

STANDARD COSTING

MAC2601 ASSUMED PRIOR KNOWLEDGE:

Study unit 23: The standard costing system

Study unit 24: Calculating selected variances

Study unit 25: Recon & analysis of variances

Variance = difference between <u>standard</u> costs and the <u>actual</u> costs of manufacturing the product on the one hand, and the difference between the <u>standard</u> selling price and the <u>actual</u> selling price (xAQ) on the other hand.

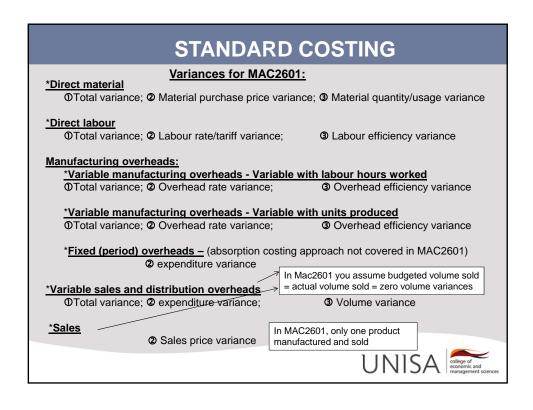
Variances may be *favourable* or *unfavourable*.











STANDARD COSTING – NB 2nd year principle

When calculating price/rate variances:

- -quantity/hours remain unchanged.
- -compare standard and actual costs.

When calculating quantity/efficiency variances:

- -price/rate remain unchanged.
- -compare actual and standard quantity/hours.



STANDARD COSTING - NB 2nd year principle

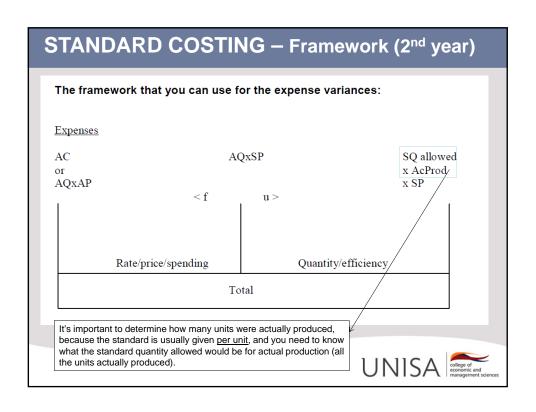
With all the <u>"expense"-variances</u> — whenever the actual cost is more than the standard cost, the variance is unfavourable.

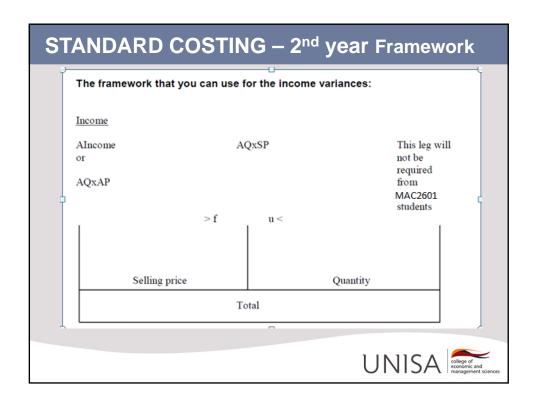


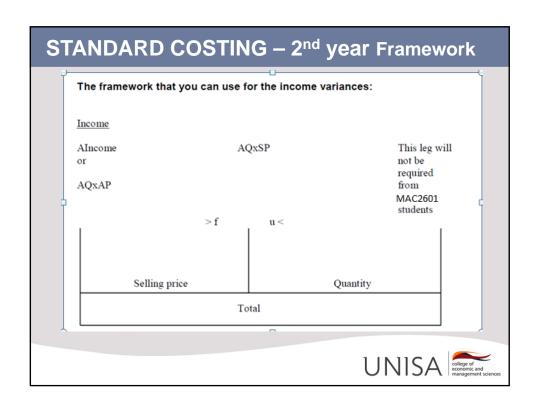
With an <u>"income"-variance</u> — whenever the *actual price* is *more* than the standard price, the variance is favourable.

