

MAS 90 and MAS 200 Year-End Payroll, Tax Table Update, Magnetic Media, and Accounts Payable

Frequently Asked Questions

When will Best Software ship the year-end Tax Table Update (TTU) for MAS 90 and MAS 200 to channel partners?

The Q1 2003 Tax Table Update disk, frequently referred to as the year-end TTU, is scheduled to begin shipping to channel partners on December 14, 2002. This will be sent separately from the channel partner's copy of MAS 90 version 3.71.

When will Best Software ship the year-end TTU for MAS 90 and MAS 200 to SAA and BSAN members?

Best Software plans to begin shipping the Q1 2003 Tax Table Update disk to Best Software Accountant Alliance (SAA) members and Best Software Accountants Network (BSAN) members immediately following the channel partner TTU shipment. As a convenience to our SAA and BSAN members, the TTU will be shipped in the same package as their new MAS 90 version 3.71 CD.

When will Best Software ship the year-end TTU for MAS 90 and MAS 200 to customers who own the Payroll module and a current Subscription Plan?

Best Software plans to begin shipping the Q1 2003 Tax Table Update disk to MAS 90 and MAS 200 customers with current Subscription Plans beginning December 17 and continuing throughout that week. As a convenience to these customers, the TTU will be shipped in the same package as their new MAS 90 version 3.71 CD.

When will Best Software send my Version 3.71 CD if I don't own the Payroll module?

Auto-shipments to MAS 90 and MAS 200 customers who own a current Subscription Plan but do not own the Payroll module are scheduled to begin December 4, and will continue for approximately 10 days. This will allow our development team to wait as long as possible for the tax table changes while ensuring that all customers with a current Subscription Plan receive version 3.71 prior to the end of this calendar year.

How can I obtain the TTU if I do not own a current Subscription Plan?

You must be either a channel partner with a current channel partner agreement, an SAA or BSAN member with a current membership agreement, or a customer with a current Subscription Plan in order to receive the TTU. If your plan or agreement has expired, please contact our sales department at 800-854-3415 for channel partner renewals, 866-565-2726 for BSAN enrollment, or 888-924-8989 for customer renewals.

What if there are tax rate changes announced after you send me the year end TTU? How can I find out about them and update my tax tables?

While we at Best Software make every effort to incorporate every announced Federal and State tax table change into the TTU prior to publication, occasionally the government makes late-breaking changes after our publication cutoff. As a result, our Customer Support Services Department will post updates to the TTU on Best Online Support and Services (BOSS) each week, beginning December 13, and continuing throughout January 2003. If the government releases any changes after that date they will be posted to BOSS as necessary.

Do I have to upgrade my whole system to Version 3.71 to use the new TTU? What other versions of MAS 90 and MAS 200 Payroll can use the Q1 2003 Tax Table Update?

If you print W2s for your employees and are not required to file W2s via Magnetic Media, you can install the Q1 2003 TTU with MAS 90 versions 3.61, 3.70 and 3.71.

I am required to file employees W2s via Magnetic Media. What changes do I need to know about?

W2 Magnetic Media Reporting has been updated in MAS 90 and MAS 200 Version 3.71 to comply with the Social Security Administration's 2002 MMREF-1 format for Federal Reporting. Due to these Federally mandated changes, you must create your W2 file using Version 3.71 of Magnetic Media. *If you cannot yet update your entire MAS 90 or MAS 200 system, Version 3.71 Magnetic Media can be used with Version 3.61 and 3.70 Payroll.*

I am required to file vendor 1099s via Magnetic Media. What changes do I need to know about?

Best Software has updated 1099 Magnetic Media Reporting in Version 3.71 to comply with Internal Revenue Service 2002 Publication 1220. Due to these federally mandated changes, all companies using Magnetic Media Reporting for 1099 filings must upgrade to version 3.71 prior to creating their Magnetic Media files for 2002. *If you cannot yet update your entire MAS 90 or MAS 200 system, Version 3.71 Magnetic Media can be used with Version 3.61 and 3.70 Accounts Payable.* Also, the following states have been added to the Combined Federal/State Filing for 1099 reporting:

- Colorado
- Nebraska
- Louisiana
- North Carolina
- Maryland
- Virginia

Where can I find information on how to execute year-end processing for any of my MAS 90 or MAS 200 modules?

Year-end processing information, including checklists and the order in which to close modules, is available in two places. First, you can find it on the Technical Reference and Support Guide (TRSG) CD that is included in your Version 3.71 shipment. Second, it can be found on Best Online Support and Services (BOSS). After logging into BOSS at the following URL, select Customer Services for MAS 90 and MAS 200, and scroll down to find the Year-End Processing Procedures section.

<http://shop.bestsoftwareinc.com/BOSS/Welcome/ISlogin.asp>

Where can I purchase W2 and 1099 forms that are 100 percent compatible with my MAS 90 or MAS 200 software?

The Best Software Tax Forms Division provides approved 2002 IRS forms that are the only forms guaranteed to be 100 percent compatible with MAS 90 and MAS 200. Call 1-800-538-5514 to order forms or obtain a current forms catalog.