

**Release Notes** 

2024 Knowledge-Based Audits<sup>™</sup> of Real Estate Entities January 2025

# CCH Axcess<sup>™</sup> Knowledge Coach and CCH<sup>®</sup> ProSystem *fx*<sup>®</sup> Knowledge Coach

## Welcome to 2024 Knowledge-Based Audits™ of Real Estate Entities for Knowledge Coach

This bulletin provides important information about the 2024 release of Knowledge-Based Audits<sup>™</sup> of Real Estate Entities. Please review this bulletin carefully. If you have any questions, additional information is available on CCH <u>Support Online</u>.

## Information about the Title

This title is designed to help the auditor efficiently and effectively perform financial statement audits and, when applicable, audits of internal control over financial reporting, of nonpublic real estate entities in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAS) and, when applicable, generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS). Knowledge-Based Audit<sup>™</sup> Methodology is a risk-based methodology that emphasizes using knowledge of the entity to make risk assessments in connection with a financial statement audit. This allows the auditor to more appropriately focus audit efforts on those areas which in the auditor's judgment are the most significant and pose the greatest risk of material misstatement to the financial statements.

Conducting audits of nonpublic real estate entities requires the exercise of the auditor's professional judgment. Additionally, the operations of nonpublic real estate entities are often unique and complex and may require specialized accounting and auditing knowledge. This edition includes specific up-to-date guidance for auditing nonpublic real estate entities.

This document is published for the purpose of communicating the updates and enhancements included in the current version to users of the toolset. This document is not, and should not be used as, an audit program to update the audit documentation of an engagement started in a previous version of this product.

The 2024 title includes CCH<sup>®</sup> AnswerConnect<sup>®</sup> material links to specific guidance, providing instant access to detailed analysis related to the steps and processes discussed in the workpapers.

## **New in this Release**

#### 2024 Edition of Knowledge-Based Audits of Real Estate Entities

This edition features numerous enhancements, including:

- New KBA-902A and KBA-905A for early implementation of SAS-146
- Updating the "Relevant Assertion" table in KBA-400 to "Risk of Material Misstatement at the Assertion Level"
- Updating wording of "Link to Risk" in the AUD-800 series from "remaining" to "RMM" to better align with SAS-145
- Wording changes in procedures due to SAS-146
- Enhancing instructions and procedures throughout the toolset to improve workflow based on SAS-146

## CCH<sup>®</sup> ProSystem *fx*<sup>®</sup> Engagement 2023 Compatibility

This title can be installed on Engagement v2023 by first installing the Engagement v2023.2.2 Update. The latest update can be downloaded via CCH Software Delivery Manager. This update allows you to use the 2024 content without installing Engagement v2024 until your firm plans to update.

## **CCH Axcess Knowledge Coach Instructions and Information**

No installation is necessary. Once released, the title will be available for use after login. See the help topic <u>Updating Industry Content to the</u> <u>Latest Version</u> for instructions about applying the updated title.

## CCH ProSystem fx Knowledge Coach Instructions and Information

#### **Updating Your Title**

If you are updating from a previous version of this title, review **Help > Knowledge Coach Help Topics**, then select "Updating to the Latest Version of a Workpaper" from the Table of Contents.

#### **Best Practices**

- Save changes to workpapers before closing the workpaper or the binder to ensure data is correctly updated.
- If Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Word crashes when using Knowledge Coach, before closing the binder, use the Save Knowledge Coach Answers option in the binder view under the Tools menu. This saves all data within tables.
- You can view other Knowledge Coach best practices on our Website.

#### **License Requirements**

This title requires the Knowledge-Based Audits of Real Estate Entities license. Users who do not have a license for this title cannot use Knowledge Coach functionality in workpapers.

- For information on updating your licensing, see <u>How do I add or update CCH ProSystem fx Engagement Licenses?</u> on our Support Website.
- For more information on assigning licenses, see How do I assign Engagement licenses? on our Support Website.

#### **Download and Installation Instructions**

See <u>How do I add a new CCH ProSystem fx Knowledge Coach title to CCH ProSystem fx Engagement?</u> for instructions on installing a new Knowledge Coach title.

#### Notes:

- You must install the 2024 Financial Statement Base title before installing this title.
- This title can be installed on Engagement v2023 by installing the v2023.2.2 or later update available on Software Delivery Manager.
- On some occasions the content package file (.KCP) will download with the extension changed to .ZIP. If this occurs, change the
  extension of the downloaded file to KCP, using all capital letters.

We also have a utility to help you install and release your titles. See <u>How do I use the CCH ProSystem fx Knowledge Coach Title Install</u> <u>Utility?</u> for more information.