



# **Sage 100 Contractor 2026 (SQL)**

## **Version 2026.2 Release Notes**

Canada and U.S. Editions

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# Version 2026.2

This section includes installation notes, an overview of new functionality, and detailed descriptions of enhancements, payroll tax table changes, and software fixes included with version 2026.2.

Later sections provide information about specific environments and ongoing considerations.

## Installation Notes

### Note for Canadian customers

**Important!** Version 26.2 contained a change in the way Sage 100 Contractor passes the Federal ID number to Aatrix. As of November 2024, you need version 26.2 or a later version to print ROE, T5018, and T4 forms.

### Incompatible Windows versions

**Caution!** Windows versions older than Windows 10 and Windows Server 2016 are no longer supported. Do not install this update if you are using Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2012 R2, or an earlier version of Windows, or you will not be able to open Database Administration or Sage 100 Contractor.

### Compatibility with Sage Estimating

**Important!** Sage 100 Contractor version 2026.2 is not compatible with Sage Estimating version 20.1 and earlier versions. If you integrate Sage 100 Contractor with Sage Estimating, do not install Sage 100 Contractor version 2026.2 until you install Sage Estimating version 21.1, or later.

## Using an older version of SQL Server?

It is good practice not to delay important upgrades of your software, which help to keep your data secure and your computer performing efficiently.

When you log in to Database Administration after upgrading to version 2026.2, if the program detects that your SQL Server instance is using an Express edition that is earlier than SQL Server 2019 Express, it will display a new **Upgrade SQL Server Instance** tab that invites you to upgrade your instance. For now, you can use version 2026.2 without upgrading SQL server. However, you may need to upgrade before the next Sage 100 Contractor update.

As Microsoft makes future cumulative updates available, you can easily install them from this tab.

**Note:** If you do not use an Express edition of Microsoft SQL Server, Database Administration does not display this tab automatically when you log in. However, you can display the tab to see which version of SQL Server your instance is using and which version of SQL Server we recommend that you use. (Select **Server Management > Upgrade SQL Server Instance**.) You can then install the recommended version, as needed.

## **U.S. Payroll Tax Table Changes**

### **State and Other Government-Mandated Payroll Tax Changes**

Payroll tax tables changed for the following jurisdictions in this update:

- Arkansas
- Georgia
- Utah

## **Canadian Tax Table Changes**

No federal payroll tax changes to take effect in July, 2026 were announced for Canada.

### **Provincial and Territorial Payroll Tax Changes**

The following provinces and territories mandated payroll tax changes, effective July 1, 2026:

- British Columbia
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Prince Edward Island

For detailed information on personal amounts, see the TD1 form for each province or territory.

## Enhancements in this version

### We've been listening to you!

At Sage, we love hearing from you about the features you want to see in Sage 100 Contractor. We do our best to incorporate them, so keep them coming!

Version 2026.2 includes the following popular suggestions from the Sage Ideas site. Later sections in these Release Notes describe changes that require more detailed explanation.

- In **1-5 Bank Reconciliation**, you can view account balances as of a cutoff date during bank reconciliation.

Thank you for your suggestions, Gregory N., Marloes V., and Danielle L.

- In **4-3-2 Pay Vendors**, you can print lien waivers automatically when paying vendors.

Thank you for your suggestions, Sharon S. and Jenn R.

- In **3-6 Receivable Clients**, you can create custom credit ratings and then assign them to clients.

Thank you for your suggestions, Wendy D. and Michelle L.

- In **5-2-1 Employees**, you can view employee vacation history.

Thank you for your suggestions, Veronica M. and Bill S.

- In the **5-1-5 Workers Comp Report**, you can filter the Workers' Compensation report by compensation code.

Thank you for this suggestion, Adriene H.

### Do you have a product idea you want to share with us?

We want to hear it!

