

Fulfillment Configuration Utility

The **Fulfillment Configuration Utility**, which can be found in **Fulfillment > Advanced Tools - Loans > Fulfillment Configuration Utility** is an essential diagnostic and testing tool within Alma used by administrators to validate and troubleshoot the circulation rule structure.

- **Purpose:** It allows staff to test exactly which **Fulfillment Rule** and **Term of Use (TOU)** will be applied for a specific circulation scenario *before* a live transaction is performed.
- **Function:** Users input a specific **Patron** (User Group) and an **Item** (Barcode/Location), select the transaction type (Loan, Request, etc.), and the utility immediately displays:
 1. The specific **Fulfillment Unit** applied.
 2. The exact **Fulfillment Rule** that was matched.
 3. The resulting **Terms of Use (TOU)**, including the calculated loan due date or request policy details.
- **Benefit:** This utility is invaluable for verifying new configurations, troubleshooting reported policy discrepancies, and ensuring that the complex rules engine is functioning as intended.

The screenshot displays the Fulfillment Configuration Utility interface. At the top, there is a search bar with 'All titles' and 'Keywords' dropdowns. Below the search bar, the title 'Fulfillment Configuration Utility' is visible, along with a 'Cancel' button. The main area features input fields for 'Patron Identifier *' and 'Item Barcode *', with an 'OK' button. Below these are tabs for 'Loan', 'Request', 'Booking', and 'Overdue and Lost Loan Profiles'. The 'Loan' tab is active, showing 'Fulfillment Attributes' with fields for 'Fulfillment Unit Name', 'Fulfillment Unit Rule', 'Terms Of Use Name', and 'Due date if the item would be loaned now'. There is a 'Return date' field with a calendar icon and a 'Calculate Overdue Fine' button. Below this is a section for 'Terms of Use Policies' which currently shows 'No records were found.' A sidebar on the left contains navigation icons for Alma Production, Acquisitions, Resources, Discovery, Fulfillment, Admin, and Analytics.

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