

For: FSA Offices

**Releasing Debt and Loan Restructuring
System (DALR\$) 2000 Version 3.3**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Debt and Loan Restructuring System (DALR\$) 2000 version 3.3:

- was released to FSA Field Offices
- implements changes required by the USDA Common Computing Environment (CCE) Microsoft® (MS) Windows XP Upgrade Deployment initiative.

B Purpose

This notice:

- provides information about the installation and implementation of the DALR\$ 2000 version 3.3 software
- obsoletes Notice FLP-273
- eliminates the additional user intervention for implementation according to Notice FLP-257, subparagraph 2 B
- describes known system limitations and the appropriate corrective actions, if applicable.

Note: Some software limitations that existed in previous versions of DALR\$ have not been corrected in DALR\$ 2000 version 3.3. Limitations that have not been corrected will be addressed in future maintenance contracts.

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C Contact

If there are any questions about:

- installing or uninstalling software, hardware, MS Windows XP, or other CCE Operating System concerns, contact the State Computer Specialist

Note: If the State Computer Specialist is not available, contact the FSA National Help Desk at 1-800-255-2434.

- software program use, implementation, and regulatory issues:
 - County Offices shall contact the State DALR\$ Coordinator or the State Office
 - State DALR\$ Coordinators or State Offices shall contact Sharilyn Hashimoto, Program Sponsor, LSPMD, at 202-720-2743 or send an e-mail to sharilyn_hashimoto@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

2 Installing and Implementing DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.3 Software

A Installing and Implementing Software

The CCE MS Windows XP Upgrade Deployment initiative began in February 2003. The State rollout was to have commenced on March 17, 2003. The target completion date for all MS Windows XP upgrades is August 15, 2003. The DALR\$ 2000 version 3.3 software shall be installed concurrently as completion of the CCE XP upgrades on applicable equipment take place.

Effective October 1, 2003, all loan servicing cases, with the exception of those identified below, must be processed using DALR\$ 2000 version 3.3.

Exception: Cases that are currently pending, because of appeal or other legal action, may continue to be processed under DALR\$ version 4.2 Y2K, DALR\$ 6.4, DALR\$ 1.0.10, and DALR\$ 2.4.

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B Installation Requirements for DALR\$ 2000

DALR\$ 2000 version 3.3 software must be installed on standard CCE desktops and laptops that:

- meet the following hardware and software configuration requirements:
 - 300 megahertz (MHz) or higher processor clock speed recommended; 233 MHz minimum required (single or dual processor systems); Intel Pentium/Celeron family, or AMD K6/Athlon/Duron family, or compatible processor recommended
 - 128 megabytes (MB) of RAM or higher recommended (64 MB minimum supported; may limit performance and some features)
 - 1.5 gigabytes (GB) of available hard disk space
 - Super VGA (800 x 600) or higher resolution video adapter and monitor
 - CD-ROM or DVD drive
 - keyboard and Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
- have been upgraded to the CCE MS Windows XP Coreload software.

The following is a list of USDA CCE hardware with the CCE MS Windows XP Coreload installed that is certified for the installation of the DALR\$ Software version 3.3:

- Dell Precision Workstation 610 Desktop
- Gateway E4200-450 Desktop
- Gateway E-3400 Desktop
- Compaq Deskpro EP Desktop
- IBMPC 300 PL Desktop
- Q System Desktop with Windows NT Coreload
- Dell Latitude Cpi266XT Laptop
- Dell Latitude CpiR400GT Laptop
- Dell Latitude 266 (Appraiser) Laptop with Update 18
- Dell 366 Laptop
- Compaq Armada 1700 Laptop.

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C Installation of the Software

DALR\$ 2000 version 3.3 software must be installed on PC with the minimum hardware and software configurations as stated in subparagraph B. State Offices are to ensure that the DALR\$ 2000 version 3.3 software is installed and implemented by the effective date by having an authorized user follow PC Transmittal No. 18 to install the software. Copies of PC Transmittal No. 18 may be obtained at <http://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/Releases/release.htm>.

Note: Installation signon must be a user ID with Administrative privileges.

D DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.3 Related Guides

The DALR\$ 2000 Administrator's Guide and User's Guide have been updated for this release and are available for download at <http://intra4.fsa.usda.gov/dso/flpwdc/default.asp> or from the DAFO Training Website at <http://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/fsatraining>.

3 Changes to DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.3

A DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.3 Changes

Version 3.3 modifies the software to:

- enable the DALR\$ 2000 program to work within and with the MS Windows XP Operating System and MS Office XP environment
- provide the user the option to change printer destinations within the DALR\$ Report Generation Process, specifically for the DALR\$ Analysis Reports
- add a feature to the Data Maintenance section to allow users to convert older version of DALR\$ databases to enable their use in the current system through the Import Database feature
- add a feature to automatically backup the DALR\$ database. The backup files are saved under "C:\Program Files\usda\flp\dalrs\backup\" and have a naming convention of "mmddyyyd2khhmmss.mdb". The system will retain the last 20 backups on the time stamp.

B Pre-Existing Limitations in DALR\$

Exhibit 1 lists known system limitations not corrected by DALR\$ 2000 version 3.3.

Known Limitations Identified in DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.3

Screen/ Area Affected	Description of Limitation	Corrective Action/Comment
Basic Borrower Information	System will not recognize a date entered in "mmddyyyy" format.	Enter dates in the format "mm/dd/yyyy". Slashes are mandatory.
Existing Loan Screen (ELS)	Note maturity date that is entered when the servicing action for a loan is coded "N", is not cleared from the field when the user changes the servicing code to something other than "N".	No corrective action necessary. Retained data does not affect calculation process.
Loan Interest Rate	When adding a new record, only one record can be added at a time.	Form is single add only.
	In "ADD", if the user enters initials and then tabs back to the "Date" field, the user will be in search mode. Therefore, if the user enters an existing date, the user will not receive the "this record already exists" validation, but the record will be brought up on the screen.	User should be aware of the sequence for data entry with this particular screen.
New Loans	The "Term" field validation recognizes a range of 1 to 50 years. If an OL loan with a maximum term of 7 years was entered and then changed to an FO with a maximum term of 40 years, DALR\$ recognizes 7 years as a valid entry and will not automatically change the data.	User must verify that term is correct. If necessary, manually correct to proper maximum term.
Report	User should not click on "X" in upper right hand corner to close out view of DALR\$ report. User must select "CLOSE" icon. If user clicks on the "X" to close, the document will not close properly and the user will have to go through additional steps to close the document.	This is a limitation of MS Word.
Consolidation	Consolidation of Emergency MB type loans will assign an incorrect interest rate.	When entering loans with loan type MB, do not select "Yes" in the Allow Consolidation field. MB type loans may be consolidated manually after running DALR\$.

Known Limitations Identified in DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.3 (Continued)

Screen/ Area Affected	Description of Limitation	Corrective Action/Comment
System Settings	DALR\$ 2000 may not display properly, that is, the top and bottom of the screen view may be cut off or buttons will be partially cut off.	In "Display Properties", the "System" settings must be "Windows Standard" and "small fonts" for the software to display properly.
	Upon initial installation of DALR\$ 2000 version 3.3, when a user attempts to run the program for the first time, unless MS Word and MS Access have been previously run, the user may receive a message window asking the user to enter the database password.	MS Word and MS Access must be initialized prior to DALR\$ 3.3 being run for the first time. The DALR\$ database is password protected as a security feature and should not be accessed outside of the DALR\$ 2000 program.