### To suggest a product enhancement when you're working with Sage 100 Contractor:

1. On the Sage 100 Contractor desktop, click the **Home & Resources** tab > **Submit Product Idea**.
2. Log in to the Sage 100 Contractor Ideas site (or sign up).

3. Describe your idea.
4. (optional) Browse through others' suggestions, and vote for the ones you love!

Or visit <https://www5.v1ideas.com/TheSageGroupplc/Sage100Contractor> any time you're online!

## Enhancements in U.S. and Canada editions

Version 2026.2 includes the following new features in both the U.S. and Canada editions, including details of the changes mentioned in the "We've been listening" section.

### General Ledger

#### View account balances as of a cutoff date during bank reconciliation

In **1-5 Bank Reconciliation**, when you enter a cutoff date, Sage 100 Contractor displays a calculated balance for the account as of cutoff date alongside the **Current account balance**. This gives you a quick reference when reconciling statements that span periods.

**Note:** If the system cannot calculate the cutoff balance reliably, the cutoff balance is left blank and a message indicates it is unavailable. If prompted, you can choose to suppress future messages and hide the cutoff balance display.

### Accounts Payable

#### Print lien waivers automatically when paying vendors

In **4-3-2 Pay Vendors**, the payment workflow now includes a **Print Lien Waivers after payment** checkbox (selected by default). When you process payments, Sage 100 Contractor automatically opens the lien waiver print window after posting so you can print waivers for the paid invoices.

#### To print lien waivers during vendor payments

1. In **4-3-2 Pay Vendors**, select the invoices and vendors you want to pay.
2. Leave **Print Lien Waivers after payment** selected (or clear it to skip waivers for this run).
3. Post checks or ACH (EFT in Canada) as usual.

4. When the lien waiver window opens, print the waivers or close the window to skip printing.

**Note:** If you do not usually print waivers, you can override the default setting. Select the **Print lien waivers after payment** box, press the [F7] key on your keyboard, and then select the checkbox for this option. (You need to be logged into the company with administrator rights to change this setting.)

## Accounts Receivable

### Assign custom ratings to clients and control how they are used

In **3-6 Receivable Clients**, you can create custom client ratings and assign an action to each rating, so that the program will warn you or prevent you from creating jobs or work orders for clients that have poor ratings. This helps you avoid starting new work for clients that require review, prepay, or other special handling.

#### To set up custom client ratings:

1. Open **3-6 Receivable Clients**.
2. Tab to the new **Rating** field, and then click the **View/Add Records** button to open the **Client Ratings** window.
3. In the grid, for each client rating you want to add, enter the following information:
  - **Client Rating#.** Enter the code you want to use to define the rating.
  - **Rating Name.** Enter a descriptive name to help identify the rating when you want to apply it to a customer.
  - (Optional) **Custom message.** The program supplies a generic message for each type of action, but you can add a custom message if you want.
  - **Action.** Set the action for this rating to **1—Warn** or **2—Block**, depending on how you want the program to treat a client with this rating when you enter jobs or work orders for them. Leaving the action blank results in no action.
  - (optional) **Notes.** Enter any additional notes you want to add to this record.

After creating these ratings, you can assign a rating to each client record, as needed. Then, when you enter a new job or work order for a client, Sage 100 Contractor does the following:

- The program displays a warning message if the client has a 1—Warn rating. You can use your discretion to continue adding the job or work order after acknowledging the message
- The program displays a message and does not let you create a job or a work order if the client has a 2—Block rating. You would need to change the client rating to continue.

## Payroll

### View employee vacation history

In the **5-2-1 Employees** window, a new **Vacation History** window shows vacation time taken, including **Check date**, **Pay period start/Pay period end**, and **Vacation hours taken**. Entries are created when payroll is final computed, so the list reflects processed payroll runs. (Note that this history is for vacation hours taken, not dollars.)

This information continues to accumulate in an employee record as long as the employee has a record in the current company.

