup. This will take you to the *Price Setup Wizard*.

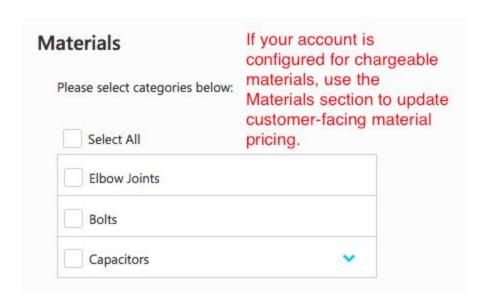




2. Use the **Services** section of the *Price Setup Wizard* to update prices for *Services* or *Equipment*.



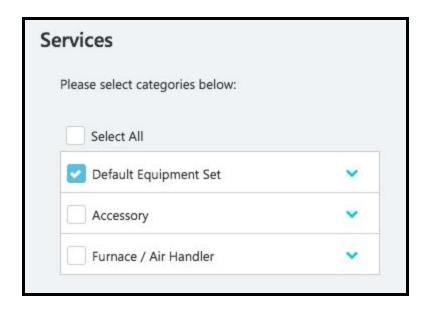
- 3. If your account is configured for chargeable materials (charge for materials with flat rate billing), use the **Materials** section to update customer-facing material pricing.
  - a. If you are using the **Materials** section, all the following *Price Setup Wizard* steps will be the same.
  - b. Note: You cannot run the Services and Materials sections of the Price Setup Wizard at the same time.



4. Select the categories (or single category) of your Pricebook where you want to run the *Price Setup Wizard*.



a. To run the *Price Setup Wizard* across the entire Pricebook, click *Select All* at the top of the categories list.



5. Once you select categories (or a single category), the **Next** button will activate. However, before clicking **Next** you'll need to complete *Step Two* below.

#### Step Two: Enter Billable Rate, Surcharge, and Member Discount

You will now enter pricing criteria.

- 1. In the *Primary* section, enter the following: **Billable Rate (hr)\*, Surcharge,** and **Member Discount**. This pricing criteria will be used to calculate the *Price* and *Member Price*.
  - a. For more details, see Price Setup Wizard Calculations below.
  - b. **Billable Rate (hr)** can be set up as multiple billable rates, determined by sold hours. For more information, refer to *Using Multiple Billable Rates*, available below.
  - c. Your account can be configured so you control whether the **member discount** is applied to labor only, labor and materials only, or to the full item price (labor, materials, and the surcharge). For more information, refer to *Configure your account to control how the member discount is applied*, available below.



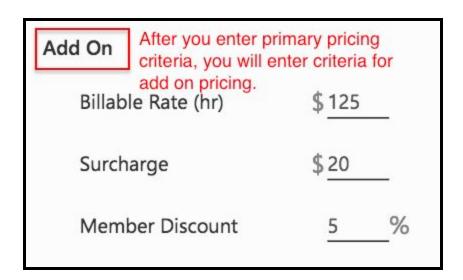
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Billable Rate (hr) $ 150
(multiplied by sold hours)

Want multiple billable rates? click here

Surcharge $ 25
(added as a flat amount on top of item prices)

Member Discount 10 %
(used to calculate the Member Price)
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- 2. In the *Add On* section, enter the following: **Add On Billable Rate (hr), Add On Surcharge,** and **Add On Member Discount**. These values will be used to calculate the *Add On Price* and *Member Add On Price*.
  - a. For more details, see Price Setup Wizard Calculations below.



3. When you are done, click Next.



#### **Step Three: Review and Confirm New Pricing**

- 1. You will see a screen that displays *Current Pricing* next to the *New Pricing* generated by the Price Setup Wizard. Note: Your Pricebook will not be updated with *New Pricing* until you click **Save**.
  - a. If something doesn't look right, click Go Back and adjust price settings as desired.



- 2. Once you are satisfied with the *New Pricing*, click **Save**.
- 3. If you do not have *Sold Hours* entered for all your Pricebook items, you will be prompted with a warning message.
  - a. If you want to save changes anyway, click **OK** (but be aware that base pricing will be zeroed out see *Price Setup Wizard Calculations*).



