



# Volume Licensing

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## Licensing Options for Industries

Microsoft Volume Licensing programs for government, education, healthcare, and nonprofits offer flexible and affordable solutions that are tailored by organization size and purchasing preference.

Office 365 is available to eligible government, academic, and nonprofit organizations through some Volume Licensing programs. [Learn more.](#)

Microsoft Corporate Citizenship works with nonprofit and other nongovernmental organizations to provide them with affordable access to technology. [See if your organization qualifies.](#)

- Sign in to the Volume Licensing Service Center
- Volume Activation and Product Keys
- Contact a Partner

- Government
- Education
- Health
- Nonprofit

### Education Institutions

Licensing options to put software in the hands of educators and students so they can interact, collaborate, and learn.



### Find out more

- Use Microsoft License Advisor to get a quote
- Contact a partner to buy or renew
- Download program guides and related documents
- Review Microsoft financing options
- Read customer success stories

### Microsoft Corporate Citizenship

Find out whether your nonprofit organization is eligible for available offers from Microsoft, including Office 365.

[Office 365 for Nonprofits Eligible organizations](#)

## Programs for Educational Institutions

The Academic Volume Licensing program that is best for you depends on the size and type of your institution and how you want to acquire Microsoft licenses and Online Services. There are two types of programs: **subscription** and **perpetual**.

**Subscription licensing**  
Subscription licensing gives you rights to use the products that you license—plus covered upgrades and downgrades—over the license period. Subscription licensing is great for institutions that want:

- Access to the latest technology at the lowest upfront cost
- The convenience of counting people or computers once per year
- Easy compliance by knowing all users or computers are licensed for the year
- Automatic Software Assurance coverage

**Perpetual licensing**  
In perpetual licensing programs, you purchase the software licenses, so your organization has rights to the software after the licensing term ends. Perpetual licensing is great for institutions that want:

- To own their software licenses
- Transactional-based purchases of licenses in specific quantities
- Optional Software Assurance coverage

## Eligibility

The following types of educational entities are typically eligible to purchase through Microsoft Academic Volume Licensing programs:

- Educational institutions
- Administrative offices and boards of education
- Public libraries and museums

Eligibility may vary by geography. Download the [Qualified Education User Definition](#) for your location to verify eligibility.

## Program Comparison

Compare your options to find the right licensing program for your institution.

	Enrollment for Education	School	Open License for	Select Plus
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	Solutions	Enrollment	Academic	for Academic
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**Program type and term length**

Subscription	✓	✓		
Perpetual			✓	✓
Agreement/enrollment term	1 or 3 years	1 or 3 years	2 years	none

**Institution type**

Primary and secondary schools and districts	✓	✓	✓	✓
Higher education	✓		✓	✓

**Institution size**

5-249 computers		✓	✓	
250+ computers		✓	✓	✓
5+ full-time equivalent (FTE) employees or students	✓			
1,000+ FTE employees or students	✓			

**Software Assurance**

Included	✓	✓		
Available			✓	✓

**Sales channel**

Licensing Solution Provider (LSP)	✓ 1000+ FTE employees or students	✓		✓
Authorized Education Reseller (AER)	✓ 5+ FTE employees or students	✓	✓	

**Learn more**

	<a href="#">Download the Enrollment for Education Solutions Volume Licensing Guide (PDF file, 1.4 MB)</a>  <a href="#">Watch the EES video (WMV, 3:23 minutes)</a>	<a href="#">Download the School Enrollment Volume Licensing Guide (PDF, 696 KB)</a>	<a href="#">Download the Open License for Academic Volume Licensing Guide (PDF, 245 KB)</a>	<a href="#">Download the Select Plus for Academic Volume Licensing Guide (PDF, 268 KB)</a>
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**Buy or Renew**

Ready to buy or renew licenses or Online Services through an Academic Volume Licensing agreement?

**United States and Canada**

- [Find a Microsoft Authorized Education Reseller](#)










**Worldwide**

- [Contact your local Microsoft office or visit your regional Microsoft Licensing site](#)

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If you discover counterfeit, pirated, or any software improperly licensed on your PC, help is available. The Get Genuine Windows Agreement for Academic (GGWA-A) is a cost-effective way for qualified academic institutions to fully license their Windows operating system software on existing PCs running Windows. For help determining whether your Windows software is genuine and properly licensed, contact your Microsoft reseller or visit the [Microsoft How to Tell website](#).

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-  [Skype](#)
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-  [Microsoft Store](#)

#### Downloads

- [Volume Licensing Reference Guide Product List](#)
- [Downgrade Rights](#)
- [Enterprise Agreement Guide](#)
- [Software Assurance Benefits](#)
- [Software Assurance Benefits Chart](#)
- [Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center \(VLSC\) User Guide](#)
- [Product Use Rights Explained](#)
- [Software Assurance Planning Guide](#)

#### Tools

- [Volume License Service Center](#)
- [Microsoft License Advisor](#)
- [Microsoft Assessment and Planning Toolkit](#)
- [Software Asset Management](#)

#### Support

- [Frequently Asked Questions About Volume License Keys & Product Activation](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About Product Licensing](#)
- [Volume Licensing Activation Centers](#)
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#### Popular resources

- [Volume Licensing Service Center](#)
- [Microsoft License Advisor](#)
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