### To review vacation history:

1. In the **5-2-1 Employees** window, display the employee record and then click the **[Vacation History]** button.
2. Review entries by check date and pay period.
3. Drilldown is available for records in your current data. To review the original payroll details, double-click the line on the grid or select the line and then click the **[Drilldown]** button to open the related payroll record.

#### Notes:

- Vacation history shows time taken only (not accrued balances) based on processed payroll records.
- If a payroll record is archived, the vacation entry remains visible but drilldown details are not available.

## Reports

### Filter the Workers' Comp report by comp code

In the **5-1-5-21 Workers' Comp Report**, you can filter results for a single comp code or a range of comp codes before running the report. This makes it easier to focus on specific

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employee classifications.

**To filter the report by comp code:**

1. Open the **5-1-5-21 Workers' Comp Report**.
2. In the **Comp Code** field, select a comp code or enter a start and end comp code to define a range.
3. Run the report.

**Other enhancements in this version**

Sage 100 Contractor Version 2026.2 includes the following additional enhancements:

- In **3-7 Progress Billing** and **3-9 Unit Pricing**, when you override calculated retention/holdback amounts, we added clearer warnings that explain the potential impacts on totals and printed reports and forms—and how to remove the override if you need to.
- We added support for *Microsoft SQL Server 2025 Enterprise Developers Edition*.

## Fixes in Version 2026.2

### Fixes in Both Editions

Version 2026.2 includes the following software fixes in both the U.S. and Canadian editions:

#### Accounts Payable

- When you select invoices to pay and you use the option to warn you when vendors have overdue certificates, vendors marked as **Stop Pay** are now filtered out and shown in a separate list. This helps prevent paying a vendor when their certificate is set to Stop Pay.

#### Accounts Receivable

- In the **3-7 Progress Billing** and **3-9 Unitary Billing** windows, when you change the total retention amount and then choose **No** when asked to confirm, the program now restores the original value instead of clearing all retention fields.
- Time & Materials (T&M) billing now allows job-specific Equipment Rate tables to override default billing rates established in the equipment record.

#### General Ledger

- In **Bank Feeds**, the **Add to Sage** process now prevents you from using dedicated control accounts (such as Accounts Receivable or Accounts Payable) as the offset account. This helps avoid posting errors and audit issues.

#### Reporting

- Printing windows that include Document Distribution now handle custom reports and forms correctly, preventing a “Value cannot be null” error during printing.
- The **13-9 Report File Manager** window no longer displays reports with the hyphenated naming pattern (xx-xx-xx-xx). If you add hyphens to a report name, the report will no longer be available in the associated printing menu, and it will need to be printed from the **13-4 Report Printing** window instead.

#### Scheduling

- In the **10-3 Schedules** window, the **Predecessors** option is now available in Grid view, so you can open the predecessors list from the Options menu without switching views.

## Fixes for the Canada Edition

The following issues were fixed for the Canada edition:

### Accounts Payable

- **2-11 GST/HST Filing Reports** now include sales tax paid from posted recurring credit card transactions, so the reports correctly reflect input tax credits.

### Payroll

- Payroll reversals for Vacation Payouts now post correctly in summary, so the vacation liability account reversal matches the original posting.

## Fixes for the U.S. Edition

The following issues were fixed for the U.S. Edition of Sage 100 Contractor:

### Payroll

- The Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave (WA PFML) Aatrix form now includes Washington Cares wages after updating the available tax type mapping. To map your Sage calculations to their corresponding Aatrix tax types, open the **5-4-2 State Forms** window, select **Options**, and then select **Payroll Calculation Assignments**.
- State Tax Reports no longer show an “index out of range” error when you select certain reports (such as 61, 63, or 66) after resizing the report window.

## Notes for 3rd-party developers

### API enhancements

#### Add GL subaccounts via LedgerAccountModRq (US & Canada) (CON100-69078)

Version 2026.2 adds MBXML API support for creating GL subaccounts by introducing **LedgerAccountModRq** with a new add object, **LedgerSubaccountAdd**.

