

Assessment Bulletin

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ASSET Timelines

Alberta Municipal Affairs has received a number of enquiries regarding the implementation timelines for the ASSET (Assessment Shared Services Environment) system.

Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system providers have confirmed that many larger municipalities will be ready to load their data by April 1, 2003. If municipalities have completed the required system upgrades and data conversions by the April 1, 2003, deadline, we would like them to load their data into the ASSET system by April 1, 2003.

However, CAMA system providers have advised the department that some municipalities will not be able to make the required system upgrades and convert all of their data by the April 1, 2003, deadline. As a result, **the April 1, 2003, deadline for reporting into the ASSET system will be extended to September 30, 2003.**

This staged approach will provide sufficient input to test the interfaces and the system. As other municipalities receive their CAMA upgrades and become capable of preparing and submitting load files, additional testing will occur over the spring and summer of 2003. A full set of tests in 2003 will help minimize the problems that may be encountered when the ASSET system becomes fully operational on January 31, 2004.

Municipalities should not be concerned about the legal status of their assessment rolls if they cannot meet the April 1, 2003, reporting date. Failure to meet the April 1, 2003, deadline for reporting data will not invalidate the 2003 assessment or tax rolls. A municipality's ability to levy taxes will not be compromised in this situation.

If you have concerns or questions about ASSET or the preparations needed to make municipal systems fully compatible with ASSET, please contact John Scott, ASSET System Manager, at (780) 422-8415 or at john.scott@gov.ab.ca, or visit our Web site.

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