

Software Assurance Benefits: Entitlement Summary

Commercial and Government Offerings

To use the interactive chart:

Use this chart to compare Software Assurance benefits across Microsoft Volume Licensing programs.

Click on any Software Assurance benefit name or volume licensing program for a brief description.

Roll over the ✓ to see entitlement descriptions for individual benefits.

For a tailored description of Software Assurance benefits:

Use the [Microsoft Licensing Advisor](#) for a description of Software Assurance benefits based on your purchase or renewal plans. This is a free online tool. (www.microsoft.com/licensing/MLA)

If you already have Software Assurance coverage, visit the [Volume Licensing Service Center](#) for the most accurate statement of your current benefits. You must be registered to use this tool. (www.microsoft.com/licensing/servicecenter/default.aspx)

For more on Software Assurance benefits:

Visit [Microsoft Software Assurance](#) or contact your Microsoft Volume Licensing reseller. (www.microsoft.com/softwareassurance)

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Benefit	Open License	Open Value Non Company-Wide	Open Value Company-Wide and Subscription	Select/Select Plus	Select/Select Plus SAM	Enterprise Agreement/Subscription
Typical Size (# of devices)	5-250	5-250	5-250	>250	>250	>250
Software Assurance	Optional	Included	Included	Optional	Included	Included
New Products						
New Product Versions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Step-Up Licensing Availability		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows 8 Enterprise Edition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deployment						
Planning Services		✓	✓		✓	✓
License Mobility Through Software Assurance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Virtual Desktop Access Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Companion Subscription License				✓	✓	✓
Windows RT Companion VDA Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows To Go Use Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Roaming Use Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Thin PC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Office Roaming Use Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enterprise Sideloading of Windows 8 Apps				✓	✓	✓
TechNet Benefits	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Microsoft Office Multi-Language Pack	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Training						
Training Vouchers		✓	✓		✓	✓
E-Learning	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Home Use Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Support						
Extended Hotfix Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24x7 Problem Resolution Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Specialized						
Cold Backups for Disaster Recovery	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enterprise Source Licensing Program					✓	✓
Spread Payments		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Indicates benefits that may also be available to customers licensed for Windows Intune and/or Windows VDA subscription.

