

# 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.