This change is to support adding subaccounts for posting payroll GL transactions.

**LedgerSubaccountAdd** exposes only the following elements:

- ObjectRef
- SubaccountName
- LongName
- Memo

#### Behavior and constraints

Subaccount creation is allowed only for a controlling GL account configured for subaccounts.

#### Partner impact / required updates

If your integration creates or manages account structures, use **LedgerAccountModRq** + **LedgerSubaccountAdd** when adding subaccounts.

# Known issues and comments

The following sections describe known issues and problems in Sage 100 Contractor Version 2026.2.

## General comments

### Bank Feeds is not available for the Chase Bank

Sage is aware that Bank Feeds does not work for some Chase Bank customers. We are exploring solutions for this issue.

### Minor audit issues in Canadian Sample Company data

You may notice small errors in the Payroll Audit Report for the Canadian sample data.

This is an issue in the sample data, only, and should not occur when printing the audit report for your company.

## Compliance and Payroll Checks

**Important!** The sample check forms that come with Sage 100 Contractor may not be fully compliant with all federal, state, and local laws, and other requirements that can differ from one jurisdiction to another. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with all applicable laws and requirements, and to modify check forms as needed to ensure compliance. For information about customizing check forms, see 13-5 Form/Report Page Design in the Sage 100 Contractor help, or contact your Sage business partner for assistance.

## Internet access required for Sage 100 Contractor

Sage 100 Contractor features, such as printing or efile tax forms, submitting enhancement requests, accessing Help, or downloading periodic product or tax updates all require Internet access.

To take advantage of these features, ensure that any workstation or server that Sage 100 Contractor is installed on has access to the Internet.

During installation of Sage 100 Contractor, the computer serving as the Sage license server must be able to connect to the Internet to obtain licenses. Once installation is complete, you can check out license uses for each computer where Sage 100 Contractor is installed, then disconnect the Sage license server from the Internet.

## Configuring anti-virus software and third-party firewalls

During installation of the Sage 100 Contractor Hosting Framework, the Windows Firewall is configured automatically to enable the Sage 100 Contractor Hosting Framework to act as a TCP server. If you use some other firewall, you may need to manually adjust some settings in the firewall in order to ensure proper operation.

You can use the following procedure to configure the Windows Firewall manually to allow the Sage 100 Contractor Hosting Framework to communicate with other computers. Use it as the basis for manually configuring other third-party firewall products.

### To configure the Windows Firewall:

1. Click **Start > All apps > Control Panel > System and Security**.
2. Open **Windows Firewall**, and then select **Allow a program or feature through Windows Firewall**.
3. Select Sage 100 Contractor **Hosting Framework** on the list, if it is not selected.

**Note:** By default, the exception is set to allow access by any computer on the network. You can refine this setting by selecting the **Change Scope** button. Be aware that restricting the scope incorrectly can cause the computer to be unable to connect with some or all of the other machines on the network.

### Files to exclude when manually configuring your firewall for Windows 10 Professional 32-bit

- C:\ProgramData\Sage\Sage 100 Contractor SQL
- C:\Program Files\Sage\Sage 100 Contractor SQL
- C:\ProgramData\Aatrix Software
- C:\Program Files\Aatrix Software

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- C:\%LocalAppData%\Sage\Sage 100 Contractor SQL
- Network location of Sage 100 Contractor SQLdata. (If you install SQL Server Express using Database Administration, this location is C:\Sage100Con\Company\.)

### Files to exclude when manually configuring your firewall for Windows 10 Professional 64-bit

- C:\ProgramData\Sage\Sage 100 Contractor SQL
- C:\Program Files (x86)\Sage\Sage 100 Contractor SQL
- C:\Program Files (x86)\Aatrix Software
- C:\ProgramData\Aatrix Software
- C:\%LocalAppData%\Sage\Sage 100 Contractor SQL
- Network location of Sage 100 Contractor data. (If you install SQL Server Express using Database Administration, this location is C:\Sage100Con\Company\.)

