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Windows Versions and StrateCision Programs

With the introduction of new versions of Microsoft Windows, questions arise as to which versions can be used with StrateCision's LTCI policy comparison programs.

32bit versions of Windows can be used with any of StrateCision's programs, including LTC Quote, LTC Quote Plus, LTC Advisor, LTC Advisor Plus. This includes Windows versions XP, Vista, and Windows 7 and 8, but not Windows RT, which is found on tablets and does not support desktop applications.

64bit versions of Windows XP, Vista, 7 and 8 can be used with LTC Quote Plus and LTC Advisor Plus. However the Needs Analysis of LTC Advisor Plus will not work in 64bit Windows versions. All other operations in LTC Advisor Plus will work, including Policy Comparison, Underwriting, Glossary, and Info.

The old versions of LTC Quote and LTC Advisor **will not run in 64bit Windows**. Anyone running 64 bit windows who has one of these older programs should upgrade to the current Plus version.

64bit Windows has compatibility issues with many older programs, which may include some insurance carrier illustration software or other financial programs. We suggest that if you are buying a new computer and need to run many different programs, it is safer to get a machine with 32bit Windows. Although a few programs have been rewritten to take advantage of 64bit processing, most have not, and there is more to lose from compatibility issues than there is to gain from faster operation of the few programs that have been designed for 64bit operation. This situation will change eventually, but for the next few years we believe 32bit is safer.

Home Premium vs Professional: StrateCision suggests that if you are buying a computer with Windows 7 or 8, you consider the Professional Version. Although retail stores usually sell only computers with Windows home versions, the additional security, networking and other features of the Professional versions may be worth the price difference.

Apple Macintosh users with newer computers can install Windows as a second operating system and run Windows applications including ours. The compatibility comments here apply, so a compatible version of Windows should be used.

Internet versions of our programs run in a browser and are compatible with all computers that support web browsing.