

# **Regit POS to Regit Express Conversion Information**

## **Should you Consider Converting to Regit Express?**

**Regit Express and Regit Express Plus for Networks are not upgrades to your Regit POS program.**

Before you decide to migrate to Regit Express, you should fully consider the choice. Your Regit POS has over 30 years of functions, additions, and improvements. Many more capabilities than Regit Express has at this point. We will discuss the specific differences in this paper.

The primary reason we are moving to a new program (Regit Express) is due to the advanced age of Regit POS. Regit POS uses compilers and programming techniques that are over 20 years old. Many of the modern features you see in programs today are not available because of the age of our system. Regit Express uses today's programming tools.

Newer tools means with Regit Express we can program for a wider range of user interactions and friendlier solutions. The biggest consideration, however, is being able to program an international friendly POS. Regit POS was primarily a US and Canadian program. We had very few international customers. With Regit Express, our international users already far outnumber our US and Canadian users.

## **Who Should NOT Consider Converting to Regit Express?**

### Cost Consideration

If you network Regit POS you probably do not want to even consider Regit Express. The single user version of Express is free, but the network version is \$24 annually for a second register and \$36 for three.

With Regit POS you made a small one-time \$89 payment and were never charged for any upgrades or support. That was very good for you, however, a business plan that only works when new users continue to cover the costs for existing users. Not that much different behind the idea to sustain US Social Security. This was working well until 2008 when the US economy turned. At that time, our new users pretty much disappeared with most new retail businesses. The small annual fee for Regit Express is not going to put us on any of the stock exchanges, but it will help to cover some of the costs for supporting both your Regit POS

system and the free Regit Express.

### Program Features

If you use the any of the following major functions in Regit POS they are currently **NOT** part of Regit Express:

- More than 3 Registers
- Touch Screen Version
- Rentals
- Lay-a-ways
- Employee Commissions
- Bulk Break Downs
- Kitting
- Gift Cards
- Gift Certificates
- Customer Prices (available in Express Plus only)
- Consignment Sales
- Food Stamps
- Penny Rounding (Canadian Customers)
- Purchase Orders
- Full Page Invoices/Receipts

There are many more differences that we consider minor, but you might consider major. Of course there are also many features in Express that are not part of Regit POS.

### Accounts Receivable Incompatibility

Regit Express has an improved customer accounts capability. Customer accounts with Regit Express record more detailed sales information than Regit POS. Statements in Regit Express can show a detailed list of individual items sold. Unfortunately, this enhancement makes the two program's A/R sections incompatible. If you are using Customer accounts with Regit POS, and want to transfer to Regit Express, the only way to do this would be to bring the balance forward totals from Regit POS and manually enter them into Regit Express.

### **Are You are Still Interested in Converting to Regit Express?**

The conversion utility is limited to the Product, Customer, and Employee databases and does not convert any sales data to Regit Express. The conversion utility is not meant to be an all-inclusive transfer of data between the two programs. It is simply a method to save anyone who wants to transfer from

having to re-type their entire databases.

The conversion does not affect your Regit POS data. It simply reads the data in the Regit POS databases and writes it to the new database format. Your Regit POS will run/work exactly the same after running the conversion. So if you want to try it out, it will not affect you ongoing Regit POS data.

### When to Convert / Tax Year Considerations

The types of sales data in Regit POS and Regit Express do not match. For example, Regit Express does not include Rental Sales, Food Stamp Sales, Consignment Sales, etc. This makes transferring sales data from one to the other incompatible. If you are planning on converting in the middle of a tax year, your sales data for the year will be a combination of the two programs data.

### How to Convert

The conversion utility will convert any Regit POS Version 4.0 and above.

First Install Regit Express Version 4 available at:

[www.free-pos-software.com/download.htm](http://www.free-pos-software.com/download.htm)

After installing Regit Express, the conversion utility will be located in the `c:\RegitExpressV4` folder. The utility's file name is:

`POS-2-Xpress.exe.`

The utility must remain in the `\RegitExpressV4` folder for the conversion to process. Double click the file to start it. The utility is self-explanatory. If you have large databases, this process can take a long time. Plan on converting when you do not need access to your computer and have something else to do. Converting our customer database of about 14,000 took about a half hour on an Intel i5 processor.

Copy Regit POS to Regit Express



For Copying Regit POS Version 4 and above to Regit Express (or Regit Express Plus) Version 4 and above.

Location of Regit POS Version 4 and Above:

c:\RegitPOS\POSData

Location of Regit Express Version 4 and Above:

c:\RegitExpressV4\POSData

- Copy/Convert Products (Inventory)
- Copy/Convert Customers
- Copy/Convert Employees

Database:

DB Table:

Records Copied:

Begin

Exit