

features of contract costing

- 1 Work is undertaken to customers specific requirement
- 2 The work are usually for long durations . often more than one accounting period.
- 3 The method of costing is similar to job costing
- 4 The contractor work is based on size
- 5 payment on account are usually made against work certified

Terminologies

- 1 Work Certified - This is the work done upon which certificate of work done is issued by architect
- 2 Estimated profit - The contract price minus the estimated cost of the contract.
- 3 Cost of work Certified - This is total cost incurred on the portion certified.
- 4 Cost of the contract price - amount or price agreed contract and contractor.
- 5 Architect certificate - Certificate issued to contractor for work done.

Objectives of Service Costing

- 1 planned cost should be compared with actual cost and difference be investigated for corrective action as necessary
- 2 A cost per unit per unit of service should be computed
- 3 The cost per unit of service should be used as part of control function
- 4 prices should be computed for service been sold the third party i.e Departmental services.
- 5 In order to help management plan, control and make decisions , cost should be analysed into fixed, variable and mixed cost

High low method

This is object method of segregation mixed cost into fixed and variable cost through the following process:

- a: pick the highest and least activity level among the observed data
 - b: calculate the difference between the two activity levels
 - c: pick the corresponding cost of the highest and lowest activity levels.
 - d: calculate the difference between the costs of highest and lowest activity level
 - e: divide the cost difference by the difference in activity levels i.e. divide d by b
 - f: use "e" which is the variable cost per unit to determine total cost or fixed cost using cost formula $Tc = fc + vc$
which can also be expressed as $y = a + bx$
- $y = Tc, a = fc, b = \text{variable cost per unit}$ and $x = \text{unit of output}$

Engineering method

This method is used when there is engineering analysis or technological relationship between input and output e.g. work sampling, methods study and time motion studies. Costs are estimated based on observations of the underlying physical quantities needed for an activity. This method is commonly used for estimating of repetitive processes with clearly defined different input-output relationship, costs that often associate with direct materials, labour and machine time which can be observed and measured directly.

Graphical or Scattergraph

As a result of over reliance on high and low values of the high low method of segregation mixed cost into fixed and variable cost it was observed that all the observations are not considered in drawing the cost estimate and this led to the discovery of graphical method.

Least square or linear Regression method
 The application of linear equation formula: $y = ax + b$ is used to derive the regression equations

T stands for total or mixed cost, a stands for constant factor or total fixed cost, b stands for variable cost and x stands for activity level or independent variables. Using least squares method, a and b can be derived from the following:

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Contract Account as at February 28, 2011

Direct materials issued	75,000	Material d/t	25,000
Materials bought on site	195,000	Cost to date	486,650
Direct expenses	55,000	d/t	
Wages paid	150,000		
Head office expenses	10,500		
Plant depreciation (20% of 100,000)	20,000		
Accrued expenses			
Wages	5,000		
Direct expenses	<u>1,150</u>	<u>6,150</u>	
Cost of date b/t		<u>511,650</u>	
National profit			<u>545,000</u>
Profit taken	35,010		
Profit not taken	23,340		
material			<u>545,000</u>
		25,000	23,340
		Profit b/t	

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b) Calculation of work in progress

Cost to date	486,650
Profit taken	<u>35,010</u>
Cash received	521,660
	(490,500)
Work in progress	<u>31,160</u>

workings

$$\text{Cash Received} = 490,000$$

$$\text{Value certified} = \frac{490,500}{0.90} = 545,000$$

$$\text{National profit} = 58,350$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Profit taken} &= \frac{2}{3} \times \text{National profit} \times \frac{\text{Cash Received}}{\text{Value certified}} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \times 58,350 \times \frac{490,000}{545,000} \\ &= 35,010\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Profit not taken} = (58,350 - 35,010) \therefore 23,340$$

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Narration				Process I Account			
Inputs net	Qty	Rate	Amount	Narration	Qty	Rate	Amount
Addl: material	6,000	2	12,000	Normal loss	600	5	1800
Labour			7,000	Out put	5000	6.3	31,500
Expenses			8,000	Abnormal loss	400		2,500
Other Expenses			3,000				
Production cost			5,000				
	6,000		<u>35,000</u>		6,000		<u>35,000</u>

$$\text{Cost per Unit (cpu)} = \frac{\text{Cost} - \text{Scrap}}{\text{Input material unit} - \text{normal loss unit}}$$

$$= \frac{35,000 - 1800}{6000 - 600} = \frac{34,200}{5,400}$$

$$= \text{Rs } 6.3$$

Process II Account			
Narration	Qty	Rate	Amount
Process I Transfer	5,000	6.3	31,500
Addl: material			8,000
Labour			10,000
Expenses			4,500
Other Expenses			1,200
Production overhead			4,000
normal profit			20,700
	5,000		<u>87,900</u>
	6,500		<u>84,900</u>

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Abnormal loss Account

Narration	Qty	Rate	Amount
Process I	400		2,500
Process II	1,600		29,000
	2000		32,100

Narration	Qty	Rate	Amount
S scrap	2000	3	6000
P/L	3000		26,100

Abnormal gain Account

Narration	Qty	Rate	Amount
Scrap	1500	3	4,500
P/L			16,200
	1500		20,700

Narration	Qty	Rate	Amount
Process II	1500		20,700
	1500		26,700

Process III Account

Narration	Qty	Rate	Amount	Narration	Qty	Rate	Amount
Process II transfer	6000						
Addl: material							
Labor							
Expenses							
Other exp							
Production							