

Client Checkbook End User License Agreement

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- 2.1. **Termination.** CCH SFS may terminate this Agreement and the license granted hereunder upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. End User may terminate this Agreement in accord with CCH SFS's Refund Policy found here: [Customer Support Site Legal \(atxinc.com\)](http://CustomerSupportSiteLegal.atxinc.com). CCH SFS, in its sole discretion, may terminate this Agreement, and the license provided hereunder, immediately, without notice if End User breaches any terms or conditions of this Agreement. Termination of this Agreement will not affect any remedies available to CCH SFS by law or equity.
- 2.2. **Post-termination.** Upon termination End User will cease all further use of the Software and at CCH SFS's direction, either return to CCH SFS, or confirm to CCH SFS as destroyed, all copies of the Software. Upon request of CCH SFS, End User will certify in writing to CCH SFS that it has destroyed or returned all copies of the Software and that End User is no longer using the Software.
- 2.3. **Survival.** The following sections will survive termination of this Agreement: subsections 1.3, 1.5, 1.6, and Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

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 - 3.1.1. Use of the Software does not relieve End User of responsibility for the preparation, content, accuracy (including computational accuracy), and review of work product generated by End User while using the Software;
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 - 3.1.5. End User is fully and solely responsible for: (a) selection of the Software to satisfy End User's business needs and achieve End User's intended results; (b) use of the Software; (c) all results obtained from, or in connection with, the Software; (d) selecting, obtaining and maintaining all hardware, software, Internet service, and other equipment and utilities needed for access to and use of the Software, and for all costs associated therewith; and (e) selection, use of, and results obtained from any other programs, computer equipment or services used with the Software.
- 3.2. **Representations.** End User represents, warrants and covenants that:
 - 3.2.1. End User has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, and that this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of End User;
 - 3.2.2. End User is licensing the Software solely for End User's own use;
 - 3.2.3. End User will not use the Software to create a product or service that competes with CCH SFS or the Software;
 - 3.2.4. End User is responsible for complying with all rules, regulations and procedures of local, state, federal and foreign authorities applicable to End User and its business, including, without limitation, all rules, regulations and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service;
 - 3.2.5. End User has sole responsibility for the accuracy, quality, integrity, reliability and appropriateness of all data, information, records or files that are uploaded and/or stored on CCH SFS's networks or servers by, or on behalf of, End User; and
 - 3.2.6. End User will not otherwise violate the rights of any third party while using the Software.
- 3.3. **Indemnification.** End User agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CCH SFS, its employees, officers, directors and affiliates against any and all liability (including damages, recoveries, deficiencies, interest, penalties and reasonable attorney's fees) to third parties (including, but not limited to, clients/customers of End User, IRS and the United States government and state

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- 4.3. **Third Party Products.** The Software may contain code, content, features, functionality and components that are provided by third-parties. In addition, other products or services used in connection with the Software may be offered through CCH SFS but will be provided by third-parties. Any such third-party products or services shall be provided "AS IS" without warranty of any kind by CCH SFS. All rights and obligations with respect to any such third-party products or services shall be governed exclusively by the terms and conditions of agreements provided by suppliers of said third-party products and services and End User hereby releases CCH SFS from all liability and responsibility with respect thereto.

5. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 5.1. **Jurisdiction.** End User agrees that this Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced according to the laws of the State of New York, including its statutes of limitations, without regard to any conflicts of law rules that would require another jurisdiction's law to apply, and shall be treated as if executed and performed in New York, New York. All disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be instituted and prosecuted exclusively in a state or federal court located in the courts located in the State of New York, New York County, and/or the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, with End User specifically consenting to extraterritorial service of process for that purpose.
- 5.2. **Waiver of Jury Trial.** EACH PARTY, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION OR LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, ANY ORDER FORM OR THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF OR THEREOF.
- 5.3. **Remedies.** End User acknowledges that the Software and other proprietary information of CCH SFS are unique and that, in the event of any breach of this Agreement by End User, CCH SFS may not have an adequate remedy at law, and will be entitled to seek enforcement of its rights hereunder by an action for damages and/or specific performance and/or injunctive or other equitable relief without the necessity of proving actual damages. Unless specifically stated otherwise elsewhere in this Agreement, the various rights, options, elections, powers and remedies of a party or parties to this Agreement will be construed as cumulative and no one of them exclusive of any others or of any other legal or equitable remedy, which said party or parties might otherwise have in the event of breach or default in the terms hereof.

