

Why the Project Estimates Document May Be Read-Only

Scope

This article applies **only to the FirstBIT Contracting configuration** (version **2.1.1.35.2** and later).

The document editing validation described below is part of the **FirstBIT Contracting** functionality and is **not applicable to the standard FirstBIT ERP configuration**.

Overview

Starting from **FirstBIT Contracting** version **2.1.1.35.2**, additional validation was introduced to control editing of active **Project Estimates** documents.

As a result, some **Project Estimates** documents may become **read-only** depending on their status, document version, and user permissions. This behavior is expected and is part of the standard functionality of the **FirstBIT Contracting** configuration.

Editing Control Rules

The system checks the following conditions before allowing a Project Estimates document to be edited.

1. User Has the Add and Edit Document Project Estimates Role

If the user has the **Add and Edit Document Project Estimates** role assigned through their access profile, the editing validation is skipped and the document can be edited.

In Standard Project Manager access groups profile this role is enabled, but in customized profiles it should be ticked manually for users with access restrictions).



2. Project Status Is Completed or Cancelled

If the related project has one of the following statuses:

- Completed
- Cancelled

Al Hamra Falcon Island - Al Hamra homes, Ras Al Khaimah (Project)

Main Parameters | Project Team | Project Tasks | Project Finance | Project Documents

Description: Al Hamra Falcon Island - Al Hamra homes, Ras Al Khaimah

Project Type: Building Construction

Project Manager: Nellai

Main Contractor: [Empty]

Consultant: [Empty]

Planned Start Date: 01.01.2023

Actual Start Date: 05.01.2023

Finish: 31.12.2023

Duration: 365

Code: BLD000000003

Entity: MRB Engineering and Contracting

Customer: XYZ Contracting

Contract: # 000123 Luxury Living Villas - Al Hamra Village

The selected contract is associated with a different project.

Project invoice method differs from terms specified in the contract.

It is recommended to update project invoice method.

Additional Information

the editing validation is skipped and the document remains editable (subject to standard access rights).

3. The Document Is Not the Latest Version

If neither of the above conditions is met, the system checks the document version.

Editing is blocked when:

- the document has an entry in either the **Project Estimates Versions** register or the **Project Budget Estimates Versions** register; and
- the current **Project Estimates** document is **not** the latest version.

Project: Villa #351 - Dubai South					
Date	Number	Entity	Company	Project	Type
31.10.2025	MEPE25-00000001	MRB Engineering and Contr...	Aliens Corp LLC	Villa #351 - Dubai South	Initial
31.10.2025	MEPE25-00000002	MRB Engineering and Contr...	Aliens Corp LLC	Villa #351 - Dubai South	Revision

This validation prevents modification of obsolete **Project Estimates** versions and ensures that only the most recent version can be edited.

4. Project Status Determination

When the **Project Budget** field is empty and the **Correction Type** is not **Variation**, the project status is determined automatically.

In this scenario, a project with the **Active** status remains subject to the editing validation described above.

Administrator Exception

The validation rules described in this article do **not** apply to users with the **Administrator** role.

Administrators can edit **Project Estimates** documents regardless of document version or project status.

Summary

A **Project Estimates** document may become **read-only** when **all** of the following conditions are met:

- FirstBIT Contracting** version **2.1.1.35.2** or later is installed.
- The user does **not** have the **Allow to Edit Active Project Estimates** role.

- The project status is **Active**.
- The current **Project Estimates** document is **not** the latest version.

In this case, the read-only behavior is expected and is implemented by design.

Before reporting this behavior as an issue, verify:

- the user's assigned roles;
- the project status;
- whether the current document is the latest **Project Estimates** version.

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