

## **Accounting Software Updates – What You Need to Know**

Periodically, it is a good idea to take a look at the versions of accounting software you are running in your office. Accounting software producers typically have what they call “Sunset” policies. Under these policies, only the most current version and the two previous versions are supported by their technical staff. This allows them to focus their resources on enhancing products in addition to providing support for the versions used by the majority of customers.

The following Intuit (QuickBooks) and Sage Software (Peachtree) products have either expired already, or are set to expire soon:

- QuickBooks 2003 for Windows – April 30, 2006
- QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions Versions 2 and 3 – April 30, 2006
- QuickBooks for Mac Version 5 – April 30, 2006
- Release 2003 of Peachtree First Accounting, Peachtree Accounting, and Peachtree Complete Accounting has expired - November 30, 2005

Other accounting software products most likely have expiring versions as well. Check the company’s website for more information.

If you currently use any of the versions listed above and wish to continue receiving live technical support, you need to install and register a supported version of the software. Replacement CDs, diskettes and manuals are generally no longer available on Sunset versions. Most software companies attempt to provide support regarding registration and keycode data for Sunset versions if the data is available, but they cannot guarantee that support and strongly recommend that customers upgrade to supported versions of the software.

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