

ABC Company had a beginning balance of \$30,000 in A/R, \$3,000 in Allowances for Doubtful Accounts, and then the following transactions took place:

- 12/31/2016 Sold goods costing \$100,000 for \$160,000 on credit throughout the year.
- 12/31/2016 Using the historical data, estimated 2% of credit sales to be uncollectible.
- 2/1/2017 After many failed collection efforts, wrote off \$1,500 of bad debts.
- 3/5/2017 A check was received for \$500 from a customer who's debt was written off last month.
- 4/15/2017 Cash was collected from customers for prior sales of \$140,000
- 12/31/2017 Sold goods costing \$120,000 for \$192,000 on credit throughout the year.
- 12/31/2017 Using the aging method, it was determined that the appropriate balance of ADA is \$7,200.

A/R	
BB	\$ 30,000
EB	\$ 30,000

ADA	
	\$ 3,000 BB
	\$ 3,000 EB

- 12/31/2016 Accounts Rec \$ 160,000

Sales Rev \$ 160,000

COGS \$ 100,000

Inventory \$ 100,000
- 12/31/2016 Bad Debt Exp \$ 3,200

ADA \$ 3,200
- 2/1/2017 ADA \$ 1,500

Accounts Rec \$ 1,500
- 3/5/2017 Accounts Rec \$ 500

ADA \$ 500

Cash \$ 500

Accounts Rec \$ 500
- 4/15/2017 Cash \$ 140,000

Accounts Rec \$ 140,000
- 12/31/2017 Accounts Rec \$ 192,000

Sales Rev \$ 192,000

COGS \$ 120,000

Inventory \$ 120,000
- 12/31/2017 Bad Debt Exp \$ 2,000

ADA \$ 2,000

Sale of goods

Est of bad debts (% of credit sales)

Write off

Recovery of previously written off account

Payment on account from customers

Sale of goods

Est of bad debts (aging method)

A/R	
BB	\$ 30,000
	\$ 160,000
	\$ 500
	\$ 1,500
	\$ 500
	\$ 140,000
EB	\$ 48,500

ADA	
	\$ 3,000 BB
\$ 1,500	\$ 3,200
	\$ 500
	\$ 2,000
	\$ 7,200 EB

The aging method gives us a target number for ADA and we use the entry to update the balance in ADA to that number.