IBM i Interim Keys:
Self-serve temporary keys at
Entitled System Support (ESS)

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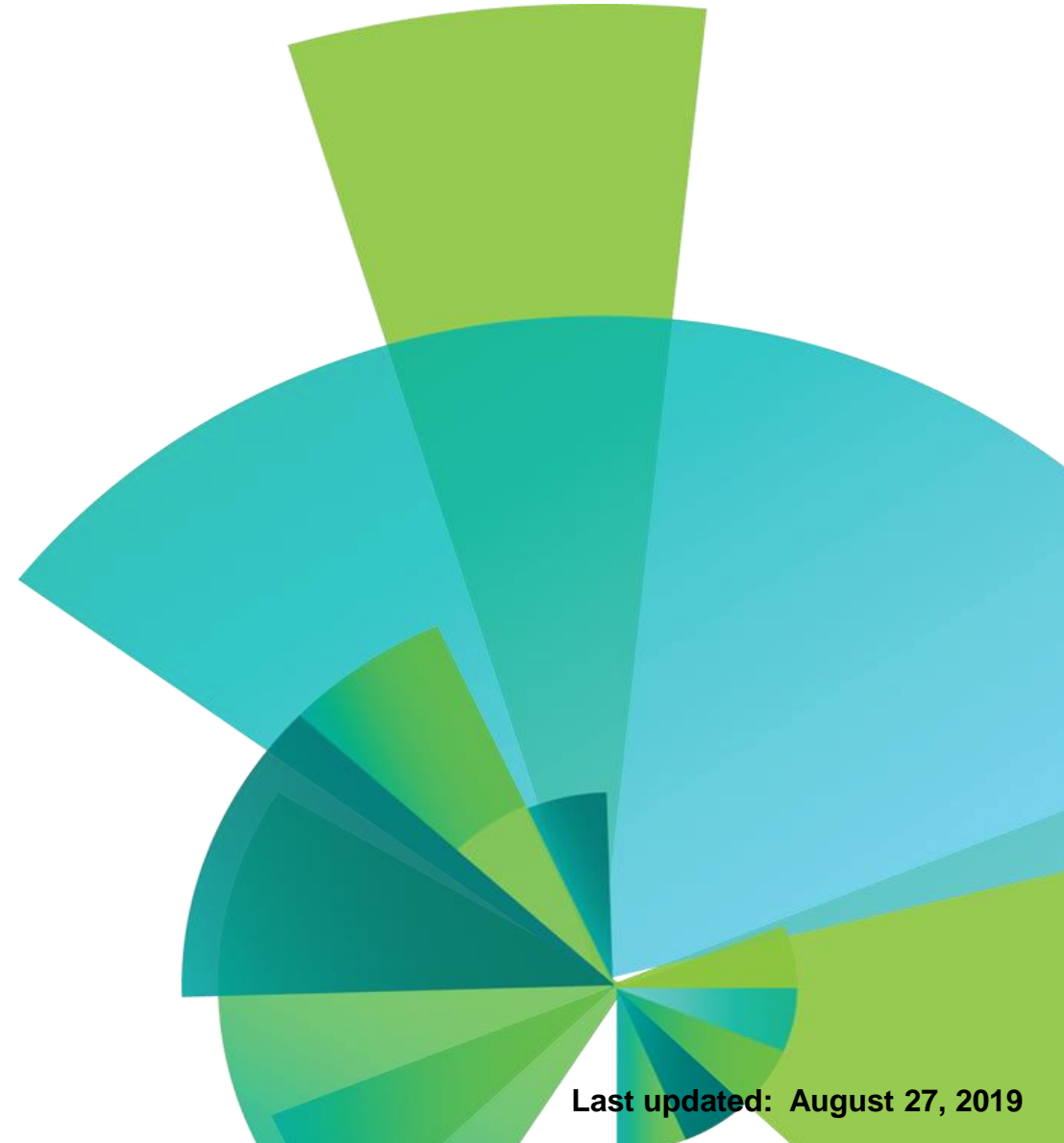
Entitled System Support (ESS) Enhancements – Interim Keys

"Interim keys"

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What are interim keys?

