

This document describes the upgrade process from Pro API versions **v6.0** and later.

If you wish to upgrade **from an earlier version**, please contact your **local Technical Support team** for detailed instructions.

1 Before installing the latest version

Pro API will not automatically know about your current settings or licence information.

To safely store this information, follow the steps below.

1 Locate your current Pro API directory.

If you are using Windows, the default location is within **C:\Program Files\Experian**

2 Create a copy of this directory in another location and name the copy "Pro API backup".

3 If you are using Windows, uninstall your current copy of Pro API.

To do this, from the **Start** menu, select **Control Panel > Programs and features**. From the program list, select **QAS Pro API <version number>** or **Experian Pro API <version number>**, right-click, select **Uninstall**, and follow the on-screen instructions to uninstall the product.

2 Install Pro API

To install Pro API on your operating system:

Microsoft Windows

Insert the Pro API CD or run the *setup.exe* file that we sent you. Once the installation program starts, follow the on-screen instructions to install.

UNIX or UNIX-like operating systems

Follow the instructions in the *Pro API Documentation*.

3 Restore configuration files

To ensure Pro API uses the same settings as your previous version, you must manually copy the settings from your previous installation of Pro API into Pro API:

1 In the newly installed Pro API folder, rename the **QAWORLD.INI** and **QAWSERVE.INI** files to "backup_QAWORLD.INI" and "backup_QAWSERVE.INI" respectively.

This will allow you to compare any settings added to the product since your previous version.

2 To retain the settings from your previous version, from your "Pro API backup" directory, copy the three configuration files into the new install Pro API directory:

- **QALICN.INI**
- **QAWORLD.INI**
- **QAWSERVE.INI**

Copying the QAWSERVE.INI file will ensure that any custom layouts are retained.

3 To take advantage of any new settings that have been added to Pro API since your previous version, we recommend that you inspect the Pro API configuration files ("backup_QAWORLD.INI" and "backup_QAWSERVE.INI" in the new Pro API folder) to decide whether you wish to incorporate any of the new settings.

See the *Pro API documentation* for more information on these settings.

Note that some settings were regionalised after 7.67 (allowing different values to be set for different datasets), whereas previously, all settings were global (the set values apply to all datasets).

We recommend that you make use of the regional settings for added flexibility, however this is not mandatory and the global settings will continue to work as before. Where both apply, the regional setting will override the global setting.

See the *Pro API documentation* for detailed information about the new regional settings.

For more help with every aspect of Pro API, visit: www.edq.com/documentation/apis/pro-api

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