- 4. Once your pricing changes are saved, you will be brought to the *History* tab. You will see that a new line has been added to the *History* tab, timestamped to when you saved the new pricing.
  - Note: If for any reason you decide you need to undo pricing changes, you may download the previous version of your Pricebook, then re-import your previous Pricebook by navigating to Settings > Import / Export Data.



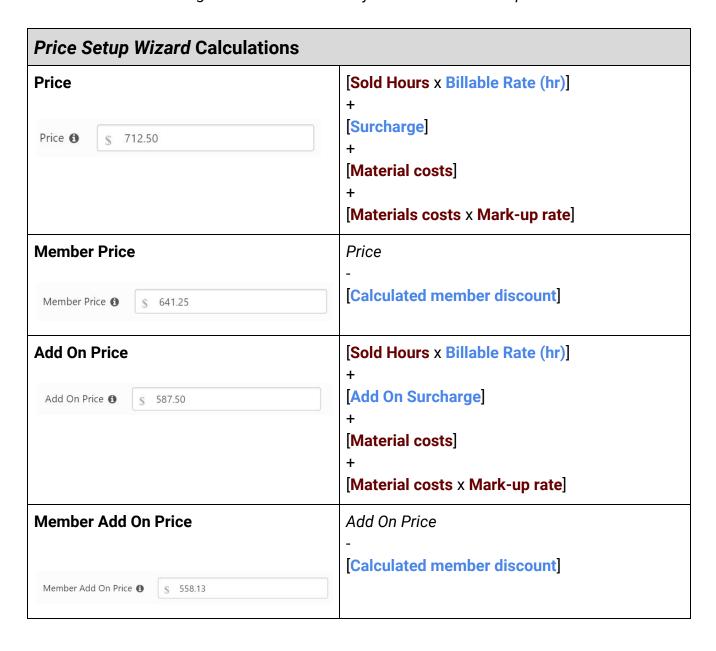




## How item prices are calculated when you use the *Price Setup Wizard*

**Red** - Data pulled from the Pricebook

Blue - Pricing criteria entered when you run the Price Setup Wizard





#### Things to note about Price Setup Wizard calculations

- ★ Multiple billable rates Billable Rate (hr) can be set up as multiple billable rates, determined by sold hours. For more information, refer to Using Multiple Billable Rates below.
- ★ Member Price vs. Membership Discount If the customer has a discount as part of a membership plan, the customer will <u>not</u> receive a double discount. The customer will either get the **member price** listed in the Pricebook, or the membership plan discount will be applied to the regular item price (ServiceTitan will automatically select the lower of the two).
- ★ Individual vs. aggregate mark-ups When the material mark-up table is configured for your account, you will choose individual or aggregate mark-ups. With individual mark-ups, mark-up rates will be applied at the individual item level. With aggregate mark-ups, the <a href="mailto:sum of material costs">sum of material costs</a> will determine the material mark-up rate. For more information, refer to Individual versus aggregate material mark-ups, available further on in this guide.

## Additional configurations are available (contact your Implementation Specialist or Success Manager to turn on these features):

- ★ Minimum labor time Your account can be configured for **minimum labor time** in addition to sold hours. Minimum labor time allows you to track time expected on the job, separate from the sold hours you want to charge to the customer. If for any reason the minimum labor time <u>exceeds</u> sold hours, the *Price Setup Wizard* will use minimum labor time (<u>not</u> sold hours) when it calculates prices.
- ★ Control how the member discount is applied Your account can be configured so you control whether the **member discount** is applied to labor only, labor and materials only, or to the full item price (labor, materials, and the surcharge). For more information, refer to Configure your account to control how the member discount is applied, available below.