## Software and hardware required to support Microsoft SQL Server

Version 2026.2 requires an instance of Microsoft SQL Server. You can download and use Microsoft SQL Express at no charge, or you can use the full version of Microsoft SQL Server. You can even start using Microsoft SQL Express, and upgrade to the full version of Microsoft SQL Server later, if necessary.

When you first open the new Database Administration tool, the program tries to configure an instance of Microsoft SQL Server with optimal settings for Sage 100 Contractor for you. If you do not already have an instance of Microsoft SQL Server, you can let the Database Administration tool download, install, and configure Microsoft SQL Express for you.

Refer to Knowledgebase article 260310202024637 for detailed information about supported operating systems and software, and for minimum hardware requirements.

## Installation of Microsoft SQL Server on a domain controller is not recommended

Microsoft recommends against installing SQL Server on a domain controller, and does not support SQL Server on a read-only domain controller should you encounter any problems with this configuration.

Because you must install Database Administration on the same machine as SQL Server, you should not install Database Administration on a domain controller. To guard against inadvertent installation on a domain controller and the potential for irrecoverable data losses, you will receive a warning if you attempt to install Database Administration on a machine used as a domain controller .

For more information, see the Microsoft Knowledgebase article <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2032911>.

## About .NET Framework

### **.NET 4.8 Framework is required**

If Microsoft .NET 4.8 Framework is not already installed, it will be installed automatically when you install Sage 100 Contractor. Installation of .NET 4.8 Framework alone may take up to 20 minutes per computer.

Make sure that both your client and server computers meet the minimum requirements for installing both Sage 100 Contractor software and .NET 4.8 Framework.

**Note:** If Sage 100 Contractor requires an installation of .NET 4.8 Framework, the Sage 100 Contractor installation process may continue automatically after the .NET Framework installation is completed. If you are prompted to restart your computer after the .NET Framework installation, you must do so to continue the Sage 100 Contractor installation.

### **.NET 3.5 is also required**

In some situations, you may need to turn on .NET 3.5 manually by selecting the .NET 3.5 checkbox in the Windows Features dialog box. For more information, see Knowledgebase article ID 68381, available at

<https://support.na.sage.com/selfservice/viewdocument.do?externalId=68381>.

### **Turning on Microsoft .NET 3.5**

Microsoft .NET 3.5 must be available and enabled prior to installing Sage 100 Contractor.

If you attempt to install Sage 100 Contractor without .NET 3.5 installed, you receive the following message during the licensing install:

“Sage.CRE.HostingFramework.Service v3.2 has stopped working.”

When you click **[OK]**, the installation continues, but the services have not been installed so Sage 100 Contractor cannot open. The Sage.CRE.HostingFramework Service does not install unless .NET 3.5 is installed. If you receive the above message during installation, install .NET Framework 3.5., and then reinstall Sage 100 Contractor.

The following instructions are for Windows Server 2008 R2.

#### To verify that .NET 3.5 is installed:

1. Click the **Start** button in the lower left corner of the display.
2. Highlight **Administrative Tools** and select **Server Manager**.
3. In the **Server Manager** interface, click **Features** to display all the installed Features in the right-hand pane. Verify that .NET Framework 3.5.1 is listed.

#### To enable .NET 3.5:

1. In the **Server Manager** interface, select **Add Features** to display a list of possible features.
2. In the **Select Features** interface, expand **.NET Framework 3.5.1 Features**.
3. Once you expand **.NET Framework 3.5.1 Features**, you will see two checkboxes. Check the box next to .NET Framework 3.5.1 and click **Next**.
4. In the **Confirm Installation Selections** interface, review the selections and then click **[Install]**.
5. Allow the installation process to complete and then click **[Close]**.

