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NetSuite Dynamic Allocation Schedules Explained

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Executive Summary

NetSuite dynamic allocation schedules replace static spreadsheet percentages with weights calculated from statistical-account balances when the allocation journal is generated. They sit beside two other schedule designs: fixed schedules keep a specified weight for the schedule's life, while intercompany schedules distribute a source subsidiary's balance to destination subsidiaries. Dynamic Allocation depends on **Statistical Accounts**, which in turn requires **Multiple Units of Measure** (docs.oracle.com). The practical decision is therefore not simply whether to automate. It is whether the allocation policy calls for a stable contractual split, a changing operational driver, or a cross-subsidiary charge.

The policy should precede configuration. Define the **source pool**, destination grain, causal driver, weight timeline, posting frequency, owner, approver, late-data treatment, and reconciliation before building the schedule. Independent guidance supports that order: an allocation key should reflect the recipient's underlying need for the service (www.gov.uk), while reviewers should examine the cost pool before assessing the allocation method (www.canada.ca). An allocated cost pool should use actual rather than budgeted costs in the context addressed by Canadian guidance (www.canada.ca). A documented driver is defensible when it is causal, complete, timely, segment-compatible, reproducible, and stable enough to review.

Dynamic weights are only as sound as their statistical data. NetSuite limits dynamic destinations to segment combinations represented in the statistical account, and Auto Populate can create more than **10,000 lines**, causing an error (docs.oracle.com). The weight equation is transparent: destination share equals eligible driver units divided by total eligible units, then allocated expense equals source pool multiplied by that share. In the report's illustrative example, **620**, **280**, and **100** driver units split a **$120,000** pool into **$74,400**, **$33,600**, and **$12,000**. Those are examples, not benchmarks.

Controls determine whether automation improves the close. The schedule owner should retain a signed design register, evidence the driver load, preview sample weights, approve the generated journal, reconcile source and destination totals, and control schedule changes. GAO frames internal control around operations, reporting, and compliance objectives (www.gao.gov), while PCAOB guidance identifies period-end journal

procedures as part of the financial-reporting control environment (pcaobus.org). As a contextual benchmark, APQC reported **five days** for top-performing finance shared-services closes and **11 days** for bottom performers in a 2014 benchmark (www.apqc.org). That historical benchmark is not a promised result, but it reinforces the value of a controlled, repeatable process.

Introduction and Background

Expense allocation translates a pooled cost into management and statutory reporting dimensions. In NetSuite, that may mean moving rent from a shared-services department to operating departments, retaining the original expense while recording an offsetting credit, or creating cross-subsidiary charges in **OneWorld**. The journal is the output. The harder work is agreeing what is being allocated, why the recipients should bear it, which data represents benefit or consumption, and when those data become final.

This distinction matters because a technically valid schedule can still embody a weak policy. **Headcount** may fit human-resources support, **square footage** may fit occupancy, **transaction count** may fit accounts-payable processing, and **revenue** may fit some commercial support pools. None is universally correct. Professional costing guidance defines a cost driver as the factor causing an activity's cost to vary (www.accaglobal.com). IFAC similarly recommends causality rather than arbitrary broad averages for indirect and shared costs (www.ifac.org).

The audience for this guide includes **chief financial officers (CFOs)**, controllers, financial planning and analysis leaders, consolidation accountants, and NetSuite administrators. It starts with policy and auditability, then maps those decisions to schedule configuration. Houseblend is treated as a direct implementation provider, not as an allocation method. Its first-party site describes NetSuite implementation, rescue, and optimization services (www.houseblend.io), which places its role in design, configuration, testing, and managed administration. The decision table identifies that role separately from the schedule choices.

Allocation Schedule Taxonomy and Decision Framework

Fixed, dynamic, and intercompany schedules

NetSuite allocation schedules distribute incurred expenses across departments, locations, classes, and custom segments. A **fixed schedule** uses weights maintained on the schedule. A **dynamic schedule** reads a statistical account when the journal is generated. An **intercompany schedule** distributes one source subsidiary's balance among multiple destination subsidiaries and automatically creates an advanced intercompany journal for each destination (docs.oracle.com). Dynamic and intercompany are not mutually exclusive because a statistical driver can weight an intercompany schedule.

Table 1 summarizes the policy choice before any fields are configured.