### Sample Calculation "A" - No Material Costs

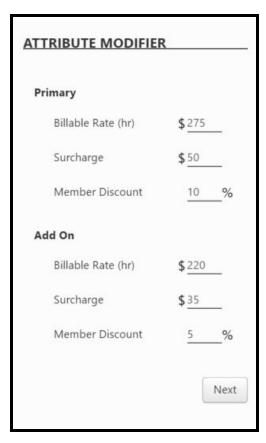
Let's assume the following data has been pulled from the Pricebook:

**Sold Hours:** 2

Material Costs: \$0 (No material cost entered)

Material Mark-Up Rate: N/A (No material mark-up)

Let's assume the following data is entered in the *Price Setup Wizard*:



Billable Rate (hr) = \$275 Surcharge = \$50 Member Discount = 10% Add On Billable Rate (hr) = \$220 Add On Surcharge = \$35 Add On Member Discount = 5%



#### The Price Setup Wizard would calculate prices as follows:

**Price:** [2 sold hours x \$275 billable rate] + \$50 surcharge = **\$600** 

**Member Price:** \$600 price - 10% member discount = **\$540** 

**Add On Price:** [2 sold hours x \$220 billable rate] + \$35 surcharge = **\$475** 

Member Add On Price: \$475 add on price - 5% member discount = **\$451.25** 

Price 1	600.00
Member Price 1	<b>3</b> 540.00
Add On Price <b>1</b>	<b>1</b> 475.00
Member Add On Price 1	<b>3</b> 451.25



#### Sample Calculation "B" - With Material Cost and Material Mark-Up

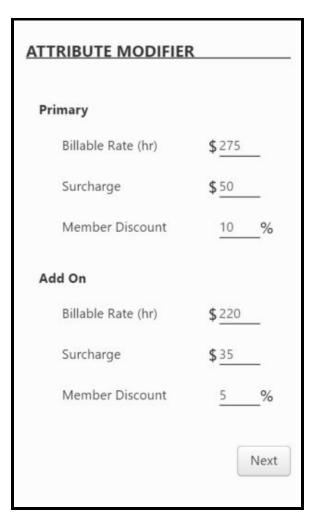
Let's assume the following data has been pulled from the Pricebook:

Sold Hours: 2 Material Cost: \$90

**Material Mark-Up Rate: 25%** 

→ Note: In these sample calculations, <u>individual mark-ups</u> (not aggregate) are applied.

Let's assume the following data is entered in the *Price Setup Wizard*:



Billable Rate (hr) = \$275 Surcharge = \$50 Member Discount = 10% Add On Billabe Rate (hr) = \$220 Add On Surcharge = \$35 Add On Member Discount = 5%



#### The Price Setup Wizard would calculate prices as follows:

→ Note: These calculations are similar to *Sample Calculation "A"* above. However, the item now has a materials cost of \$90 and a 25% mark-up. Individual mark-ups are applied.

**Price:** [2 sold hours x \$275 billable rate] + \$50 surcharge + [\$90 materials cost + 25% material mark-up rate] = \$712.50

**Member Price:** \$712.50 price - 10% member discount = **\$641.25** 

**Add On Price:** [2 sold hours x \$220 billable rate] + \$35 surcharge + [\$90 materials cost + 25% material mark-up rate] = \$587.50

Member Add On Price: \$587.50 add on price - 5% member discount = \$558.13

Price 1	<b>1</b> 712.50
Member Price ①	<b>641.25</b>
Add On Price ①	<b>1</b> 587.50
Member Add On Price 1	9 558.13



## Using multiple billable rates

When you use the Price Setup Wizard, you will see an option to enter multiple billable rates for **Billable Rate (hr).** Keep in mind that with multiple billable rates, the **Billable Rate (hr)** will be determined by sold hours.

#### Note:

→ This feature is automatically available with the *Price Setup Wizard*.

