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## Contact and Support Information

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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.

## Information in Tax Release Notes

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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.

## Highlights for Release 2019-2.1

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### Tax Updates

#### All Systems - PTIN Verification (Included with Release 2019-2.0)

As part of the ongoing IRS security rules, all PTINs must be verified for accuracy. The verification process takes place only one time and will not apply to future logins.

PTINs can be verified through:

- Initial login to Tax
- Staff Manager
- Return Configuration Sets > Signature Block
- Return Configuration Sets > Electronic Filing Options > General > Electronic Return Originator Overrides

If a user logs in without confirming their PTIN, they will be required to confirm their PTIN on subsequent logins. Users who do not have a PTIN saved with their staff profile in Staff Manager will not receive the confirmation PTIN message when they log in.


Warning and electronic filing diagnostics have been added to alert preparers that their PTIN has not been verified, depending on whether the return is being electronically or paper filed.

#### New Support Chatbot

We are excited to launch a Support Chatbot that will help ensure you have a better experience using CCH Access Tax. This new tool allows you to receive a quick answer to a question about a form while working in a tax return by clicking the “Ask a question” button at the top of the ribbon. Enter your question, and the virtual representative uses your login credentials to provide an answer to the specific tax year, product type, and form that you are working on. This feature is available for all tax years.

#### All Systems - Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020

Those provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 that can be implemented without IRS action will be available on Release 2019-2.2, scheduled for January 19, 2020. Returns with these provisions will have updated calculations, but will continue to be unavailable for electronic filing, pending IRS changes. The IRS is yet to announce plans regarding availability of either updated forms and electronic filing schemas for tax year 2018 or tax year 2019.

 **Note:** Please note that returns, particularly state returns, will need particular scrutiny regarding these federal law changes.

### Electronic Filing Updates

We will begin accepting returns in advance of the January 27, 2020, IRS open for Individual returns. Returns involving the recently passed Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 or other open items will continue to disqualify, but qualified returns can be uploaded and released, and will be transmitted to the IRS on January 27, 2020.

## Approved Products Available on this Release

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

### Individual

Federal	Colorado Extension	New York Extension
Federal Extension	Hawaii	New York Form IT-210
FBAR (Form 114)	Iowa	Ohio
Arizona	Kansas	Oklahoma
Arizona Extension	Maryland	West Virginia
Colorado	New York	

### Corporation

Federal	Maine	Tennessee 188
Arkansas	Maryland	Tennessee Estimates
California Extension	Montana	Tennessee Extension
Colorado	New Mexico	Utah
District of Columbia	North Carolina Extension	Utah Extension
Iowa	North Dakota	Virginia
Kansas	Pennsylvania	
Kentucky	Tennessee	

### S Corporation

Federal	Kentucky	Pennsylvania RCT-101
Arkansas	Maine	Tennessee
Arkansas Composite	Maryland	Tennessee 188
California Extension	Missouri	Tennessee Estimates
Colorado	New Mexico PTW-D	Tennessee Extension
District of Columbia	North Carolina Extension	Utah
Iowa	North Dakota	Utah Extension
Kansas	Pennsylvania	

### Partnership

Federal	New Jersey	Tennessee
Arkansas	New Jersey CBT	Tennessee 188
Arkansas Composite	New Jersey Estimates	Tennessee 250
Colorado	New Mexico	Tennessee 251 Extension
District of Columbia	New Mexico PTW-D	Tennessee Estimates
Iowa	North Dakota	Tennessee Extension
Kansas	Oregon	Utah
Kentucky	Oregon Composite	Utah Extension

Maine  
Maryland  
Missouri

Oregon Lane County  
Oregon Tri-County  
Pennsylvania

Virginia

### **Exempt Organization**

Federal

Florida Extension

## **CCH Access DataScan**

You can now create queries and scan 2019 returns. System defined keywords and scans for 2019 will be available on this release.

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#### Federal

On the Analysis of Shareholder's Loan Accounts, the Loans Made During Year column will now factor in to the calculation for the Gain from Loan Repayment. The new calculation of column K is now (Column(C) minus Column(F)) divided by (Column(B) plus Column(E)) multiplied by Column(J).

We are currently awaiting guidance from the IRS regarding how aggregated 199A amounts should be reported on the shareholder's return. Without a more definitive answer, aggregated Sec 199A activities will not be included in the export of Schedule K-1 Information to other returns. We will have this information included in the export on a later release.

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We are currently awaiting guidance from the IRS regarding how aggregated 199A amounts should be reported on the partner's return. Without a more definitive answer, aggregated Sec 199A activities will not be included in the export of Schedule K-1 Information to other returns. We will have this information included in the export on a later release.