Decision dimension	Fixed schedule	Dynamic schedule	Intercompany schedule
Best fit	Contractual, budget-approved, or deliberately stable shares	Operational consumption that changes by period	Costs shared across legal subsidiaries

Decision dimension	Fixed schedule	Dynamic schedule	Intercompany schedule
Weight source	Percentages or flat weights maintained on the schedule	Statistical journals or absolute statistical balances	Fixed or statistical weights, depending on enabled features
Journal scope	One subsidiary in OneWorld	One subsidiary, unless built as intercompany	Source subsidiary plus one or more destination subsidiaries
Main control risk	Stale percentages	Late, incomplete, or mis-segmented driver data	Currency, access, due-to/from, and elimination configuration
Review question	Does the approved split still represent policy?	Do current driver units represent benefit or consumption?	Do legal-entity, currency, and elimination results reconcile?
Houseblend implementation services	Configuration, controls, and UAT support, not an allocation method	Statistical-account, integration, and schedule design support	OneWorld, Multi-Book, journal, and elimination design support (www.houseblend.io)

The key interpretation is that **fixed** does not mean unsophisticated and **dynamic** does not mean more accurate by default. A lease allocation fixed by signed floor-area measurements may be stronger than a volatile proxy. Conversely, a shared service whose workload changes materially by month may need current ticket counts or transactions. The Houseblend row describes a direct implementation service, not a fourth schedule type. CIMA terminology explains that cost drivers attach activity costs to outputs (www.aicpa-cima.com). The same allocation key should be applied consistently within a service category (www.gov.uk), but consistency should not prevent a controlled policy change when operations change.

A six-question selection test

- **Boundary:** Is the source pool confined to one subsidiary or shared across legal entities?
- **Causality:** Is there a measurable activity that explains recipient benefit or consumption?
- **Volatility:** Would the destination shares change enough to matter during the review horizon?
- **Availability:** Can the driver be loaded, validated, and approved before the allocation cutoff?
- **Grain:** Does the driver exist at every required subsidiary, department, location, class, or custom-segment combination?
- **Governance:** Can an owner explain, reproduce, and approve the result without reconstructing a spreadsheet?

If the first answer crosses subsidiaries, start with intercompany mechanics. If causality, availability, and grain are strong, dynamic weighting may be suitable. If the approved relationship is stable or driver data would arrive too late, fixed weighting may be more controlled. OECD guidance makes the timing point plainly: otherwise accurate data are not good quality if produced too late (www.oecd.org).

Policy and Schedule Design Before Configuration

Build a design register

The design register is the durable bridge between accounting policy and NetSuite fields. Management should own it. GAO's current Green Book emphasizes management responsibility for internal control at all organizational levels (www.gao.gov). For each schedule, record:

- **Purpose and pool:** The reporting requirement, included and excluded accounts, subsidiary, segments, and credit treatment.
- **Destination and driver:** Required account and segment grain, unit type, system of record, extraction logic, and causal rationale.
- **Timeline and cutoff:** Weight basis, data-owner deadline, late-data policy, and fallback method.
- **Accounting and frequency:** Transfer or offsetting-credit treatment, plus end-of-period, scheduled, manual, or batch execution.
- **Ownership:** Preparer, approver, administrator, and reviewer.
- **Evidence:** Input report, sample-weight preview, generated journal, reconciliation, and approval.
- **Change control:** Effective period, testing evidence, approval, and prior version.
- **Exceptions:** Zero weights, new destinations, closed periods, and rejected journals.

Documentation is not administrative decoration. GAO notes that its control attributes may include minimum documentation requirements (www.gao.gov), and NIST change guidance calls for configuration-change decisions to be documented (nvlpubs.nist.gov). For allocations, the minimum useful record connects a policy decision to a configuration version and then to a posted journal. The allocation key itself should depend on the nature of the service (www.gov.uk).

Score the driver before automating it

Table 2 provides a practical driver-quality scorecard. Scores are an internal design aid, not an external benchmark.

