

Microsoft  
**Windows 2000**

## ***PCI Compliance ends for Windows 2000***

**Are you using Windows 2000 Server or Professional?**

**PCI Compliance ends when Microsoft support ends!**

***Windows Server 2000 & Windows 2000 Professional are scheduled for end of life on 7/13/2010 by Microsoft. When support for these products ends, Microsoft will stop providing any Security updates.***

***PCI-DSS Compliance*** requires all elements of a POS payment application environment must be supported by their vendors with security updates. ***This includes the operating system!***

***Security Updates*** from Microsoft will end when an Operating System's support ends. If any element of the POS payment environment, including the Operating System, is no longer supported by a vendor with security updates, then the PCI-SSC will consider any merchant using these unsupported elements out of compliance with the PCI-DSS.

***Consider Upgrading*** if you are using any operating system for your POS payment system that is either no longer supported, or support is about to be stopped.

***Will I be forced to Upgrade?*** It is doubtful a merchant will be forced to upgrade by their acquirer unless they are changing banks, drivers or applications. ***However, any merchant who is compromised*** and found not to be in compliance with the PCI-DSS could be subject to significant fines and penalties, etc. To avoid this risk, merchants using unsupported Operating Systems should upgrade.

***Customers using MICROS 3700 Version 3.2.x and below will be affected by the end of life of Windows 2000 Professional on 7/13/2010 and should strongly consider upgrading to a Microsoft supported Operating System.***

Please let us know if you have any questions. For full details on the Microsoft Windows 2000 Lifecycle, please visit the Microsoft website link below:

<http://support.microsoft.com/lifecycle/search/default.aspx?sort=PN&alpha=windows+2000&Filter=FilterNO>