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PAYROLL UPGRADE 2007 ~ PEGASUS PRODUCTS

Once again, there will be two phases to this upgrade. Phase one will cover the legislative changes required for you to complete the 2006/2007 tax year, including P14/P60 and End of Year returns on disk and via the Online Filing Manager to the Government Gateway. Phase two will handle the Budget changes, due to be implemented in May 2007.

We will commence phase one changes in February 2007.

The product release version numbers are as follows:

- Opera for Windows (3.50.00)
- Opera II (4.20.00) and (5.10.00)
- Capital Gold Payroll (3.70.00)
- Online Filing Manager (2.50.00)

We would remind customers still using Opera DOS, that Pegasus will be withdrawing support and maintenance for that product with effect from 31 December 2006. Accordingly, no updates, fixes, or enhancements will be issued after that date. This also means that those customers who have a Mixed Opera licence will only receive the Opera for Windows Payroll Upgrade.

PAYROLL UPGRADE 2007 ~ LEGISLATIVE CHANGES (PEGASUS)

The key legislative changes to complete the current tax year and process payroll from April 2007 are as follows:

- **Internet Services For PAYE:** Various changes including the removal of Tax Credit fields, and field size increases.
- **Magnetic media (Floppy disk EOY returns):** Format and content changes.
- **P14/P60 format changes:** Changes relating to the revised layout and design of this form.
- **Statutory Payment Processing:** Changes relating to the introduction of the Work & Families Bill.
 - Extended Maternity Pay Period (MPP) from 26 to 39 weeks.
 - Enabling the MPP to start on any day of the week.
 - Enabling a daily rate (or split-week payment) of Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) and Statutory Paternity Pay (SPP) to be calculated and paid.
 - Enabling up to 10 Keeping-In-Touch (KIT) days to be worked during her MPP without loss of any SMP.
- **Council Tax Attachment of Earnings Order (CTAEO) rate changes:** From 1 April 2007 there will be an uplift in the weekly and monthly earnings limits used in the calculation of CTAEOs. These will only be applied to new CTAEOs made on or after this date. The deduction percentage will remain the same.

PAYROLL UPGRADE 2007 ~ ENHANCEMENTS (PEGASUS)

The following enhancements will be included in the payroll release:

- Previous Pay Amended (Opera 5.10.00). Facility to apply previous pay and tax information to the Details of previous Employment.
- Employment status of Student (Capital Gold). New option in Employment Status field.
- Payroll Run (Capital Gold). When a Student is over the annual earnings limit at the start of a payroll run, their tax code will be amended to OT Week 1 for the current run.
- History Table (Capital Gold). Advanced pay periods will be displayed in their own specific colour on the table.

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PAYE & NIC ON TIPS AND SERVICE CHARGES : NEW GUIDANCE

HMRC have issued new guidance on the treatment on tips, gratuities and service charges. This information relates to income tax, National Insurance contributions, minimum wage calculations, and VAT. All employers in the service and hospitality industry should ensure they have this E24 (2006) guide.

For more details click ([here](#)).

NEW MATERNITY RULES COME INTO FORCE

New maternity rules came into effect in October for babies due on or after 1 April 2007. The guidance covers the legislation relating to Working during pregnancy, maternity leave, maternity pay, and return to work.

The rules that have changed are:

- All employed women are entitled to additional maternity leave;
- The payment period for statutory maternity pay and maternity allowance has been extended to 39 weeks;
- The notice a woman must give if she is changing her date of return from maternity leave has been increased from 28 days to 8 weeks;
- Optional keeping in touch (KIT) days have been introduced enabling a woman to work for up to 10 days during her maternity leave period;
- That all women have a right to return to work after maternity leave regardless of the size of the employer.

For more details click ([here](#)).

CAPITAL GOLD ~ SUPPORT POLICY

Microsoft ended public and technical support for Windows 98, Windows 98 Second Edition (SE) and Windows Me operating systems in July 2006 because they were outdated and could expose customers to security risks.

Microsoft has also retired Windows NT 4.0 and ceased support of this product in 2004. More current operating systems offer improved security and richer functionality.

In light of this announcement, Pegasus has also taken the decision to cease support of Capital Gold Payroll and Capital Gold Accounts on these platforms.

Accordingly, those customers who are still running Windows 98, SE, Windows ME or NT 4.0 should upgrade to a newer, more secure Microsoft operating system.

For assistance with this upgrade, or to answer any general queries, please contact Sales Department on 01206 711 451.

ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR STATUTORY PAYMENTS

If you need to recover payment of a Statutory Payment quickly, did you know that you can apply to your HMRC Accounts Office for funding?

You can do this where, for example, the amount of money you need to pay out exceeds the amount you will have available for the same tax month or quarter.

In these circumstances you can ask the HMRC Accounts Office to pay you the amount you would be entitled to recover, but you can only ask them to repay claims that fall in the current tax year. You need to make a separate request for any weeks that fall in the new tax year at the new rate.

For more details click ([here](#))

STOP IT!

We hope that you find our e-mailed information sheets of direct help to you and your business. However, if you wish to remove your name from the mailing list or make changes regarding recipients, please contact John Stannard, Support Department.

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