#### To enter multiple billable rates:

- 1. Follow instructions for *How to Use the Price Setup Wizard* up until Step Two, when you are ready to enter pricing criteria.
- 2. Instead of entering a rate in **Billable Rate (hr),** click where you see *Want multiple billable rates?*



3. When you click Want multiple billable rates? the Multiple Billable Rates window appears.





4. Enter a sold hours range and billable rate (to be applied to items within the sold hours range).

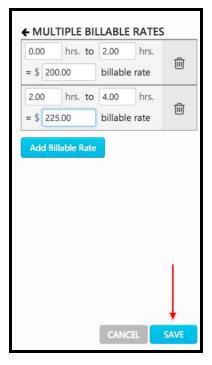


- 5. To add another billable rate, click **Add Billable Rate.** Note: The next sold hour range will automatically begin where the previous one ends.
  - a. Note: If items in your Pricebook have sold hours <u>below</u> your lowest sold hour range, or sold hours <u>above</u> your highest sold hour range, the Price Setup Wizard will not change pricing for these items.
  - b. Note: To delete a sold hours range, click the **Delete** (trash can) icon (you will be asked to confirm).





6. When you are satisfied with your billable rates, make sure to click **Save** at the bottom of the *Multiple Billable Rates* window.



- 7. You will return to the Price Setup Wizard screen. Under **Billable Rate (hr)** you will see the billable rates you have configured.
  - a. If you wish to edit your billable rates, click the Edit Pencil.
  - b. If you want to re-instate a single billable rate, click where you see *Want single billable rate?*



8. Once you are done setting your billable rates, proceed to run the Price Setup Wizard.



# Configure your account to control how the member discount is applied

Your account can be configured so you control whether the **member discount** is applied to labor only, labor and materials only, or to the full item price (labor, materials, and the surcharge).

#### Note:

→ This feature is <u>not</u> automatically available with the *Price Setup Wizard*. Contact your Implementation Specialist or Success Manager to turn this on for your account.

#### To control how the member discount will be applied:

- 1. Follow instructions for *How to Use the Price Setup Wizard* up until Step Two, when you are ready to enter pricing criteria.
- 2. Underneath the *Member Discount*, you will have three different options. Select how you would like the member discount to be applied (more info is available below).

Member Discount	10 %
<ul><li>Apply after labor,</li><li>surcharge</li><li>Apply to labor on</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Apply to labor and the surcharge</li> </ul>	d material before

Member discount options	Where the discount is applied	How the member discount will be calculated
Apply after labor, material, and surcharge	The member discount will be applied to the full item price, including labor (billable hours), materials, and the surcharge.	[[Sold hours x Billable Rate per hour] + [Material Costs] + Surcharge]] x [Member discount %].



Apply to labor only	The member discount will be applied to labor (billable hours) only.	[Sold hours x Billable Rate per hour] x [Member discount %].
Apply to labor and material before the surcharge	The member discount will be applied to labor (billable hours) and materials only (not to the surcharge).	[[Sold hours x Billable Rate per hour] + [Material Costs] x [Member discount %].

3. Once you are done setting the member discount, proceed to run the *Price Setup Wizard*.

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## How to exclude Pricebook items from the Price Setup Wizard

You can go into your Pricebook to exclude items from the *Price Setup Wizard*. When you exclude a Pricebook item, the *Price Setup Wizard* will not change pricing for that item even if you have selected that item's category.

- → Note: You may exclude any kind of Pricebook item from the *Price Setup Wizard*, including services, equipment, or materials.
- → Note: This feature is automatically available with the *Price Setup Wizard*.

To exclude a Pricebook item from the Price Setup Wizard:

- 1. Navigate to Settings > Pricebook.
- 2. Click the services, equipment, or materials tab. Then, click into the service, equipment, or material item you would like to exclude.
- 3. Check **Exclude from Pricebook Wizard**, located under the *Details* tab.



4. When you are done, click **Save**.



## Individual vs. aggregate material mark-ups

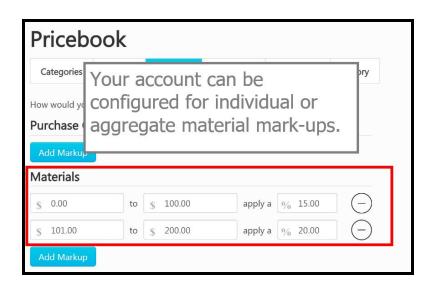
When your account is configured for the material mark-up table, you will have the option to select individual or aggregate mark-ups. Note: Once the mark-up table is configured for your account, you cannot change the individual / aggregate setting (but you can always contact your Implementation Specialist or Success Manager if you want to change your mark-up table setting).

