How to get the most out of ECM Pro (formerly known as CertCapture)





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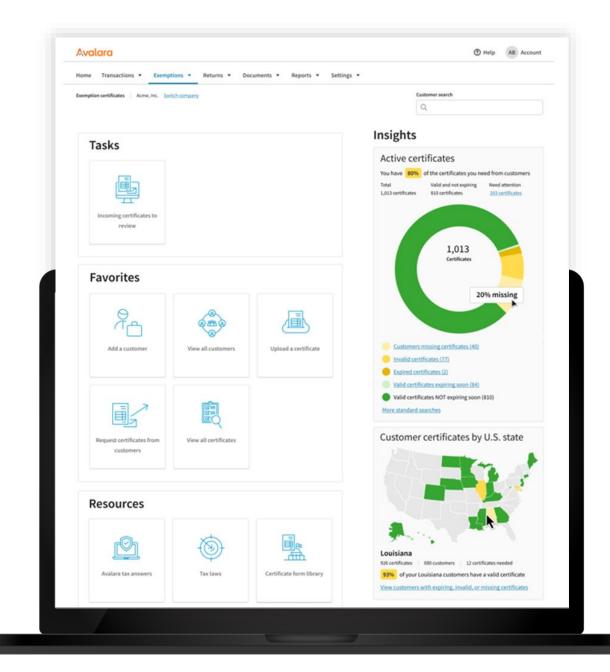
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## What is Avalara ECM?

## ECM Experience

- > Really easy to use
- > Automated certificate validation
- > Automated certificate requests
- > Automated "exposure" reporting
- > Tax law help content



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## Vendor Exemption Management



Adds control to procurement process



Minimizes time and need for tax expertise



Allows web-based automation and process centralization



Creates pre-populated certificates (signature)



Improves vendor/supplier relationship, creates more efficient buying process

- Automates vendor exemption management workflow
- Supports efficient use of business resources
- Enables Centralized Storage
- Improves supply chain agility and efficiency

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# How current CertCapture customers transition to ECM

## How will current CertCapture customers transition to ECM?



If you are a CertCapture customer in 2023 you will receive an email about the ECM launch along with instructions on how to transition into the new interface



For a limited period, you will then have access to both CertCapture and ECM



All customer data, certificate images, and product settings will be preserved in the transition



There will be minimal action required by you in the process



After the transition period, the legacy CertCapture interface will no longer be available



## What's different?

## What can you expect with ECM Pro?



#### Front-end UX

- Simplified and streamlined user interface integrated within the Avalara platform
- Customer Exemption & Vendor Exemption certificate management
- Automated certificate review and validation using optical character recognition (OCR)
- Automated tax ID validation
- Integrated TTR tax law and exemption content



#### **Back-end Platform**

- Additional certificates and forms supported
- Deeper integration with AvaTax (for customers with AvaTax accounts)
- No data migration necessary for CertCapture customers



#### **Risk & Security**

- Avalara Identity
- SOC 2 Type, 2 compliant

# The ECM Suite

#### Other universal features:

- Easy access from one navigation bar
- Single Sign-on
- Easy to navigate dashboard
- <u>Certificate creation</u> <u>portal</u>

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE MANAGEMENT FEATURES	ESSENTIALS	PRO	PREMIUM	
	ESSENTIALS	PRO	PREMITON	
ECM Essentials				
SOC 2, Type 1 compliance (Type 2, 2023)	~	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
API & Connectors	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Customer Exemptions & Certificate Storage	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
ECM Pro				
Basic Reports		~	~	
Automated Document Validation with OCR		~	~	
Certificate collection campaign management		~	~	
Enhanced state tax ID validation		~	~	
Integrated tax laws and exemption rules content		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Co-brandable emails and custom templates		~	<b>✓</b>	
eComm Module		~	~	
Exemption Matrix – customize and view exempt regions and reasons		~	<b>✓</b>	
Certificate Storage		~	<b>✓</b>	
ECM Premium GA – April 2023, with iterative releases through 2023				
Custom data fields, attachments & comments			~	
Advanced Search & Reporting			~	
Advanced workflow features and customization			~	
Fully customizable Exemption Matrix			~	
Retail Module			<b>✓</b>	
SSO & Customer User Roles			~	

# 4 features to get the most out of ECM

## Demo

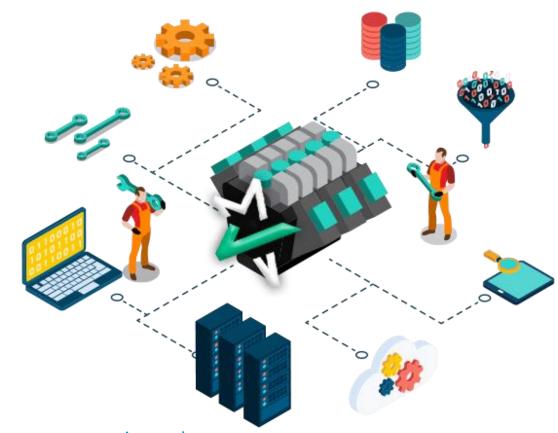
Now's the time to take out your laptops and follow along

Auto Validation Service – Leveraging ML & OCR processing

# Automated Document Validation with Optical Character Reader (OCR)

#### Ground-breaking technology

- OCR technology recognizes text within digital images
- ECM uses OCR technology to read and capture data from many standard exemption certificate forms, automatically adding that data to the platform for reporting and tracking.
- For many standard forms, it also determines the form's validity\*.
- Digital forms can be uploaded into the portal or directly into ECM

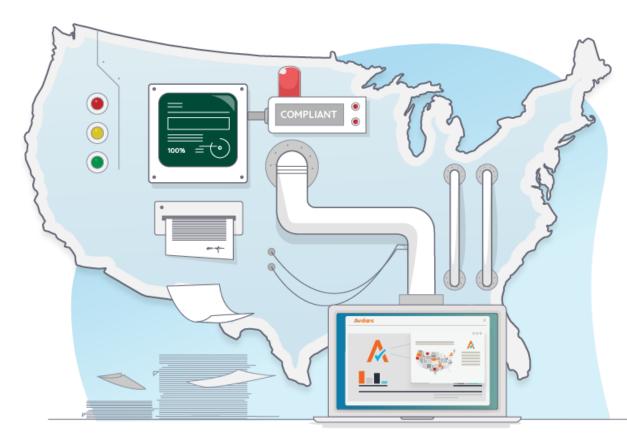


Back to feature comparison chart

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<sup>\*</sup>By valid, we mean that the certificate appears to be on the correct form and filled out completely. We can verify actual information on forms for supported states.

## Common forms supported by Automated Document Validation with OCR



Documents recognized as of July 2022:

Florida resale certificate

Florida consumer certificate of exemption

Louisiana resale certificate

Washington reseller permit

New York exempt org certificate

Missouri sales and use permit

Mississippi retail sales tax permit

Mississippi resale permit

Illinois sales tax exemption certificate

Colorado contractor's exempt certificate

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Screen Shot

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Tax Law Content – specific to exemption certificate management

# Auto-request certificates via e-mail

CertExpress online portal

# Questions

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> 9/26 Key compliance issues in procure to pay (1 CPE credit)





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