Criterion	0 points	1 point	2 points	Evidence to retain
Causality	No plausible relationship	Indirect proxy	Direct consumption or benefit measure	Policy memo and process-owner sign-off
Completeness	Material destinations missing	Known manual supplements	All eligible destinations captured	Coverage report and exception list
Timeliness	Arrives after close	Available with recurring delay	Approved before cutoff	Timestamp and owner approval
Segment fit	Cannot match destination grain	Requires mapping	Native keys match schedule grain	Mapping table or saved-search fields

Criterion	0 points	1 point	2 points	Evidence to retain
Reproducibility	Manual, undocumented	Repeatable with intervention	Versioned query or governed feed	Query version and run log
Stability	Definition changes frequently	Periodic controlled changes	Stable definition with scheduled review	Change history and review date

A possible internal threshold is **10 of 12**, provided causality and completeness each score **2**. This threshold is illustrative and should be approved by the organization. NIST lists accuracy, completeness, update status, relevance, cross-source consistency, and reliability among data-quality attributes (nvlpubs.nist.gov). ISO/IEC 25012 defines data quality in relation to stated and implied needs under specified conditions (www.iso.org). Both reinforce that a driver is fit for a particular allocation, not inherently good in isolation.

Dynamic Allocation and Statistical Accounts

Prerequisites and segment constraints

Dynamic Allocation requires Statistical Accounts. Statistical accounts hold non-monetary units and do not affect the general ledger. Their segment definitions matter: the classifications defined on the statistical account are the only ones available to the dynamic allocation schedule (docs.oracle.com). A department-only headcount account therefore cannot support a subsidiary-by-department allocation until the statistical design captures both dimensions. Data quality directly affects fitness for purpose and usability (nvlpubs.nist.gov).

Oracle's permission wording is not fully consistent across its current Help pages. The detailed creation instructions say **Edit or Full** access to Create Allocation Schedules is required (docs.oracle.com), while the overview says **Full** level (docs.oracle.com). Use Full as the conservative configuration baseline, then test each custom role in the target account.

The implementation sequence should be:

1. **Enable and define:** Confirm prerequisites, then create the unit type and base unit.
2. **Choose grain:** Assign the statistical account to required subsidiaries and classifications.
3. **Create inputs and timing:** Use controlled journals or a validated saved search, then set the date basis relative to Next Date.
4. **Preview:** Inspect sample weights and missing or unexpected segment combinations.
5. **Run and approve:** Generate, review, and post under the journal-approval control.
6. **Reconcile:** Tie the driver total, allocation total, source treatment, destination lines, and general-ledger posting.

Saved-search automation needs its own discipline. NetSuite requires the first result to use **Count** or **Sum**, at least one grouped field, and Subsidiary as a grouped field in OneWorld; a no-result run can set the target statistical balance to zero (docs.oracle.com). That makes a no-data alert essential. Silence is not evidence that zero is economically correct.

Absolute versus incremental statistical data

Use an **absolute balance** for a point-in-time population such as active employees, occupied seats, or installed devices. Use periodic statistical journals when the intended driver is activity during a window, such as invoices processed or support cases handled. The distinction affects how date basis and Next Date behave.

- **As of Date:** Suitable for a balance existing at a cutoff.
- **Period to Date:** Suitable for current-period flows.
- **Quarter to Date:** Useful when activity is pooled over a quarter.
- **Year to Date:** Useful when policy deliberately smooths weights over a fiscal year.
- **Late input:** Hold the allocation, use an approved fallback, or post a controlled true-up. Do not silently mix periods.
- **Zero total:** Stop the run and investigate. A division by zero is a policy exception, not a weight.

The chosen period should match the economic story. If monthly service volume drives monthly costs, a year-to-date weight can dampen current change. That may be intentional, but it should be documented. OECD's fitness-for-use definition makes the same point at a higher level: quality is relative to user needs (www.oecd.org).

Journal Logic, OneWorld, and Multi-Book

Transfer the source or retain it with a credit

The source-account choice changes the accounting result. Without a separate credit account, the allocated amount is transferred out of the source account. With a credit account, NetSuite creates an offsetting credit and leaves the original source balance in place for reporting (docs.oracle.com). The design register should state which representation is intended.

Consider a **fictional shared-services entity** paying rent. If policy says the shared-services cost center should finish at zero, transfer the expense to destinations. If policy says the original rent must remain visible in the source department and recoveries should be shown separately, retain the source and credit a recovery or contra-expense account. Both can balance. They tell different management-reporting stories.

Intercompany and elimination

An intercompany allocation has legal-entity consequences. Review these items before scheduling:

- **Account access:** Every destination subsidiary needs access to the selected accounts.
- **Currency:** The resulting allocation journals use the source subsidiary's currency.
- **Due-to/from:** Confirm intercompany accounts and balancing behavior.
- **Elimination:** Confirm which lines are marked and where consolidation eliminates them.
- **Period:** Ensure every required posting period is open.