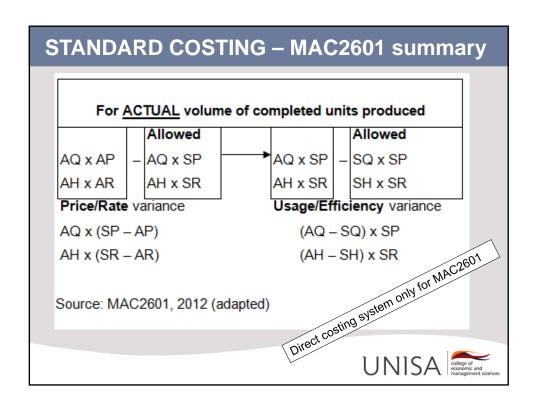


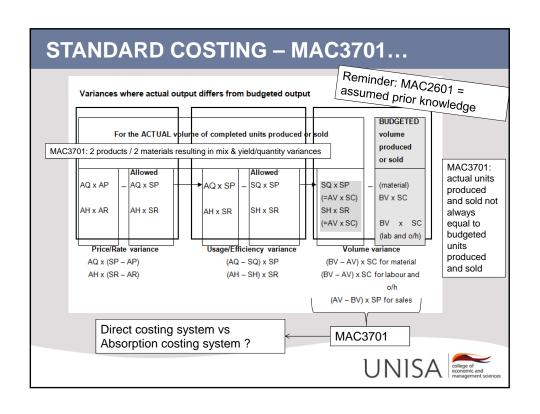












DIRECT MATERIALS MIX AND YIELD VARIANCES

More than one type of raw material is used in a specific proportion.

Material usage variance = Material mix variance + Material yield variance

(The material mix and yield variances = further analysis of the material usage variance)



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Material mix variance = (actual quantity used in standard mix proportions – actual quantity used) x standard price

Actual usage in	Actual	Standard	Mix variance
standard mix	usage in	price	R
proportions	actual		
	proportions		
① x / ②		R	
① x / ②		R	:

- ① Total number of kilogram issued to production
- ② Ratio of kg required for 1 unit in standard mix = x kg + y kg and ratios x/(x + y) or y/(x + y)

In MAC3701, we use the actual quantity of material *used* in our calculation of the material mix variance.



Material yield variance = (actual yield – standard yield from actual input of material) x standard cost per unit of output

	Input allowed for actual output (Input allowed for actual yield)	Actual usage in standard mix proportions	Difference at standard price	Yield variance R
	x kg =	3	()xR	
1	x kg =	3	(-) xR	
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Note:

It is very important that you use the **input allowed for actual output** in your calculation above. If he output is also called the "vield".

③ We have already arrived at these numbers in our material mix variance calculations.



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LABOUR IDLE TIME VARIANCE & EFFICIENCY VARIANCE

When a question provides information on **clock hours, working hours** (operating or productive hours) **and standard hours**

Labour efficiency variance = Labour idle time variance + Labour efficiency variance

Labour efficiency variance (as per MAC2601) = (standard hours allowed for actual production – actual [clock] hours) x standard price

In MAC3701 \rightarrow The labour efficiency variance is now computed with the <u>actual work/productive hours</u> and no longer with the actual clock hours.

Clock hour rate/tariff = This is the standard (budgeted) or actual rate/tariff paid to employees for each clock hour.

Work hours = Work/Operating/Productive hours refer to the time that the employee is productive. This is usually recorded on job cards.

Idle time = Idle time is the difference between the clock hours and the work/operating/productive hours.

Standard work/productive hour rate/tariff = This is the standard clock hour rate/tariff adjusted for the standard (budgeted)

Standard work/productive hour rate/tariff = This is the standard clock hour rate/tariff adjusted for the standard (budgeted) idle time allowed. Standard workhour rate = standard clock hour rate / (1 – standard idle time %).

