

Windows Handheld Support Termination

What it Means and What You can Do

On January 14th, 2020, Microsoft will end support for legacy embedded CE/Windows Mobile Operating Systems.

This includes 99% of the 15 million Windows mobile devices used by businesses around the world. If your company is one of them, it's time to start moving towards a supported solution.







What does "end of support" entail?

Microsoft's extended support phase will end. This means that, along with the termination of paid and complimentary technical support, Microsoft will no longer provide essential compatibility and security updates.

OPERATING SYSTEM MIGRATION IS ESSENTIAL

In order to ensure secure, functional operation of work applications and processes, businesses will need to migrate to a modern operating system. Fortunately, this transition comes at a time when advances in computer technologies can add productivity and utility to mobile business computing.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE

-  **Compare Alternative OS Solutions:** You'll need to evaluate which modern system is right for your business, and how to move your current applications and programs to your new OS.
-  **Evaluate Hardware:** Not all hardware is compatible with modern operating systems. To discover whether your devices are compatible, or to learn about cost-effective replacement strategies, [contact The SMS Group](#).
-  **Update Software:** Many existing business applications will not be compatible with a different operating system. This means systems must be recreated or rewritten for compatibility. A third option, virtualization, may provide a faster, less expensive option. [Contact The SMS Group](#) to learn more about virtualization.
-  **Time Your Spend:** No matter which solution you choose, moving to a secure, supported OS will require some financial outlay. Plan ahead to ensure you have flexibility to pick the most strategic time for your migration investment.