

Release Bulletin

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Please review this bulletin carefully. For the full list of new and existing considerations for this tax year, launch the product and go to Help, Release Considerations from the main menu.

Installation and upgrade instruction can be found in the FADocuments folder of your electronic download.

New Items

Close Year End - When performing an entity close year end and selecting not to calculate, a prompt will remind you to calculate the entity before closing. The Event Log will record whether the entity was calculated, or not, in the closing process.

Depreciation Export - The functionality of the Depreciation Export has been enhanced for reports that include combinations of multiple entities and multiple books. When running the report for multiple entities and multiple books, the report will be subtotaled by book, there will not be a grand total for all items on the report. When the report is run for a single book of multiple entities, the report will be subtotaled by book and grand totaled by entity. Grouping can add additional levels of subtotaling and the subtotal or grand total can be turned on or off in the Print Properties dialog.

Depreciation Report with Reconciliation - In the Prior Depreciation column of the reconciliation section of the report, the data for Prior (Depreciation) Beginning Balance, Prior Year(Depreciation) Adjustments, and Prior Year (Depreciation) Asset Addition now populates. The assets on the report that are included in the reconciliation section are noted with '1' for a Prior Year Adjustment and '2' for a Prior Year Addition on the detail line of the asset. This report can only be run for the Data Source: Book tab and for a full year time period.

Excluding Assets from the Mid-quarter Calculation - On the Advanced tab of Asset Input, the 'All Books-Exclude from MQ' checkbox, allows you to select to exclude an asset from the mid-quarter calculation in all books. New functionality allows you to choose to exclude an asset from a single book by choosing 'Yes' on the 'Exclude from MQ' dropdown on the Book tab of asset input. This choice does not apply to the system Federal, AMT, ACE or ADS books for the system asset types with Classifications of ACRS, MACRS 27.5/31.5/39/50, the Intangible asset types, and Land. The mid-quarter eligibility for an entity is determined by the Federal Book and applied to all other books. You can select the 'Apply Federal mid-quarter convention test' on the Book Type Setup/General tab of custom or system state books, to calculate the mid-quarter convention of a specific book. The mid-quarter percentage displayed on the MQ report is calculated based on the assets within a specific book. The mid-quarter percentage displayed on the Advanced tab of Entity Setup is based on the Federal book. The mid-quarter amounts calculated on the MQ report is based upon the book you have chosen.

You can manually select the checkbox/dropdown in Asset Input to exclude assets from the mid-quarter calculation or you can update the fields through the Update Asset Import. To exclude an asset from all books you would import, 1, Yes, Y, True, or T. All other values will be imported as No, to the field 'All Books - Exclude from MQ'. To exclude individual assets from the mid-quarter calculation you would import 1, Yes, Y, True, or T. All other values will be imported as No, to the field 'All Books - Exclude from MQ'. To exclude individual assets from the mid-quarter calculation you would import 1, Yes, Y, True, or T. All other values will be imported as No, a blank field sets the value to the default, to 'Exclude from MQ' to the specific book(s).

Both of the new fields, 'All Books- Exclude from MQ' (Advanced tab) and 'Exclude from MQ' (Asset Input on the Book tab) are searchable in the Find function.

State Tax Legislation

CA Luxury Auto Limits - For autos placed in-service in 2020 the inflation adjusted limits for the first year is \$3,304, the second year 5,227, third year 3,084 and the following years are 1,856. For trucks placed in-service in 2020, the first year limit is \$3,721, the second year 5,959, third year is 3,502 and the following years are 2,169.

Qualified Improvement Property - For the QIP asset type, these states do not comply with the CARES Act and will use the 39 year life; AR, CA, NH, NY, TX, ME. The state of CO will comply with the CARES ACT and will use the 15-year life for 2020.