- **Approval:** Route each generated journal through the appropriate approval process.
- **Reconciliation:** Tie source expense, destination charges, intercompany balances, and elimination entries.

FASB consolidation guidance requires intercompany balances and transactions to be eliminated (storage.fasb.org). NetSuite runs intercompany elimination from the Period Close Checklist and posts in a multilevel hierarchy at the least common parent elimination subsidiary (docs.oracle.com). These system mechanics should be reconciled to the consolidation policy, not assumed to settle themselves.

IAS 21 defines functional currency by the primary economic environment in which an entity operates (www.ifrs.org). That principle makes currency review important even when the schedule generates balanced entries. The source currency, destination books, translation, and elimination context must be understood together.

Multi-Book Accounting

With **Multi-Book Accounting**, a schedule can be book-generic or book-specific. Oracle states that secondary-book allocations are the same as the primary book for a book-generic schedule, while book-specific schedules generate book-specific journals (docs.oracle.com).

This creates four design questions. When no specific IFRS requirement applies, IAS 8 directs management toward a policy producing relevant and reliable information (www.ifrs.org).

- **Policy equivalence:** Should every book use the same cost pool and driver?
- **Period availability:** Is the target period open in each active book?
- **Account mapping:** Do source, destination, credit, and intercompany accounts exist in every affected book?
- **Reconciliation:** Can reviewers tie primary and secondary-book results without assuming identical balances?

For advanced intercompany journals, full book-generic impact depends on affected subsidiaries sharing the relevant secondary books, while book-specific journals post to one book and do not support Auto Balance (docs.oracle.com). If local and group policies differ, the design should specify whether a book-specific schedule, a separate adjustment, or another accounting process provides the intended result.

Implementation, Close Controls, and UAT

Close calendar and evidence chain

Automation should shorten handoffs without weakening review. APQC's historical finance shared-services benchmark reported **five days** for top performers and **11 days** for bottom performers (www.apqc.org). The figures are context, not a NetSuite performance promise. A practical close calendar is:

- **Day minus 3 to 2:** Freeze source and destination changes, then load statistical data and resolve rejected records.
- **Day minus 1:** Validate totals, coverage, units, and sample weights.
- **Day 0:** Generate the allocation journal and complete preparer review.
- **Day plus 1 to 2:** Approve, post, reconcile, complete intercompany and elimination tie-outs, record exceptions, and archive evidence.

These day labels are illustrative. Actual timing depends on the close calendar. The control objective is a visible chain from approved input through posted output. PCAOB identifies period-end procedures for initiating, authorizing, recording, and processing general-ledger journal entries as relevant controls (pcaobus.org). It also directs attention to the nature and extent of management oversight (pcaobus.org). The oversight design should reflect materiality and organizational policy.

Review, rerun, reversal, and reconciliation

Generated allocation journals open in View mode, and organizations using journal approval can approve them before posting (docs.oracle.com). The operating procedure should distinguish:

- **Preview:** Inspect sample weights without treating them as posted evidence.
- **Reject:** Correct driver or configuration issues before approval.
- **Rerun:** Remove or reverse the prior effect according to documented system behavior, then regenerate once.
- **True-up:** Post a separately approved adjustment when late data changes a completed close.
- **Reverse:** Use a linked reversing journal only when policy requires a subsequent-period reversal.
- **Reconcile:** Prove the total pool, weights, allocated amounts, residual, and rounding.

The operating procedure should state whether the team rejects an unposted journal, reruns the allocation, records a true-up, or uses a linked reversal. Test and document the actual process used by the account rather than treating those paths as interchangeable.

Reconciliation should confirm that source plus destination plus credit treatment nets as designed. GAO describes internal control as a management process for helping an organization achieve its objectives (www.gao.gov). The reviewer should sign off both the monetary tie-out and the driver denominator, because a perfectly balanced journal can still use incomplete weights.

Change control and user acceptance testing

At minimum, **user acceptance testing (UAT)** should cover:

- **Happy path:** Expected source, weights, segments, accounts, and period.
- **Zero or missing driver:** Total units equal zero or an eligible segment has no balance.

- **New or late data:** A new segment appears or approved data arrives after generation.
- **Period and permissions:** A target period is closed or a role lacks expected access.
- **Rounding and credit treatment:** Shares create fractional amounts or source treatment changes.
- **Intercompany variant:** Multiple destinations, currency, due-to/from, and elimination.
- **Multi-Book variant:** Primary, secondary, shared-book, and book-specific behavior.
- **Regression:** Existing schedules after a feature, segment, search, or account change.