- 5.4. **Notices.** All notices, demands, consents or requests given by a party hereto will be in writing and sent by delivery via a third party, nationally recognized overnight express mail service, addressed to either End User's billing address or CCH SFS, Attn: Legal Department, 28 Liberty Street, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10006, with a copy to 225 Chastain Meadows Ct. NW, Suite 200, Kennesaw, GA 30144.
- 5.5. **Enforcement.** End User will pay all of CCH SFS' attorneys' fees and costs and expenses incurred in the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 5.6. **Waiver.** CCH SFS's failure or delay to require compliance with the conditions of this Agreement, or to exercise any right provided herein, will not be deemed a waiver by CCH SFS of such condition or right. No failure or delay in exercising any right or remedy or requiring the satisfaction of any condition under this Agreement, and no course of dealing between the parties, will operate as a waiver or legally bar CCH SFS from enforcing any right, remedy or condition. A waiver made in writing on one occasion is effective only in that instance and only for the purpose that it is given and is not to be construed as a waiver on any future occasion.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- 6.1. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire and exclusive agreement, understanding and representation, express or implied, between End User and CCH SFS with respect to the Software to be furnished hereunder; it is the final expression of that agreement and understanding, and it supersedes all prior agreements and communications between the parties (including all oral and written proposals). Oral statements made about the Software will not constitute warranties, will not be relied on by End User, and will not be binding or enforceable. No supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement will be binding.
- 6.2. **Changes.** Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, CCH SFS may modify this Agreement at any time by providing notice to End User by posting the updated Agreement at <https://taxna.wolterskluwer.com/legal>, providing notice to, sending End User a renewal notice communication, or using other similar means. Customer is responsible for reviewing and becoming familiar with any such modifications. Modified terms become effective immediately upon such posting.
- 6.3. **Export Restrictions.** End User agrees to handle the Software in compliance with all applicable export controls and economic sanctions laws, including without limitation by not exporting or transferring the Software to, using the Software for the benefit of, or making the Software available for use by any person, entity or organization located in any jurisdiction that is subject to comprehensive US, CA, EU, UN or UK economic sanctions; or with whom US, CA, EU or UK persons are otherwise prohibited from engaging in such transaction. CCH SFS shall have no obligation to make the Software available to any user or in any jurisdiction if doing so, in its reasonable discretion, would violate applicable law.
- 6.4. **No Third Party Beneficiary.** No third party is intended to be or shall be a third party beneficiary of any provision under this Agreement. CCH SFS and End User shall be the only parties entitled to enforce the rights set out in this Agreement.
- 6.5. **Assignment.** Neither this Agreement, the License granted hereunder, nor the Software may be sublicensed, assigned, sold, hypothecated, or transferred by End User without the prior written consent of CCH SFS. Any attempt to sublicense, assign or transfer any of the rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of CCH SFS will automatically terminate the rights granted hereunder and will be void and of no effect. End User agrees that CCH SFS's retention of these contractual and other legal rights is an essential part of this Agreement.
- 6.6. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, such provision shall be, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, construed or limited, and/or deemed replaced by a revised provision, to the extent (and only to the extent) necessary to render it valid, legal and enforceable and, as nearly as possible, to reflect and achieve the parties' intentions in agreeing to the original provision. If it is not possible to so construe, limit or reform any such provision, then the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision shall be severed from this Agreement. In any event, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall be unaffected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.
- 6.7. **No Construction Against Drafter.** Each of the parties hereto acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to be represented by independent counsel of its choice prior to entering into this Agreement. As a consequence, the parties agree that in construing this Agreement, no provision hereof shall be construed in favor of one party on the ground that such provision was drafted by the other.
- 6.8. **Force Majeure.** Neither party hereto shall be held liable for the failure to perform any obligation, or for the delay in performing any obligation, arising out of or connected with this Agreement if such failure or delay results from or is contributed to by any cause beyond the reasonable control of such party including failures or delays caused by the act or omission of any governmental authority, fire, flood, failures of third party suppliers, acts or omissions of carriers, transmitters, providers of telecommunications or Internet services, vandals, hackers or other event beyond such party's reasonable control.

- 6.9. **Feedback.** End User agrees that CCH SFS may use End User's feedback, suggestions, or ideas in any way, including, without limitation, in future modifications of the Software, other products or services, advertising or marketing materials. End User grants CCH SFS a perpetual, worldwide, fully transferable, sublicensable, non-revocable, fully paid-up, royalty free license to use the feedback that End User (including any authorized user, client or other person or entity acting through or on behalf of End User) provides to CCH SFS in any way.
- 6.10. **No Professional Advice.** CCH SFS is not in the business of providing accounting, tax, financial or other professional services or advice. Consult the services of a competent professional when assistance of this nature is needed.
- 6.11. **Modification/Replacement of Software.** CCH SFS reserves the right, in its sole discretion and without first consulting with End User, to discontinue or modify the Software for any reason. However, if the Software is discontinued during the term of a License granted hereunder, then CCH SFS will, in its discretion, either: (a) continue to provide Support for the discontinued Software for the remainder of the then current License term; (b) provide a pro-rata refund of the license fees paid for the discontinued Software; or (c) replace the discontinued Software for the duration of the License term with a successor product having equal or greater functionality (with CCH SFS reserving the right to charge extra fees for any such greater functionality). If End User purchases Software that is discontinued prior to its shipment to End User, CCH SFS will provide End User a refund of the fees paid toward such Software.
- 6.12. **Non-disparagement.** End User agrees that it will not at any time speak or act in any manner that may have the effect of reflecting adversely upon the reputation, business or goodwill, or which is intended to harm such reputation, business or goodwill, of CCH SFS, and End User will not engage in any other disparaging conduct or communications with respect to CCH SFS. Such conduct as described in this section will be deemed a material breach of the Agreement. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this section, nothing herein shall restrict End User's right to make any disclosure or statement that is required or otherwise protected by applicable law.

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