#### What is an individual material mark-up?

If your account is configured for individual material mark-ups, material mark-up rates will be applied <u>at the individual item level.</u>

#### What is an aggregate material mark-up?

If your account is configured for aggregate material mark-ups, the <u>sum of material costs</u> will determine the material mark-up rate.



### How to set up the material mark-up table

The material mark-up table is located in the *Materials* tab of the Pricebook (Settings > Pricebook > Materials tab). Note: If you don't see the mark-up table, contact your Implementation Specialist or Success Manager to configure your account.

❖ Important: When you enter new mark-ups, these mark-ups will not be instantly applied (you must run the Price Setup Wizard to apply the mark-up).



More information is available in the Material Mark-Up Table how-to article in ServiceTitan Help.

#### Sample Calculation "A" (Price Setup Wizard) - Individual material mark-ups

#### Let's assume following information has been pulled from your Pricebook:

Service 001 sold hours: 2 sold hours

Cost of Material A: \$50 Cost of Material B: \$150

#### Material Mark-Up Table:

- 15% mark-up on material costs between \$0 to \$100
- 20% mark-up on material costs between \$101 to \$200.

#### Let's assume the following information is entered in the *Price Setup Wizard*:

Billable rate (hr): \$100

Surcharge: \$0

#### This would be the *Price* of Service 001 with individual material mark-ups:

[2 sold hours x \$100 billable rate per hour]

+

\$0 surcharge

+

[\$50 cost of Material A + [15% individual item mark-up]

+

[\$150 cost of Material B + [20% individual item mark-up]

=\$437.50

The *Price* of Service 001 would be \$437.50.

→ Note: The same mark-ups would be applied to the *Member Price, Add On Price, and Member Add On Price.* 



#### Sample Calculation "B" (Price Setup Wizard) - Aggregate material mark-ups

Let's assume the following information has been pulled from your Pricebook:

Service 001 sold hours: 2 sold hours

Cost of Material A: \$50 Cost of Material B: \$150

#### Material Mark-Up Table:

- 15% mark-up on material costs between \$0 to \$100
- 20% mark-up on material costs between \$101 to \$200.

#### Let's assume the following information is entered in the Price Setup Wizard:

Billable rate (hr): \$100

Surcharge: \$0

This is the *Price* of Service 001 with an aggregate material mark-up:

[2 sold hours x \$100 billable rate per hour]

+

\$0 surcharge

+

[\$50 cost of Material A + \$150 cost of Material B] + [20% aggregate mark-up]

=\$440

The *Price* of Service 001 would be **\$440.00**.

→ Note: The same mark-ups would be applied to *Member Price, Add On Price, and Member Add On Price*.



# How to access your Pricebook history (or reinstate a previous version of your Pricebook)

You can use the *History* tab to access your Pricebook history, and download any previous version of your Pricebook in Excel format. To reinstate a previous version of your Pricebook, you can go to Settings > Import / Export data to re-upload it to ServiceTitan.

- 1. Navigate to Settings > Pricebook > History tab.
- 2. The *Date* column tells you when the Pricebook was updated, and the *User* column tells you which ServiceTitan user made the change.



- 3. You will see the following data in the Primary and Add On columns:
  - a. HR RT The Billable Rate (hr) entered when the Pricebook update was made.
  - b. **SUR** The Surcharge amount entered when the Pricebook update was made.
  - c. Note: If this was a newly imported Pricebook, you will see "N/A" in the the *Primary* and *Add On* columns.
- 4. The Source column tells you how the Pricebook updates were made.
  - a. Import A new Pricebook was imported.
  - b. Wizard Pricing changes were made using *Price Setup Wizard*.
- 5. The *Before* column column contains the previous version of your Pricebook, before the Pricebook update was made.
- 6. The *After* column column contains the newer version of your Pricebook, after the Pricebook update was made.
- 7. If desired, you can download any version of your Pricebook in Excel format by clicking the .XLS link.
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