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Product and account information can be accessed by visiting Customer Support online at <u>Support.CCH.com/Axcess</u>. In addition to product and account information, the Customer Support site offers answers to our most frequently asked questions, forms release status, Knowledge Base articles, training videos, and operating systems compatibility for each CCH Axcess[™] module. Access to these features is available 24/7.

The following Web site provides important information about the features and updates included in all CCH Axcess Tax releases: <u>Release Notes</u>

Visit the <u>Application Status</u> Web page to view the current status of our CCH Axcess applications. The Application Status Web page is updated every 15 minutes.

Go to Contact Us to find Support calendars, as well as options to enter Web tickets for assistance.

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CCH Axcess[™] Tax Release Notes inform you of the enhancements and updates that have been made to Tax products and systems with the current release.

The updates provided in the Release Notes include the following:

- Contact and Support information
- Updates to Tax technology (such as, electronic filing updates, Organizer, roll forward, and technology enhancements)
- Updates made to Tax products (such as, form additions and updates, changes in diagnostics, and changes caused by regulatory updates)

To access a list of CCH Axcess[™] Tax Release Notes for the current year and for prior years, visit the <u>Release</u> <u>Notes</u> page on our Customer Support site.

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Federal

A new feature is available for Individual returns to print the mailing address on the bottom of Form 1040-ES. To select this new option, use Payments/Penalties > Estimate Options > Print IRS service center address on vouchers or Return Options > Form Options > Other > Print IRS service center address on vouchers.

Electronic Filing

Electronic filing of Individual, Partnership, Corporation, S Corporation, Fiduciary, and Exempt Organization returns is available with this release. You can upload and release Individual returns. Wolters Kluwer will transmit them on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, when the IRS opens for Individual return processing. We will transmit all other return types upon release by the preparer.

The following federal and state products are approved and available on this release:

Individual

Federal	Form 114 (FBAR)	Arizona
District of Columbia	Hawaii	Kentucky
Montana		

Partnership

Federal	Federal Extension	Form 114 (FBAR)
Arkansas	California	Colorado
Minnesota	Mississippi	Mississippi Extension
Montana	North Dakota	Tennessee
Tennessee Extension	Virginia	

Corporation

Federal	Federal Extension	Form 114 (FBAR)
Arkansas	California	California Combined
Colorado	Colorado Consolidated	Minnesota
Minnesota Consolidated	Mississippi	Mississippi Extension
Mississippi Consolidated	Montana	Montana Consolidated
North Dakota	North Dakota Consolidated	Oregon
Oregon Consolidated	Tennessee	Tennessee Extension
Virginia	Virginia Consolidated	

S Corporation

Federal Arkansas Minnesota Montana Tennessee	Federal Extension California Mississippi North Dakota Tennessee Extension	Form 114 (FBAR) Colorado Mississippi Extension Oregon Virginia
Fiduciary		
Federal Arizona	Form 114 (FBAR) Connecticut	Federal Extension Connecticut Extension
Exempt Organization		
Federal Virginia	Federal Extension	California

Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015

On Friday, December 18, 2015, the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH), commonly known as "Tax Extenders," was signed into law. Forms affected by PATH are still under review by the IRS, and Wolters Kluwer will continue to use draft versions of these forms until the IRS releases final forms. The IRS has not given any time frame for updating the affected forms, but we are monitoring their actions closely and will release forms as they are finalized. Until then, the affected forms will continue to have the "Reserved" fields on them.

For Release 2015-2.1 the following PATH forms have been updated by the IRS and are available for processing:

1040	1040A	8689

The following forms have not been released by IRS and will continue to produce a diagnostic whenever a Reserved field is used.

1040NR	1040 Schedule A	4136
5695	6478	6765
8689	8835	8844
8845	8864	8900
8908	8911	

Datascan

Datascan users may now access our 2015 system defined keywords and scans. Our predefined scans include searches like Returns with AGI over \$100,000 and Returns with Roth IRAs. We added NEW searches for Returns that have e-file status and Returns that have not been e-filed.

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Illinois

The Illinois DOR has issued a press release alerting taxpayers to a delay in processing Individual tax refunds. The text of the press release is as follows:

"The Illinois Department of Revenue is taking additional steps to protect Illinois taxpayers from identity theft and fraud. To ensure the security and confidentiality of taxpayer information, the Department has initiated a review process to combat against fraudulently filed returns. As a result of the new security measures, IDOR does not anticipate releasing Individual Income Tax refunds until March 1, 2016.

Filing your return electronically and requesting direct deposit into your checking or savings account is still the fastest way to receive your refund.

For electronic returns filed prior to March 1, 2016 - We anticipate your refund will be issued within two to three weeks from the March 1, 2016 date.

For electronic returns submitted error-free after March 1, 2016 - We anticipate your refund will be issued within two to three weeks from the date you submitted your return.

Please note: Tax refunds are not subject to budgetary appropriation by the Illinois General Assembly and are not impacted by the current budget impasse."

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Ohio

The withholding rate for Form IT-4708ES has changed from 5.333% to 4.997%.

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An issue for the following CCH Axcess[™] Tax feature was resolved and is included in release 2015-2.1.

Window Zoom Percentage

Tax now correctly retains the zoom percentage when the return window is moved or resized. (135901, 137020)