



Sage 200 Construct 2009-Release 2 What's New at a Glance

Introducing Sage 200 Construct 2009-Release 2

Sage 200 Construction release 2 welcomes the new improved Client Billing module! Client Billing is effectively sales invoices for the Construction Industry - it's always been present in Sage Construction however it has been re-written to improve usability. The replacement Client Billing module simplifies the production of Sales Documents, adding flexibility and improves integration. However Sage 200 Construction Release 2 has more to offer than just Client Billing, it includes several other enhancements such as:

- VAT on applications
- Cumulative Billing with multiple Nominal, VAT & Stock codes
- Cumulative & Non Cumulative Billing to multiple Client accounts on one Contract
- Multiple numbering sequences for sales documents
- New stop functions
- Improved integration
- New, improved user interface.
- Simplified navigation
- Simplified data entry

Feature	Explanation	Benefits
New Client Billing module	Replacement module which enables all Client Billing functions actions to be accessible within one screen.	Simplifies the production of Sales Documents, adds flexibility, new features, and improved integration.
View Billing Account	Adds the Client Billing Account to the view of sales documents	Improves usability
VAT on applications	Introduces VAT on applications.	Additional functionality.
Cumulative Billing with multiple Nominal, VAT & Stock codes	Support for multiple Nominal codes, multiple VAT rates, & Stock integration, when cumulatively billing clients	Functionality required by different sections of the Construction market, provides benefits to existing customers as well and to potential new customers.
Cumulative & Non Cumulative Billing to multiple Client accounts on one Contract	Support for billing multiple Clients on an individual Contract using a mixture of Non Cumulative and Cumulative documents	Reduces number of Contracts required to comply with Contractual billing requirements & therefore easier Cost/Revenue reporting.
Multiple numbering sequences for sales documents	Introduces a new system parameter to enable choice of invoice numbering sequences; either Construct local or Sage 200 global,	HMRC compliance and improved document recording

	and new sequence for Sales Certificates	
Stop functions	Introduces new functions to apply stops to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ application opening balances ▪ certificate opening balances ▪ applications and payment certificates ▪ refund certificates and other non posting documents 	Increased flexibility.
Sales documents amendments	Users can now amend all types of sales documents prior to posting them	Adds flexibility and improves usability
Valuation details amendments	Users can now amend the valuation details of all types of sales documents prior to postings them.	Adds flexibility and improves usability
Automatic valuation generation	Auto-generate the valuation, using its associated variation, from all sales documents	Greatly reduces the number of keystrokes required to raise sales documents.
Enhanced print status indicators	Introduces a print status for all sales documents so that unprinted documents in a contract can be easily identified. Introduces an 'amend' status for all sales documents so that amended documents in a contract can be easily identified.	Improves usability
Simplified Data Entry	Adds a 'Build Tender' button on the valuation item list screen, to enable a jump from the current position within the valuation hierarchy, directly into the Build Tender / Maintain Variation function to precisely the same position within that hierarchy.	Improves usability by adding flexibility to jump from Build Tender / Prepare Variation to the valuation and back again whilst maintaining the position in the hierarchy.
Priority of Deductions	Adds the ability to alter priority of deduction from within the Sales Document	Improves usability
Document types	Introduces a 'Document Type' field to confirm the precise type of sales document that has been selected from the new document popup menu	Reduces the risk of input error
Discounts	Enable discounts at valuation item level, either as a price percentage, or invoice or cumulative totals. At document level, choose either document level or item level maintenance.	Richer functionality, with increased flexibility and improves usability
Retentions	Maintain retention at valuation item level, either as a price percentage, or invoice or cumulative totals. At document level, choose either	Improves usability with richer functionality and increased flexibility.

	document level or item level maintenance.	
Cumulative totals	Specify a valuation item cumulative total in addition to the current price or quantity percentage complete fields, at valuation item level.	Increased flexibility and improves usability
VAT at item level	Input a VAT amount at valuation item level to override the default percentage.	Increased flexibility and improves usability
Simplify Navigation	Merge the Maintain Valuations function into one function to maintain sales documents	Reduce menu switching and associated keystrokes
Invoices & credit notes new document list	Allow interim and final invoices, retention invoices and credit notes to be raised by selecting them from a common 'new document' list rather than by individual button/menu item.	Improves usability
Payments & Refunds new document list	Allow payments and refunds to be raised by selecting them from a common 'new document' list rather than by individual button/menu item.	Improves usability
Applications and Certificates	Allow applications, payment certificates and refund certificates to be raised by selecting them from a common 'new document' list rather than by individual button/menu item.	Improves usability
Opening Balances	Allow application, certificate and invoice opening balances to be raised by selecting from a common 'new document' list rather than by individual button/menu item.	Improves usability
Viewing	Enable View Invoices and View Applications from within the one sales document maintenance function.	Improves usability
Sales Documents	Enable text to be added from the sales document or valuation screen.	Improves usability and reduces key strokes
Credit Control notes	Introduce a new internal text function for recording credit control notes against each sales document	Increased flexibility and improves usability
S/L Allocations	Enable Update and Amend S/L Allocations from the one sales document maintenance function.	Increased flexibility and improves usability
Totals	Enable Posting Totals, Summary Text, and Contract Totals, to be accessed from a common 'More' button on the main screen	Increased flexibility and improves usability
	Enable Contract Complete to be accessed from a common 'More'	Improves usability

Sub menu enhancements	button on the main screen	
	Enable Release Final Retention to be accessed from a common 'More' button on the main screen.	Improves usability
	Enable Stop Allocations to be accessed from a common 'More' button on the main screen	Improves usability
	Enable Stop Invoices from the one sales document maintenance function.	Improves usability
Improved reconciliation	Introduce reconciliation of detail level retention when viewing the totals of valuation item list screen in detail mode. The retention, as calculated and stored for Construct's main functions, can be reconciled on screen with the retention calculated within the New Client Billing module	Enhanced integration enabling the surfacing of more construction data.
Enhanced security features	Introduce additional security access to sales documents by enabling a view only mode so that users may access New Client Billing but not input or amend anything	Richer security functionality
	Introduce additional security access to sales documents by allowing specific users to input and amend applications and certificates, but not invoices, otherwise to access all types as original setting	Richer security functionality