# Departments Master Data - Data Dictionary

Complete field specifications for the Departments Master Data interface

| Field Name | Data/UI Type | Is Required | Data Source | Business Rules | Default Values |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Department ID** | Text | Yes | Config | Unique ID | Auto-assigned |
| **Department Name** | Text | Yes | Config | Used in filters, reports, and groupings | None |
| **Description** | Textarea | No | Config | Optional; up to 500 characters | None |
| **Department Manager** | Employee Lookup | No | Employee Master Data | Must reference an active employee; used for approvals and escalations | None |
| **Location** | Text | No | Config | Used for reporting and filtering | None |
| **Parent Dept** | Text (Optional) | No | Config | Supports hierarchy if needed | Null |