Before you make the change

Review the exception, not just the total

A draft schedule can be unusual for a good reason. Ask what service period the document represents before making it resemble its neighbours.

Suggested review: compare the intended period with the document schedule, decide whether any correction belongs on this document or in future defaults, and keep posted reconciliation separate. Analysis is a review aid, not an accounting-policy decision. The linked reports explain posted balances; they do not turn draft amounts into booked revenue.

BC27 / 2025 release wave 2; established

Defer revenues and expenses

Sales Deferral Summary report

G/L Deferral Summary report

Separate picking from consumption

A component beside the machine and a component controlled through warehouse picking need not use the same process.

BC29 makes the earlier Manual-without-pick feature mandatory. Review one representative shop-floor component and one pick-controlled component after migration. Compare item, SKU and production-component settings with the intended physical process. Retaining Pick + Manual can be the correct result. A proposed check is not a claim that warehouse controls or tracking have been tested.

BC26 origin; mandatory in BC29

Flush components according to operation output

What is new in Business Central update 29.0

What is new in Business Central update 26.0

Decide with recovery time in mind

Stopping an update is a choice of recovery path, not a promise that staff can sign in immediately.

Before relying on cancellation, establish the source version, window settings and who makes the operational decision. Recovery can exceed an hour. Agree how colleagues will receive a revised availability estimate, without inventing an ETA from elapsed update time. The enforced update period restricts cancellation; allowing work outside the window changes the normal automatic cutoff.

Established capability; not a new November release

Manage updates in the Business Central admin center

Cancel a running environment update: release plan

Check the meaning of a default

An extension can remain compatible while its fallback is wrong for the business task.

Document what an inherited result means and test both an unchanged implementor and an explicit override. If every implementor must eventually supply the method, use the documented RequiredPending lifecycle rather than silently removing its body. The attribute takes a Reason argument and an optional Tag. Runtime 18.0 belongs to BC29; deployment targets and dependencies still need to match.

BC29 / runtime 18.0

Interfaces in AL

Choose an AL runtime version

Interface method lifecycle

RequiredPending attribute

Check the resulting order line

The useful test is whether a familiar partner number produces the intended order line, including its pack size.

Try one real configuration in a safe test: select its customer or vendor, enter the reference, then inspect description, unit and variant. Treat barcode scanning as another way of entering supported fields, not proof of the physical item. The mobile app supports specific documented pages; do not assume every page or scanning device behaves alike.

Established feature; first release not verified

Use item references

Optional technical notes: deferral checks

Use the linked documentation when configuring the review.

The BC27 draft lists use analysis mode, whose general tools include grouping and pivots. Template methods include Straight-Line, Equal per Period, Days per Period and User-Defined. Check the chosen method against the intended recognition pattern. Posting Preview shows proposed entries. Review the separate Allow Deferral Posting From/To limits when schedules extend beyond ordinary posting periods.

BC27 draft analysis; other capabilities established

Defer revenues and expenses

Analyze list data in analysis mode

Deferral reporting enhancements

Deferral Calculation Method enum

Accounting periods and fiscal years

Preview posting results

Optional technical notes: interface lifecycle

Default methods are a BC29 capability, not a reason to drop compatibility testing.

Default method bodies are optional for implementors to override. Required methods determine runtime identity. Before making a default method required, use RequiredPending and a later major-version transition. Keep evidence from unchanged and overriding consumers separate from compilation results; a successful build does not validate the business meaning of the fallback.

BC29 / 2026 release wave 2

Interfaces in AL

Interface method lifecycle