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	Benefit	Benefit Summary	Eligibility Summary
New Products	New Product Versions	Provides new software version releases so you have access to the latest technology.	Every license covered under Software Assurance may be upgraded to the newest version.
	Step-Up Licensing Availability	Enables you to migrate your software from a lower-level edition to a higher-level edition, such as Office Standard to Office Professional Plus, at a low cost.	To get a Step-up license, you need a license for the qualifying, lower-level product. For current details, refer to the Microsoft Product List at http://www.microsoft.com/licensing/productlist/ .
	Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack	Provides a suite of innovative technologies including virtualization, policy control, and diagnostics and recovery tools.	You may subscribe to MDOP when you have active Software Assurance coverage for the Windows desktop operating system.*
	Windows 8 Enterprise Edition	Offers premium features designed to help meet the mobile productivity, security, manageability, and virtualization needs of today's large organizations.	You are eligible for this benefit when you have active Software Assurance coverage for the Windows desktop operating system, which gives you the option to use Windows 8 Enterprise in place of Windows 8 Pro on that Software Assurance-covered device.
Deployment	Planning Services	Provides structured planning services from Microsoft partners to enable efficient deployments of Microsoft application, system and server products, and cloud services.	You receive a number of Planning Services days based on the number of qualifying Office Application, CAL Suite and Server products with Software Assurance coverage.
	License Mobility Through Software Assurance	Enables you to deploy certain server application licenses on-premises or in the cloud by assigning your existing licenses to an authorized service provider's server farm.	You may utilize License Mobility when you carry Software Assurance on eligible server application products.
	Windows Virtual Desktop Access Rights	Enables users to access virtual instances of Windows 8 (or prior operating system versions) in a variety of user scenarios.	You may utilize Windows VDA Rights when you have active Software Assurance coverage for the Windows desktop operating system.*
	Windows Companion Subscription License	Allows the primary user of the licensed device to access a corporate desktop through VDI or run Windows To Go on up to four personally-owned devices or corporate-owned non x86/64 devices when at work	You may subscribe to Windows CSL when you have active Software Assurance coverage for the Windows desktop operating system.*
	Windows RT Companion VDA Rights	Allows a corporate-owned Windows RT companion device to access a Windows virtual instance running in the data center.	The primary user of a device covered by active Software Assurance for Windows may access a VDI on a corporate-owned Windows RT companion device.
	Windows To Go Use Rights	Enables IT administrators to provide users with a bootable corporate Windows image that can include line of business apps, settings, and corporate data on a compatible USB storage device.	You may utilize Windows To Go Rights on any device with active Software Assurance coverage for Windows desktop operating system.*
	Windows Roaming Use Rights	Allows the primary user of the licensed device to access a corporate desktop either remotely through a VDI or via Windows To Go from non-corporate devices such as personally-owned PCs.	You may utilize Windows Roaming Use Rights when you when you have active Software Assurance coverage for the Windows desktop operating system.*
	Windows Thin PC	Helps you to lower the end point cost for VDI by providing an enterprise ready platform to repurpose existing PCs as thin clients.	You may utilize Windows Thin PC when you have active Software Assurance coverage for the Windows desktop operating system.*
	Office Roaming Use Rights	Allows the primary user of a licensed device to remotely access Office, Project, and/or Visio via a virtual environment from a third-party device such as a home or contractor-owned PC.	You may utilize Office Roaming Use Rights when you when you have active Software Assurance coverage for Office, Project, and/or Visio on qualified devices.
	Enterprise Sideloading of Windows 8 Apps	Gives you the necessary use rights and product keys required to deploy Windows 8 apps directly to devices within your organizations as opposed to being installed through the public Windows Store.	You may utilize the necessary use rights and product keys when you have active Software Assurance coverage for the Windows desktop operating system.*
	TechNet Benefits	Gives IT staff access to experts, technical information, plus beta and final versions of products for testing and evaluation.	For each eligible server product with Software Assurance one person within your organization gains access to TechNet's Online Concierge Chat and Managed Forums. You also receive a single complimentary subscription to TechNet Professional Subscription.
	Microsoft Office Multi-Language Pack	Enables IT to deploy a single Office image with support for 37 languages.	You may use the latest version of the Office Multi-Language Pack for the Office system products you have with Software Assurance.
	Training Vouchers	Provides in-depth technical classroom training for IT professionals and developers.	You receive a number of Training Days based on the number of qualifying Office and/or Windows operating system licenses covered with Software Assurance.
	Training	E-Learning	Offers self-paced interactive training designed for end-users and IT professionals, delivered via Internet or Intranet.
Home Use Program		Provides employees with the latest version of Microsoft Office for their home computer, via low cost download.	For each Office Application you have covered with Software Assurance, a user of the licensed PC or device may acquire at a low cost one copy of that product for use at home.
Support	Extended Hotfix Support	Provides specific product fixes on a per customer incident basis, beyond the standard product support.	While annual fees normally charged as part of an Extended Support agreement are waived, to receive this benefit you must have SA coverage for the related product pool and a Premier Support Agreement in place.
	24x7 Problem Resolution Support	Provides around-the-clock phone and web incident support for Microsoft server and desktop products	Except for Open License Program, when you have at least 1 server license covered with SA you get one complimentary phone support incident, plus unlimited web support for eligible server products covered with SA. Also eligible for an additional phone support incident for every US\$200K spent on system & application SA, & for every US\$20K spent on server and Client Access License SA.
Specialized	Cold Backups for Disaster Recovery	Provides licensing for servers used as offline ("cold") backups for disaster recovery purposes.	For each qualifying server license you have with Software Assurance and related CALs, you may run one instance of the software on a "cold" server for disaster recovery purposes.
	Enterprise Source Licensing Program	Provides access to Microsoft Windows source code for internal development and support.	To receive this benefit you must have SA coverage for all of your purchases under the systems product pool and have at least 1,500 desktops covered with SA.
	Spread Payments	Payment for license and Software Assurance may be spread across three equal, annual sums.	Available on all Volume Licensing programs, except Open License.

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