**Note:** Enabling .NET Framework 3.5.1 may require a reboot.

## About network configuration and TCP Remoting Channel

Sage 100 Contractor uses the TCP Remoting Channel, a Microsoft .NET Framework component, to enable communication among computers on a network. By default, Sage 100

Contractor uses the TCP starting port 48760. Certain configurations can potentially disable the communication:

- You must enable file sharing on your computers. To enable file sharing, follow the instructions in the Windows Help.
- TCP communication requires the selection of port numbers that are not in use by other processes on the local computer.
- Software firewalls running on the local computer can be configured to block processes from opening TCP ports, which will prevent communication through the TCP Remoting Channel.

## PCI DSS Compliance

PCI DSS stands for Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard. It was developed by the major credit card companies as a guideline to help organizations that process card payments to prevent credit card fraud, cracking, and other security weaknesses and threats.

A company processing, storing, or transmitting payment card data must be PCI-compliant or risk losing its ability to process credit card payments and being audited and/or fined. (For more information about PCI standards, see [https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/.](https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/))

Sage 100 Contractor payment processing works exclusively with Paya to enable merchants to seamlessly process check and credit card transactions directly in Sage 100 Contractor. The payment processing program uses Paya Exchange, a secure payment-processing application, to connect to Paya and process check and credit card transactions.

Integrating your financial and operations system with Paya lets you process check and credit card transactions without storing your customers' sensitive card information in your database. Paya Exchange transmits check and credit card details through a secure connection to Paya, where they are stored in a PCI-compliant vault, protecting your from exposure to non-compliance penalties and credit card fraud.

**Caution!** To avoid non-compliance with PCI standards, do not store credit card information in Sage 100 Contractor. Such storage creates unnecessary risk for your business and your customers.

## Tax Forms and eFiling by Aatrix configuration requirements

Tax Forms and eFiling by Aatrix requires an Internet connection for two reasons:

- For updating forms and executable files.
- For electronic filing (eFiling) of the forms.

If you experience an Internet connection problem, it may be due to problems communicating through an Internet firewall. Firewalls need to have access allowed through specific ports:

- The Tax Forms and eFiling Updater uses standard SSL/HTTP port 80 to access the site <http://updates.aatrix.com>.
- The eFiling component uses secure HTTPS on port 443 to access the site <https://efile.aatrix.com>.

By allowing access to aatrix.com, you allow both updates and eFiling. Occasionally, restrictions are tighter and only allow access to these ports by specific programs. Tax Forms and eFiling uses the following programs to access the Internet.

For updating using http on port 80 to <http://updates.aatrix.com>:

- aatrixforms.exe
- updater.exe
- updater2.exe

For eFiling using secure http on port 443 to <https://efile.aatrix.com>:

- builder.exe
- viewer.exe

## Use Adobe Reader Version 8.1.3 or later for faxing

Customers have reported problems faxing from Sage 100 Contractor with versions of Adobe Reader earlier than 8.1.3. Adobe Reader Version 8.1.3 and later support faxing from Windows and from Sage 100 Contractor.

**Important!** To fax from Sage 100 Contractor, the Windows Fax Service component must be installed with your Windows operating system. For more information about

installing the Windows Fax Service component, see the Sage 100 Contractor Help topic, "Installing the Windows Fax Service component."

## Configuring Windows regional and short date format

To specify regional formats for Windows:

1. In **Control Panel**, click **Clock, Language, and Region**.
2. Click **Region and Language**.
3. On the **Formats** tab, select the format for your country.
4. Under **Date and time formats**, from the Short date format drop-down list, select the format used for your country.
5. Click **[OK]**.
6. Close the **Clock, Language, and Region** window.

## Windows "Sleep Mode" prevents computers from obtaining a license use

If the computer you are using as a license server goes into sleep mode, other computers on the network cannot obtain a license.

To avoid this possibility, set **Sleep Mode** on your license server computer to **Never**.

To set the **Sleep Mode** to "Never":

1. Go to **Control Panel > System and Security > Power Options**.
2. Select **Change when computer sleeps**.
3. From the **Put computer to sleep** list, select **Never**.