Standard hours = Standard hours are the actual clock hours after allowing for the standard or normal allowed idle time

Standard hours = Standard hours are the actual clock hours after allowing for the standard or normal allowed idle time percentage, in other words, clock hours x (1 - standard idle time %).



LABOUR IDLE TIME VARIANCE & EFFICIENCY VARIANCE

Idle time variance = (actual productive hours – standard hours①) x standard work hour rate ②

- ① Standard hours = actual clock hours x (1 allowed idle time %)
- ② Standard work hour rate = standard clock hour rate / (1 standard idle time %).

Note: Remember that the "standard hours" in the idle time variance refer to the standard **work** hours **allowed for actual production**

Efficiency variance

= (standard quantity of labour hours for actual production – actual labour hours) x standard work hour rate



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SALES VARIANCES IN A DIRECT COSTING SYSTEM:

Sales variances arising when one type of product is manufactured and sold:

Total sales variance = Sales price variance + sales volume contribution variance

Total sales variance = (actual sales revenue – standard variable COS for actual sales volume) – budgeted **contribution**

Sales price variance

= (Actual selling price - standard selling price) x Actual sales volume

*Take note: Sales margin price variance = sales price variance. This is because the standard variable cost cancels out in the formula for the sales margin price variance: [(Actual selling price <u>standard variable cost</u>) – (Standard selling price <u>standard variable cost</u>) x Actual sales volume. Therefore, stick with just a sales price variance, to keep the calculations simple.

Sales volume **contribution** variance = (Actual sales volume – budgeted sales volume) x standard **contribution** margin



SALES VARIANCES IN AN ABSORPTION COSTING SYSTEM:

When we use an absorption costing system, we allocate the fixed production overheads to inventory by means of a fixed production overhead recovery or allocation rate.

Sales variances arising when one type of product is manufactured and sold

Total sales variance = Sales price variance + sales volume profit variance

Total sales variance = (actual sales revenue – standard **profit** for actual sales volume) – budgeted **profit**

Sales price variance

= (Actual selling price - standard selling price) x Actual sales volume

Sales volume **profit** variance = (Actual sales volume – budgeted sales volume) x standard **profit** margin

*In order to calculate the sales volume **profit** variance for an **absorption costing** system, you first need to calculate the fixed overhead recovery rate per unit and the standard (budgeted) profit per unit.



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SALES VARIANCES

Where more than one type of product is manufactured and sold, the **sales volume variance** is subdivided into a **mix** and **quantity variance**.

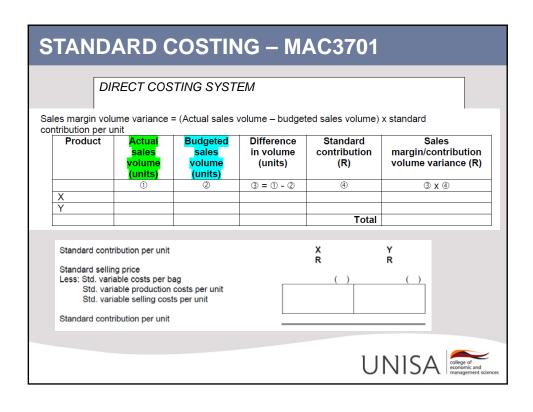
Sales volume variance

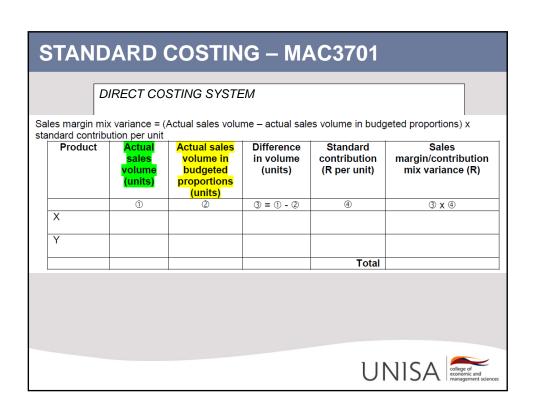
Sales quantity variance

(The mix variance is calculated in exactly the same way as the mix variance for materials.)