- Self-serve 40-day temporary keys for LPPs and OS features
- For emergencies stemming from ordering or licensing issues in a variety of situations
  - E.g. orders are pending or transfer of entitlements are pending in IBM records
- Also retrieve currently installed IBM i OS key - no customer number registration required

Interim keys…

- do not take the place of a customer purchasing temporary licensing (5733-ITL) if required for migrations, etc.
- are not issued for IBM i operating system entitlements (feature 5051, 5052, 5053)

Who can generate interim keys?

- Everyone: no customer number registration required

Interim Keys

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IBM i Software Keys

Start Date
The start date is immediate upon retrieval of the key: i.e., the 40 days begins when you acquire the keys from ESS

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Step 1: Machine selection (What will I see here?) (i)

(i) Full access	(i) Quick search

Customer: [⌄]

Hardware Type Serial: [⌄] >

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Step 2: Select your processor group and product(s)

(i) Supported IBM i Operating System versions: V7R4M0, V7R3M0, V7R2M0, V7R1M0   Help: (i)

Processor group: [P60 ⌄]

Products: [   ] (filter)   **(This screen shot shows a partial list of the LPPs and features)**

☐	57xxAF1	5050	(i) ☐	57xxPT1	5101	(i) ☐	57xxSS1	5116	(i)
☐	57xxAP1	5050	(i) ☐	57xxPT1	5102	(i) ☐	57xxSS1	5117	(i)
☐	57xxAP1	5101	(i) ☐	57xxPT1	5103	(i) ☐	5770SS1	5120	(i)
☐	57xxBR1	5050	(i) ☐	57xxQU1	5050	(i) ☐	57xxST1	5050	(i)
☐	57xxBR1	5101	(i) ☐	5733QU2	5050	(i) ☐	57xxWDS	5050	(i)
☐	57xxBR1	5102	(i) ☐	5733QU2	5101	(i) ☐	57xxWDS	5101	(i)
☐	5770DBM	5101	(i) ☐	5733QU2	5102	(i) ☐	57xxWDS	5102	(i)
☐	5770HAS	5051	(i) ☐	5733QU2	5104	(i) ☐	57xxWDS	5103	(i)
☐	57xxHAS	5052	(i) ☐	5733QU2	5105	(i) ☐	5733WQX	5050	(i)

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The availability of interim keys for a hardware machine serial number is dependent on several conditions:

1. The machine type, hardware machine serial number must be valid and recognized by ESS

2. If the machine is licensed to IBM i OS, the machine must have at least one IBM i per processor license installed

3. The machine may not have…

– an order for IBM i Temporary Licensing (5733-ITL) pending for activation, or

– active 5733-ITL keys

If the hardware machine serial has active 5733-ITL keys, no interim keys can be generated for products and product functions which cannot be ordered with 5733-ITL

4. The machine has not had two or more temporary keys within the last 12 months for the required product function

– "Temporary keys" means a key with an expiration date and without entitlement, so e.g. could be keys acquired via 5733-ITL or interim keys

– This limitation applies to a product function on a machine serial number across Version/Release/Mod levels. Example:

– On a machine serial, I acquire:

5761-JS1 5050   1st request: 40-day key

5761-SS1 5112   1st request: 40-day key

5770-SS1 5112   2nd request: 21-day key

On this same serial, I can subsequently make a 2nd key request for 5761-JS1 and can acquire keys for other products/functions, e.g. 57xx-BR1, 57xx-PT1

If the machine meets the conditions as stated above, 40-day interim keys are generated initially, then 21-day interim key may be subsequently generated if needed Do not generate the additional 21-day temporary key until the 40-day key is close to expiration since the key expiration date is calculated at the time you acquire the key from ESS.