NIST guidance recommends verifying after system changes that affected controls are implemented correctly (nvlpubs.nist.gov). GAO's 2025 Green Book highlights management responsibility for internal control at every organizational level (www.gao.gov). For a material allocation, retain the test case, input, expected output, actual output, reviewer, approval, and migration date.

Segregation of duties should separate policy approval, schedule administration, journal preparation, and journal approval where practical. The IIA's Three Lines Model emphasizes accountability and distinct organizational roles (www.theiia.org). Smaller teams can use documented compensating review when full separation is impractical.

Consultant-led design is most useful when allocation policy crosses legal entities, books, currencies, custom segments, integrations, or a compressed close. Houseblend's first-party site describes capabilities spanning system design, implementation, integration, data management, and migration (www.houseblend.io). The decision should be based on internal capacity, materiality, and configuration complexity, not on automation alone.

Data Analysis and Evidence

What the available evidence does and does not show

Public evidence does not provide a controlled benchmark showing how many close days NetSuite allocation schedules save. The most relevant quantitative context comes from finance-process and costing research. APQC's 2014 benchmark placed top-performing shared-services closes at **five days** versus **11 days** for bottom performers, a **six-day spread** (www.apqc.org). It does not isolate allocation technology, so it should guide process ambition rather than business-case savings. ISO/IEC 25012 frames quality against stated and implied needs under specified conditions (www.iso.org).

A joint ACCA and KPMG survey collected data in **January 2016** from more than **1,100 finance professionals** across more than **90 countries** (www.accaglobal.com). It found **85%** of represented organizations conducted cost and profitability analysis (www.accaglobal.com), while **66%** used apportionment for shared-cost allocation (www.accaglobal.com). Only **46%** had analysis available by customer and **32%** by distribution channel (www.accaglobal.com) (www.accaglobal.com). The study is historical and cross-industry, but it quantifies why allocation grain and driver design remain practical issues.

Illustrative allocation calculation

For each eligible destination (i):

Destination share = destination driver units / total eligible driver units

Allocated expense = source pool × destination share

Assume a **$120,000** monthly shared-services pool and driver balances of **620**, **280**, and **100** units. Total eligible units are **1,000**. *Table 3* shows the calculation; every value is illustrative, not a benchmark.

Destination	Illustrative driver units	Share	Illustrative allocation	Tie-out check
Operations	620	62.0%	$74,400	620 / 1,000 × $120,000
Sales	280	28.0%	$33,600	280 / 1,000 × $120,000
Research	100	10.0%	$12,000	100 / 1,000 × $120,000
Total	**1,000**	**100.0%**	**$120,000**	**Zero residual before rounding**

The table demonstrates three control totals: units equal the denominator, shares equal **100.0%**, and allocations equal the source pool. In production, define the rounding rule and residual destination. When allocation percentages intentionally total less than 100%, document the intended residual rather than treating it as an error.

The evidence favors driver-based design over arbitrary spreading. ACCA concluded that a driver-based approach provides a more accurate and informed view (www.accaglobal.com), IFAC grounds multi-stage assignments in cause-and-effect relationships (www.ifac.org), and CIMA terminology describes cost drivers as attaching activity costs to outputs (www.aicpa-cima.com). None of these sources makes a specific NetSuite configuration automatically appropriate. They support the policy logic that should precede it.

Case Studies and Real-World Examples

Monthly rent allocation (Hypothetical Example)

A fictional company records **$120,000** of monthly rent in a shared-services department. Operations occupies **62%** of measured space, Sales **28%**, and Research **10%**. If lease measurements are reviewed annually and remain stable, a fixed schedule may be appropriate. If desk usage changes monthly and a governed occupancy feed is available before close, a dynamic schedule may be more representative.

Two journal designs are possible:

- **Transfer design:** Credit the shared-services rent expense for **$120,000**, then debit destination rent expense for **$74,400**, **$33,600**, and **$12,000**. The source department ends at zero for that pool.
- **Retain-and-recover design:** Leave original rent in the source department, credit a recovery account for **$120,000**, and debit destination expense. The source shows gross cost and recovery separately.

The choice is a reporting-policy decision. Government allocation guidance similarly says the method should be jointly agreed, consistent, and documented for audit purposes (www.gov.uk).

