

New & Changed

Listed here are the changes and enhancements that have been made to the Business License software.

INQUIRY

1. The search options now line up correctly when inquiring on a business record and you press F5 to bring up the Search & Select screen.
2. Screen 12 was added to allow message fields that will display at the top of the business record. These are similar to the message fields in the Property Tax and Utility Billing applications.
3. A problem has been fixed where the F4 State/Local display for a voided license would show the local amount as a negative and the state amount as a positive amount. Voided licenses now will show zero distribution on the state/local breakdown.

REPORTING

1. The Business Master List and Business Directory reports were updated to include a count of the number of businesses listed on the report.
2. The Outstanding License Report by Business has been updated to include all delinquent years for a license even if the business does not have any licenses within the period range specified. The report now looks at the initial period and existing licenses to decide whether or not to include the business.
3. The Business Directory was updated to include the class and phone number for each business.

LICENSE CALCULATION

1. The programming to accommodate the new license calculations per 2004 state changes have been completed. When entering license calculation, a new option was added to the date screen "Calc Meth". Enter an N to use the new calculation method for the 2004 changes to the license calculation. Enter an O to use the old calculation method for the pre-2004 license calculation method.
2. When the minimum tax credit amount is entered, it will now change the amount entered to a negative amount. The program previously allowed a positive amount to be entered.
3. The field that is used to print the "other deduction" amount has been fixed so that it will now print on license forms.
4. When printing the deduction detailed information on forms, the cigar fields now print correctly. Fields 131, 132, and 133 were not printing correctly.
5. The new cigar deduction fields that were added to the license screen now display the correct amounts.
6. A problem with interest calculation for businesses that close during the last part of December in a leap year has been corrected. The program was previously charging an extra year of interest.
7. A problem with hitting F5 from screen 3 in File Maintenance, Update mode, then hitting escape to abort license creation has been corrected. The program now goes back to the license screen.
8. The large cigar deduction calculates correctly now. Be sure that the rate is entered correctly in Fed/State Excise Rates. Example: 20.719% should be entered as .20719
9. In License Calculation, with the cursor on the property tax bill number field, you can now use F3, 1-Search & Select to find the property tax record.
10. The personal tax credit amount pulled into the business license will now take into account any refunds issued for the property tax record.
11. A problem where the interest calculation was different for quotes and licenses issued on the same day has been corrected.

12. When a subcontractor comes in to get a license and they do not already have a master account, in license calculation, press F5 to create a business and enter the business #. A question "Create from a Subcontractor" appears. Answer Y and you can search for the subcontractor record to duplicate as a business. This will import the business name, description, address, and other information from the subcontractor record.
13. When a license is printed for a new business, the license period dates will no longer print since they are not valid for a new business. If the license status is N, regardless of the business status, the period dates will not print.
14. A problem has been corrected where F6-Restart Calculation would not let the user leave the First Period calculation screen.
15. A problem has been corrected where F2 to edit the Second Period form would cause the program to lose the personal tax credit.
16. A problem has been fixed where F2 to edit the Second Period form would not recall the balance of the minimum tax credit left after the first period form.
17. A problem has been fixed where a large adjustment transaction for a personal property tax credit was created if the personal tax credit was large enough to carry over to the second period form.
18. The minimum tax credit was not being applied to the state portion of the tax if the license was for a tax period after the period requiring two forms. This has been corrected in the New calculation method added to the program. This has been corrected in the Old and New Calculation methods.
19. A problem where the minimum penalty on tax was printing on both the first and second period forms has been corrected. All minimum penalty prints on the second period forms.

OFFICE MANAGER

1. The program that moves a license from one business to another has been fixed so that the new business number does not have to include spaces.
2. The program that copies period information to the next period will now roll the property tax period.
3. User Profiles, Access Parameters now has the option to limit the business information screens viewed by each user. Enter the screen numbers allowed for each user.
4. BLU619 was added to the Utilities menu to let users mass update the annual and daily interest rate for a range of tax periods and classes.
5. A problem has been fixed where the Create GL Packet option in Point of Sale would not create the correct GL entries for voided license transactions. This option was putting the voided state amount in with the local amount and leaving a debit entry on the state GL account. This was not the opposite of the entry made when the receipt was posted so it caused problems when balancing the GL accounts. Any previous entries for voided transactions should be manually corrected in the GL.

SUBCONTRACTORS

1. The Amounts by Subcontractor report has been updated to include the option to filter records that do or do not have a business record on them.
2. Screen 2 of the Subcontractor record was updated to include a "Printed" flag. This flag is set when the Print Subcontractor Forms option is executed. Answer Y to "Update Printed" and if a subcontractor form is printed for the subcontractor for the selected period, a Y displays beside the period on screen 2. When printing forms again, answer N to "Unprinted Only" to keep from printing forms for subcontractors who have already received a form.
3. The Print Subcontractor Forms option was updated to include a parameter "Exclude \$50,000 Paid?". If the subcontractor record has a business # on it and this is answered Y, the program looks at the business # and if the gross receipts for the specified license period is over \$50,000, a form will not be printed for the subcontractor. If there is more than one license for the specified period, it looks at the total gross receipts of all licenses for that period.