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Product information can be accessed by visiting Customer Support online: [CCH Access Product Support](#).

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 Access™ 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 Access Tax releases: [Release Notes](#).

Visit the [Application Status](#) Web page to view the current status of our CCH Access applications. The Application Status Web page is updated every 15 minutes.

Go to [Contact Us](#) to open a Support case or chat with a representative for assistance.

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CCH Access™ Tax Release Notes inform you of the enhancements and updates that were made to Tax products and systems with the current release.

Information 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 Access™ Tax Release Notes for the current year and for prior years, visit the [Release Notes](#) page on our Customer Support site.

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Common Updates

- We will be installing the Chromium embedded framework as part of the Common components within Install and Update Manager. The Chromium embedded framework which is replacing the Internet Explorer® embedded browser requires the Microsoft® Visual C++ Redistributable. Install and Update Manager will be installing this redistributable as part of the prerequisites for CCH Access if it does not already exist.
- We will no longer install the Microsoft® Office Access Database Engine 2007 as a prerequisite within Install and Update Manager. Additionally, we will not be uninstalling this component on any machine.

2-Step Verification

Beginning Thursday, May 28, 2020, we required 2-Step Verification across all our CCH Access software solutions. At that time, we asked that you ensure each of your staff members have a valid phone number and e-mail address in their staff profile because the e-mail option to receive an access code would be removed on our November release.

Reminder: 2-Step Verification is not applicable with our Active Directory or Federated Services modes of authentication.

There have been several changes to our 2-Step Verification process:

- All users must complete 2-Step Verification when they log in to CCH Access Dashboard, Document, Practice, Tax, or Workstream the first time following this release. Staff who previously selected *Trust this device* must complete this verification because the trust was stored in Internet Explorer® cookies/cache. The login for CCH Access products no longer uses Internet Explorer®. Logins to other CCH Access products are not affected by this change. Staff may still select *Trust this device* to reduce the frequency of 2-Step Verification for subsequent logins.
- A new Firm Configuration option is available which allows the Firm Administrator to enable/disable the use of the Authenticator apps for all users, if they choose.
- Two new modes are available for 2-Step Verification, and both will require the apps to first be downloaded/installed to your device from the Apple® App Store® or Google Play™ in order to pair them. They are:

Apple® Store

- ◆ [Wolters Kluwer Authenticator](#)
- ◆ [Google Authenticator](#)

Google Play™

- ◆ [Wolters Kluwer Authenticator](#)
- ◆ [Google Authenticator](#)

- Once the apps are downloaded to your device, pairing will need to occur. This manual process can be done under a new User Configuration option in the CCH Access applications.

- Additionally, we added a phone number verification window on this release which requires users to enter a valid phone number if one does not exist. The system will now require you to verify this new/existing phone number for 2-Step Verification. What this means is that every user will now be challenged with this window upon login until at least one valid phone number has been configured and verified for each user.
- As we previously noted, we're removing the ability to receive an access code via e-mail for 2-Step Verification. The following behavior will be in force due to this change:
 - ◆ There will be a first-time use flow process using e-mail to authenticate the user credentials and thereby allow the user to receive the access code. After a successful authentication, SMS Text or Phone Message will be the only method allowed on subsequent logins unless the firm has configured the Authenticator methods noted in the first bullet above.
 - ◆ Along with the first-time use flow process, e-mail will also be available as a valid method to receive the access code for all new users.
- If using the Phone Message method to authenticate, the # key was traditionally used to acknowledge the second factor. This is changing whereby you must now key in an access code when using the Phone Message.

 **Note:** The 2-Step Verification enhancements noted here do not apply to client logins for CCH Access Portal and CCH Access Client Collaboration. Client users of those solutions can still receive the 2-Step Verification access code via e-mail, text, or voice call.

See the knowledge base article [Upcoming 2-Step Verification Changes for November](#) for more information regarding the changes and how they may impact users of our cloud-based software solutions.

2018 Tax Updates

Corporation

CARES Act Decoupling updates are available for the following states:

- Alaska
- Colorado

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Alaska

In response to 0405-6000i Rev 09/01/20 and updated Form 6000, the following changes have been made to the Alaska Corporation Net Income Tax Return for tax year 2018:

NOL-Election to waive the five-year NOL carryback period: A taxpayer making the election to waive the five-year carryback period for NOLs arising in 2019 must make the election on the first Alaska tax return to be filed after March 27, 2020. This election must be made no later than the due date for such tax return including extensions. A taxpayer makes this election by doing one of the following:

1. Attach an election statement to the first electronic return filed after March 27, 2020. This statement must state that the taxpayer is electing to apply Code Sec. 172(b)(3) under Rev. Proc. 2020-24 and the tax year for which the statement applies; or
2. Check the box on page 1 to forgo the NOL carryback period. Include the statement required by Option 1 above.

This check box can be marked by making the election at the federal level under General > Miscellaneous Information > Relinquish carryback or at the federal level under General > Federal Elections > Waive the net operating loss carryback period. An override for this check box is also available under Alaska > General > Basic Data > - Carryback for net operating loss is waived - Override (1120 only).

Colorado

CARES Act Tax Law Changes & Colorado Impact June 2020 - Automatic Addback Calculations to Forms 112 and 112X, Line 1 for Tax Years Beginning Before 3/27/2020.

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/CARES%20Act%20Tax%20Law%20Changes%20%26%20Colorado%20Impact_0.pdf

Qualified improvement property assets:

A state if different amount will be calculated on assets designated as qualified improvement when:

- a. Federal > Business > Other depreciation and Amortization > Real Property Section 179 Type = Q and
- b. Federal > Business > Other depreciation and Amortization > Life / Rate = 15 (years).



Note: For prior year QIP assets a Colorado entry is required under "Detail" of this worksheet to indicate a life / rate of 39 years to calculate the difference.

The difference amount will total and flow to Forms 112 and 112X as an addition to Line 1 (federal taxable income) and a statement will be produced listing each QIP asset's calculation.

The following input overrides are available to adjust federal taxable income if needed:

- Form DR 0112: Colorado > Income / Deductions > Other Adjustments and Overrides
- Form DR 0112X: Colorado > Other Returns



Note: The QIP statement will not be produced if this input override is used.

Alternatively, modifications to federal taxable income can be made on:

- Form DR 0112 and DR 0112X: Colorado > Income / Deductions > Additons and/or Subtractions
- Form DR 0112X only: Colorado > Other Returns > Other additions and/or subtractions