Cross-subsidiary technology support (Hypothetical Example)

A fictional parent pays **$90,000** for a monthly support function serving three subsidiaries. Approved ticket counts are **450**, **300**, and **250**, producing weights of **45%**, **30%**, and **25%**. An intercompany dynamic schedule can use those statistical balances, but the close checklist must also verify source currency, destination-account access, due-to/from balances, and elimination.

The policy owner should decide whether actual or budgeted support cost belongs in the pool. Canada Revenue Agency guidance says an allocated pool should use actual rather than budgeted costs in the context it addresses (www.canada.ca). Organizations should apply their own accounting and tax policies, but the example illustrates why source-pool definition belongs in the design register.

Implications and Future Directions

Dynamic allocation should be viewed as **policy execution**, not merely journal automation. Better integrations will make driver data arrive faster, but faster data does not resolve causal ambiguity. The durable architecture keeps the cost-pool definition, driver rationale, segment model, approval, and evidence chain visible.

Three implications follow:

- **Semantic governance matters:** A statistical account named headcount should state who is included, the cutoff, treatment of contractors, inactive employees, and subsidiary ownership.
- **Segment design becomes control design:** Adding a department, location, or custom segment can change eligible destinations even when no one edits the schedule.
- **Periodic review is necessary:** ACCA recommends periodic review of the allocation model (www.accaglobal.com), and IFRS guidance distinguishes new estimates arising from new information or developments from corrections (www.ifrs.org). The organization should classify and approve changes under its applicable policy.

Future-state designs may pull drivers from human-resources, customer-support, occupancy, procurement, and operational systems. That increases the importance of versioned transformations, exception alerts, and lineage. NIST notes that data quality affects fitness for purpose, usability, and reuse (nvlpubs.nist.gov). The strongest automation will make those dependencies easier to inspect, not merely faster to run.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the difference between fixed and dynamic allocation schedules?

A fixed schedule uses maintained weights until they are changed. A dynamic schedule calculates weights from a statistical account when the allocation journal is generated. Choose based on the policy and data, not on a general preference for automation.

Can a dynamic allocation also be intercompany?

Yes. Dynamic weighting can be applied to single-company or intercompany schedules when prerequisites are enabled. The intercompany version also requires OneWorld, destination-account access, intercompany balancing, currency review, and elimination controls.

Which NetSuite segments can drive dynamic allocations?

The usable allocation segments are constrained by those defined on the statistical account. Design the statistical account at the intended subsidiary, department, location, class, and supported custom-segment grain before building the schedule.

What happens when driver data arrives late?

Use a written policy: hold the run, use a pre-approved fallback, or post an approved true-up. Record which data version was used. Do not silently substitute a prior period because timeliness is part of fitness for use.

How should allocation schedules be controlled at month end?

Retain the approved input, sample-weight review, generated journal, journal approval, source-to-destination tie-out, driver denominator, rounding residual, and exception log. Separate preparation, configuration, and approval roles where practical. The IIA describes internal audit as an independent third line (www.theiia.org).

Should schedule changes be applied retrospectively?

That depends on whether the change is a policy change, estimate update, configuration correction, or late-data true-up under the organization's reporting framework. IAS 8 says accounting-policy changes are generally retrospective unless impracticable (www.ifrs.org). Obtain accounting advice for material reporting decisions.

Conclusion

NetSuite supports three complementary allocation choices. **Fixed schedules** suit deliberately stable weights. **Dynamic schedules** suit changing, governed statistical drivers. **Intercompany schedules** extend either logic across subsidiaries while adding currency, balancing, book, and elimination considerations.

The strongest implementation starts outside the configuration screen. It defines the source pool, destination grain, causal driver, timeline, cutoff, source-versus-credit treatment, frequency, owner, approver, and evidence. It then configures statistical accounts and schedules to execute that approved policy. A useful driver is causal, complete, timely, segment-compatible, reproducible, and periodically reviewed.

At close, the required proof is straightforward: driver units tie to their source, shares tie to the denominator, allocations tie to the pool, source and credit behavior match policy, every book and subsidiary posts in an open period, and intercompany amounts eliminate as intended. Change control and UAT should cover zero weights, missing segments, new dimensions, late data, rounding, closed periods, permissions, Multi-Book, and intercompany variations.

Spreadsheet replacement is therefore a consequence, not the objective. The objective is a repeatable allocation process in which policy, operational evidence, system configuration, approval, and reconciliation tell the same story.

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