

When the defaults change

Make the usable layout easy to choose

Business Central 29 expands lifecycle control to layouts supplied with Business Central, per-tenant extensions and AppSource apps. The original status capability is older.

Only Approved layouts are selectable on report request pages. Draft, Pending Approval and Retired are not. New user-defined layouts start in Draft. Design and validation therefore need an explicit decision about when a layout becomes available. A useful local check is to inspect the request page with the intended user and an actual representative report, rather than treating a changed status label as proof that every delivery route has been tested.

BC29: general-availability expansion. Baseline lifecycle capability appears in BC28.1, May 2026.

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Optional technical notes: status overrides

Availability control is separate from editing an extension-supplied layout file.

Changing an extension-provided layout's status creates an override while leaving the original layout unchanged. Administrators can apply status to one or several layouts. Retiring a layout is also different from marking it obsolete, which signals possible later removal and is defined in AL for extension layouts. The cited guide does not establish automatic multi-person approval routing, comprehensive audit history or a guarantee about override persistence through every extension update. Treat those as separate questions before relying on them. Only user-defined layouts can be modified or replaced directly. Editing an extension layout offers a copy to customize; this is existing behavior, not a new BC29 editing feature. Use a status override when the need is availability, and a user-defined copy when the need is different content. The guide does not promise that a customized copy automatically follows future extension changes.

Operational guide checked 20 October 2026; BC29 scope.

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A runtime change is not automatically an application rewrite

Microsoft announced the transition from .NET 8 to .NET 10 for supported Business Central releases on 19 October 2026.

Microsoft manages the online transition, which may involve internal migration during the configured maintenance window. The announcement does not prove that a particular environment has already moved. For most customers, application changes are not expected solely because the underlying runtime changes. Review the company's actual dependencies and ordinary update tests rather than launching a rewrite from the headline. Keep maintenance-window ownership explicit without confusing it with a new application-deployment feature.

Announcement: 19 October 2026. On-premises BC27 and BC28 introduce .NET 10 through CU27.12 and CU28.6 respectively.

[Business Central is transitioning to .NET 10 \(19 October 2026\)](#)

Optional technical notes: verify the complete toolchain

The exact Business Central release and cumulative update determine the runtime requirement.

Check .NET interoperability and custom components, AL development tools, automated build and test pipelines, and container images against the environment's requirements. A successful build alone does not establish that the actual integration or test path still behaves correctly. Use normal update validation with a representative business result. No tenant-specific compatibility test or measured performance improvement was performed for this discussion.

Version/CU-specific guidance checked 20 October 2026.

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Review the change, not just the colour

The BC29 review bar brings agent changes onto supported document and card surfaces.

Review (N) counts fields changed by agents. Field details provide attribution, reasoning and confidence; orange deserves careful inspection, but white is not a correctness certificate. Done completes the review, records who reviewed it and when, clears the suggestion markers and allows the task to progress. Dismiss hides the review bar and clears markers after a refresh. It is not the documented completion action. Neither label universally means that a financial document has been posted.

Direct-on-page agent review is BC29 general availability. Operational guidance updated 2 October 2026.

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Optional technical notes: separate review, notifications and task state

Access to agent operations and visibility of agent influence are distinct.

The data review bar can be visible without permission to use the agent; task-opening controls are then hidden. Ordinary page notifications and agent review are separate: showing or dismissing a notification does not complete review. Business validation may still block a later action. Use the selected agent's Tasks pane for its timeline or a blocked step. Step instructions are not saved for future tasks. Stop is another distinct action, and stopped tasks cannot restart. The documented main-page types are Card, Document, List Plus and Worksheet, not every embedded surface.

Operational guide checked 20 October 2026. Agent-specific access and workflow still apply.

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Mandatory texts do not mean automatic sending

The new communication-text feature for reminder terms becomes mandatory in BC29 and can no longer be disabled through Feature Management.

Review both the email message and attached reminder output for the intended reminder level. Texts can be shared across levels or tailored to each level. Match the languages configured for attachment texts and email texts; inconsistent sets can prevent the intended customization. Overview communications helps compare them. Mandatory availability does not create an email account, decide a collection policy or switch on automatic delivery.

Mandatory in BC29. The communication capability itself is older; guide dated 10 June 2025.

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Optional technical notes: choose the automation boundary

Create, Issue and Send are distinct reminder actions that can run together or separately.

Issuing has customer-ledger consequences and is not the same as sending. Sending requires email configuration. Job queues control recurring cadence; Manual runs once when started, while nonmanual schedules run until paused. Inspect logs and stop-on-error behaviour, repeat-sending options, invoice attachments, report selection and Email Body Layout Name. A proposed test should compare the actual body and attachment with the intended message, and check which later actions stop after a failure. These are existing automation tools, not newly invented October features. Reminder levels also have existing rules: issuing records the level on reminder entries linked to customer ledger entries. A later reminder checks the history linked to open entries and uses the next level after the highest found. If more reminders are created than there are defined levels, the highest level's conditions are reused, subject to Max. No of Reminders. Another email does not by itself demonstrate a new level. Check that wording such as a final reminder fits the actual configured sequence; this is an operational communication check, not legal advice or a new BC29 escalation feature.

Existing automation guide: 7 April 2026; reminder-level guide: 10 June 2025. Both checked 20 October 2026; neither behavior is new in BC29.

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Keep the vendor number distinct

Self-billing is an agreed process in which the buyer creates the invoice on the vendor's behalf.

The vendor-specific numbering enhancement is BC29 public preview. Its series supplies Vendor Invoice No.; the posted purchase invoice's own No. still comes from normal Posted Invoice Nos. Configure the agreement and the relevant series deliberately. The vendor series takes precedence over the global Posted Self-Billing Inv. Nos. fallback; if both are blank, posting is blocked. The current how-to page does not make the preview enhancement generally available.

Core self-billing: BC28.2 / June 2026 GA. Vendor-specific series: BC29 public preview.

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Optional technical notes: agreement and document flow

Numbering must be evaluated together with the agreed supplier process and localization.

Clear the vendor-specific series before disabling Self-Billing Agreement. The documented layout includes buyer, vendor, VAT and invoice information. In the Danish version, posting can create Digital Vouchers when self-billing is enabled; that localization detail is not a worldwide compliance guarantee. The business cannot receive inbound accounts-payable e-documents for vendors with a self-billing agreement. Check this before combining the two incoming-document processes. No legal sufficiency or tested company configuration is claimed. Clearing the vendor series alone does not turn off the agreement: while it remains enabled, the global self-billing series can still be used; with neither series, posting is blocked. New purchase invoices for the configured vendor are marked as self-billed whether created directly or from a purchase order. The guide assigns Vendor Invoice No. from the vendor-specific series at posting, so an unposted draft alone does not prove final numbering. This does not establish what happens to existing open documents or permit changing historical posted references.

Vendor guide metadata date: 26 August 2026; checked 20 October 2026. Vendor-specific numbering remains BC29 public preview.

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