

# MICROS

## Credit Card Security Advisory

Effective July 1, 2010, Microsoft will discontinue their support of the Windows 2000 operating system. The Payment Card Industry Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS) requires all components of the payment processing system to be supported by the vendors with security updates. Therefore, effective July 1, 2010, any payment processing products operating only on the Windows 2000 operating system will become non-compliant with the terms of the PA-DSS.

Merchants who are processing, storing or transmitting cardholder data as part of authorization or settlement are required to comply with the terms of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS). The PCI-DSS requires Merchants to use only PA-DSS compliant payment processing applications. Therefore, any Merchants using a payment processing application that is not PA-DSS Compliant are also not PCI-DSS compliant. Any Merchants who are compromised and found not to be PCI-DSS compliant at the time could be subject to significant fines and penalties by the Cardholder Industry. For more information on the PA-DSS, please refer to the following link on the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI-DSS) web site:

[https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security\\_standards/pa\\_dss.shtml](https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security_standards/pa_dss.shtml)

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Common CENTS Solutions strongly recommends that any Merchant using any MICROS RES versions running on a Windows 2000 operating system upgrade to a more contemporary PA-DSS validated version of the RES application before July 1, 2010. If you have questions or need to schedule an upgrade contact Ashley Rice (Account Relationship Manager) at [arice@ccents.com](mailto:arice@ccents.com) or 888-932-3687.