Deferred Revenue Recognition Engine

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Accounting & Finance

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1. Overview

SaaS and services firms invoice up front but must recognise the revenue over the period or as milestones are met. Odoo's native handling is Enterprise and limited on milestones. This engine recognises invoiced revenue over time or against milestones, producing IFRS-15 / FRS-102 compliant schedules.

From an invoice you create a deferred plan, generate the recognition schedule (time-based or milestone-based) and recognise revenue line by line, up to a date, or all at once.

Who is it for?

- SaaS and subscription businesses
- Professional-services firms with milestone billing
- Finance teams applying IFRS-15 / FRS-102 revenue rules

UK context

Produces FRS-102 (and IFRS-15) compliant revenue-recognition schedules for invoiced amounts.

2. Installation

The module is delivered as a standard Odoo application and installs cleanly on both Odoo 18 and Odoo 19 Community or Enterprise.

Step	Action
1	Enable developer/apps — Log in as an administrator and open the Apps menu.
2	Update the app list — Click Update Apps List so Odoo picks up newly added modules.
3	Search — Search for "Deferred Revenue Recognition Engine" (technical name gb_deferred_revenue_recognition_engine).
4	Install — Press Install. Required dependencies (account) are installed automatically.

After installation a new top-level menu, Deferred Revenue, appears in the main menu bar.

3. Configuration

Open Deferred Revenue ▸ Configuration ▸ Templates and define recognition templates (duration, method, accounts) you can apply to invoices.

From a customer invoice, use the deferral wizard to create a deferred plan.

Key configuration records

Field	Description
Recognition Template	Reusable recognition settings (period, method, accounts) applied to invoices.
Deferred Plan	A plan tied to a source invoice with its schedule and state.
Recognition Line	A scheduled amount to recognise on a date.
Milestone	A deliverable whose completion triggers recognition.

4. Step-by-step Walkthrough

A plan is created from an invoice, confirmed, then recognised over time or by milestone:

Step	Action
1	Create a template — Define duration, method and accounts under Templates.
2	Open the deferral wizard — From the invoice, use Create Deferred Plan via the wizard.
3	Generate the schedule — The plan builds time-based or milestone-based recognition lines.
4	Confirm — Press Confirm to activate the plan.
5	Recognise — Use Recognise All, Recognise Until a date, or recognise a single line.
6	Complete milestones — Mark milestones Complete to trigger their recognition.
7	Review — Open the recognition schedule and the source invoice; terminate or cancel if needed.

Status flow

Records move through the following statuses:

- Plan: Draft → Confirmed → (Terminated / Cancelled). Milestones: Pending → Complete.

5. Feature Reference

Time-based recognition

Spread invoiced revenue evenly over the recognition period with an automatic schedule.

Milestone recognition

Recognise revenue as deliverables are met by completing milestones.

Recognise to a date

Recognise everything due up to a chosen date (e.g. period end) in one action, or recognise the whole plan.

IFRS-15 / FRS-102 schedules

Schedules follow recognised revenue-recognition principles for compliant reporting.

Invoice linkage

Plans are created from and link back to the source customer invoice.

Templates

Reusable recognition templates standardise how invoices are deferred.

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6. Tips, Troubleshooting & FAQ

Q: Time-based or milestone — which?
A: Both. Plans can recognise straight-line over a period or against completed milestones.

Q: How do I recognise a period?
A: Use Recognise Until a date to post everything due up to period end, or recognise a single line.

Q: Is this IFRS-15 / FRS-102 compliant?
A: The schedules follow those revenue-recognition principles for invoiced amounts.

Q: Where do plans come from?
A: Create them from a customer invoice via the deferral wizard; the plan links back to the invoice.

Q: Can I stop a plan early?
A: Yes — Terminate or Cancel a plan; remaining recognition stops.

Q: Do I need Enterprise?
A: No — it runs on Community and depends only on Accounting.

7. Support

We are glad to help you get the most out of Deferred Revenue Recognition Engine.

- Email: support@pokutsoft.com
- Apps & documentation: https://pokutsoft.com
- Please include your Odoo version (18 or 19) and the module version (18.0.1.0.0) when contacting support.

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