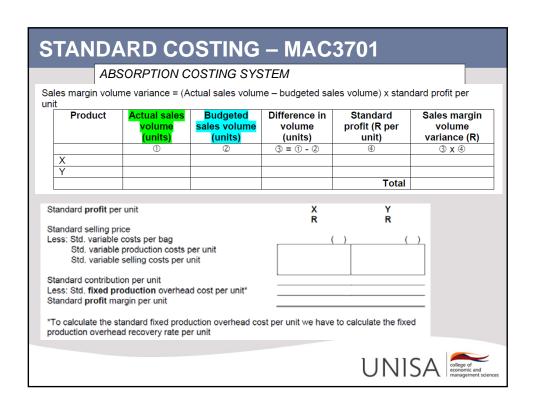
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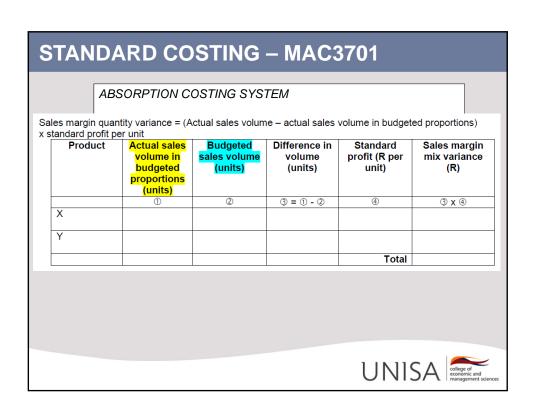




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	tandard contribution		Difference in volume (units)	Standard contribution (R per unit)	Sales margin/contribution mix variance (R)
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Y					
				Total	



	SORPTION C variance = (Actua			me in budgeted p	roportions) x
dard profit pe Product		Actual sales volume in budgeted proportions (units)	Difference in volume (units)	Standard profit (R per unit)	Sales margin mix variance (R)
X	0	2	3 = 1 - 2	4	3 x 4
Υ					
				Total	
				Total	



Fixed overhead variances

DIRECT COSTING SYSTEM

The fixed manufacturing overhead expenditure variance is the **only** variance that occurs in a direct costing system in respect of fixed overheads. This is because fixed overheads are deducted in full from contribution in the income statement and are not allocated to the manufactured products. (MAC2601)

ABSORPTION COSTING SYSTEM

Fixed overhead expenditure variance & fixed overhead volume variance.

*The fixed overhead expenditure variance is the same as that calculated for the variable costing system.

The fixed overhead **volume** variance arises due to the fact that fixed overheads are allocated to products based on predetermined fixed overhead recovery rates.

The fixed overhead volume variance can also be made up of the fixed overhead (volume) capacity variance and the fixed (volume) overhead efficiency variance.



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Fixed overhead variances

ABSORPTION COSTING SYSTEM:

Fixed overhead expenditure variance = budgeted fixed overheads – actual fixed overheads

Fixed overhead volume variance = (actual production units – budgeted production units) x standard fixed overhead rate per unit

Remember that the fixed overhead volume variance = volume capacity variance + volume efficiency variance

Fixed overhead <u>efficiency</u> variance = (standard quantity of input hours for actual production – actual input hours) x standard fixed overhead rate

Fixed overhead $\underline{\text{capacity}}$ variance = (actual hours of input – budgeted hours of input) x standard fixed overhead rate

TOTAL fixed overhead variance = (actual production x standard fixed overhead rate per unit) – actual fixed overhead cost

When we calculate the fixed overhead volume variance, we work with budgeted and actual **output units** and cost per unit. When we calculate the **volume <u>capacity</u>** and **volume <u>efficiency</u>** variances, we work with **direct labour hours (or another allocation base)** and the cost per labour hour.

