

## Using the TEN WEEKS Tutorial CD's & Webinar Series with Quicken®

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Dear TEN WEEKS User:

You may wonder how all the changes in Quicken® affect the Webinar series as well as the 4 Tutorial Quicken® CD's that are part of the TEN WEEKS Program. I hope to answer that question in the next few paragraphs.

Each year, Intuit, Inc. – the makers of Quicken®, change certain features in the program. Some years the changes are more significant than others, but in general the program works the same way it has over the last 7 years since I first released the TEN WEEKS Program and my original Tutorial CD's.

My latest printed and Web update was to Quicken® Deluxe 2007 for Windows. As of Spring, 2010, Intuit will no longer support downloads of financial data using this version of the program, so users will be required to update to Quicken® 2010.

Given these changes, I have chosen to refer TEN WEEKS users to the “Quicken Official Guides” that are released each year and that have incorporated all program changes in that year's version of Quicken®. (I have lowered the price of TEN WEEKS from \$47.90 to \$25 to more than cover the cost of this purchase).

#### **Following are my recommendations for getting the most out of the TEN WEEKS materials and for facilitating the least frustrating process of setting up Quicken to manage and plan your finances:**

1. TEN WEEKS Webinar 1 gives you the option of completing either the “Ahoy, Money!” book or the “Ahoy, Money!” Aliveguide. I recommend that all TEN WEEKS users choose one of these resources and spend the 8-12 hours needed to complete “Ahoy, Money!” since this resource will provide immediate answers to pressing questions that may not be addressed until later in the TEN WEEKS Program. (Please note that the Webinars originally cost \$150, but are now included as part of the price of the TEN WEEKS Guidebook Package).
2. Utilize the TEN WEEKS Webinars 2- 23 to guide you through the most challenging part of the TEN WEEKS Program – Weeks One-Three. The Webinars (session 2 ) explain how the Tutorial CD's fit into your TEN WEEKS work. If there any any screen shot discrepancies from what you see in Quicken and what you see in the Webinars, simply turn to the chapter in the “Quicken Official Guide” book that addresses that topic.

For example, in Webinar 4 there are instructions for installing Quicken on your computer. Simply scroll through the webinar note screens to see how far I want you to go in this process, and then turn to the Table of Contents in the “Official Guide”, page vii and you'll see “Installing Quicken” is covered on page 5. Follow the “Official Guide” instructions instead of the Webinar screens at that point.

Simply substitute any references to “Quicken Deluxe 2007 or “Quicken Deluxe 2004” to “Quicken Deluxe 2010.”

3. When done with the Webinars, refer to the TEN WEEKS Tutorial CD’s for guidance in completing Weeks 4-10 of the Guidebook. Any references or sessions related to Quicken can easily be cross-referenced to the “Quicken Official Guide” which can be used in conjunction with or in place of that particular CD session.

For example, in TEN WEEKS Tutorial CD # 2, under Week 5, “Your Credit Cards and Loans”, there is a session entitled “Integration Options for Debt Reduction Planner”. Simply turn to the “Contents” section of the Guide and on page xiv you will see “Using the Debt Reduction Planner”. At this point you can continue watching the CD tutorial and use the “Guidebook” as a backup in case there are screens you don’t recognize- or you can simply ignore the CD session and use the “Guidebook” which is updated to Quicken 2010.

**Please note that there have been extensive changes in the investment section of Quicken since 2004, therefore I would recommend that the “Official Guide” be used in place of the Tutorial CD sessions for Week 6.**

4. The Ten Weeks Tutorial CD’s in the inside covers of your Guidebook, are referenced from within the Webinar Series as well as from within the chapters in the TEN WEEKS Guidebook. **Even if you choose not to use the Webinar Sessions, I highly recommend you insert the Tutorial CD’s and listen to the introductory video at the beginning of each chapter, and the conclusion video at the end of each chapter.** As explained above, The Quicken® screen shots on the CD’s are those of Quicken® Deluxe 2004, so what you see on the tutorials, will differ in many instances from the screen shots within Quicken® 2010.

Thank you for taking the time to better understand how the resources within the TEN WEEKS program have been developed over the years and can best be utilized as of 2010.

Gratefully,

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