Software Assurance benefits: Entitlement summary
Academic offerings

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Using this chart:

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

To learn more:

Visit the Microsoft Software Assurance website www.microsoft.com/softwareassurance or contact your Microsoft Volume Licensing Reseller to find out more about Software Assurance benefits.

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Benefit	Open License for Academic	Open Value Subscription – Education Solutions	Select / Select Plus for Academic	Microsoft Products & Services Agreement	Enrollment for Education Solutions	School Enrollment
Typical size	5-250 devices	5-1,000 FTE* users	>250 devices	>250 devices	1,000+ Knowledge Workers	>250 devices
Software Assurance	Optional	Included	Optional	Optional	Included	Included
Deploy and Manage						
New Version Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack (MDOP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Virtual Desktop Access Rights (VDA)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows 10 Enterprise per User Add-on Availability			✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows To Go Use Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Thin PC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Office Roaming Use Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exchange Online Voicemail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Office Online	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
License Mobility through Software Assurance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Support Training						
Microsoft Home Use Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Specialized						
Servers – Disaster Recovery Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fail-Over Rights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Step-up Licensing availability	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spread Payments	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* FTE = full-time equivalent

** Available for Select/Select Plus Agreements with Software Assurance membership

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	Benefit	Benefit summary	Eligibility summary
Deploy and Manage	New Version Rights	Upgrade each Microsoft product license that's covered by active Software Assurance to the most recent version for no additional cost.	Licensed products with Software Assurance coverage can be upgraded to the latest version of that product made available during the covered period.
	Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack (MDOP)	Provides a suite of innovative technologies including virtualization, policy control, and diagnostics and recovery tools.	If the underlying Windows Software Assurance or Windows VDA is licensed per device, then MDOP covers the licensed device. If the underlying Windows Software Assurance or Windows VDA is licensed per user, then MDOP extends across all of the licensed user's devices.
	Windows Virtual Desktop Access Rights (VDA)	Enables users to access virtual instances of Windows in a variety of user scenarios.	You may use Windows VDA Rights when you have active Software Assurance coverage for the Windows desktop operating system.*
	Windows 10 Enterprise per User Add-on Availability	The optional Windows 10 Enterprise per User Add-on provides per user rights for the primary user of a device that is licensed with Windows Enterprise, or Windows per User VDA rights for the primary user of a device that's licensed with Windows VDA.	You may add Windows 10 Enterprise per User Add-on Availability for a primary user with a primary device that's licensed for Windows Software Assurance or Windows VDA subscription.
	Windows To Go Use Rights	Enables IT administrators to provide users with a bootable corporate Windows image that can include line-of-business applications, settings, and corporate data on a compatible USB storage device.	You may use Windows To Go Rights on any device with active Software Assurance coverage for Windows desktop operating system.* Users licensed for Windows Software Assurance per User or Windows Virtual Desktop Access per User may use Windows To Go on any supported device.
	Windows Thin PC	Helps reduce the cost of VDI at the endpoint, enabling IT with an enterprise-ready platform to repurpose existing PCs as thin clients.	You may use 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 Visio using a virtual environment from a third-party device such as a home or contractor-owned PC.	You may use Office Roaming Use Rights when you have active Software Assurance coverage for Office, Project, and/or Visio on qualified devices.
	Exchange Online Voicemail	Allows Exchange Server 2019 customers to access their voice messages from Outlook.	Customers with active Software Assurance for Exchange Server Standard 2019 or Exchange Server Enterprise 2019.
	Office Online Services and Office Online Server	Office Online Server (OOS) provides browser-based versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and OneNote from on-premises environments.	Office Online Services and Office Online Server eligibility and usage is based on licensing coverage for qualifying applications and online services. For details, refer to the Microsoft Product Terms.
Training	License Mobility	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, without needing to buy additional licenses.	You may use License Mobility on eligible server application products with Software Assurance coverage. Refer to the Microsoft Product Terms for complete details about permitted use of License Mobility.
	Microsoft Home Use Program	Provides Office 365 Home or Personal subscriptions or Office Professional Plus at a significant discount.	Employees of company's with SAM coverage for the Application Pool may purchase Office 365 Home or Personal subscriptions at a discounts. For each unit of Office software covered with Software Assurance, a user of the licensed PC or device may acquire at a low cost one copy of that software for use at home.
Support	Servers – Disaster Recovery Rights	Provides licensing for backup servers dedicated to disaster recovery. Permits quarterly patching and testing, and ongoing virtual machine replication from production servers to backup/disaster recovery servers.	For each licensed instance you run under qualifying licenses with Software Assurance and related CALs, you may run one instance of the software on a backup server for disaster recovery purposes.
	Fail-Over Rights	Allows a passive-fail-over instance (i.e., non-production, but "warm" instance) on another server in anticipation of a fail-over event.	Fail-over Rights are applicable to only certain Microsoft servers, and require active Software Assurance. For details, refer to the Microsoft Product Terms.
Specialized	Step-up Licensing availability	Enables you to migrate your software from a earlier edition to a higher-level edition.	To get a Step-up License, you need a license for the qualifying, earlier product. For details, refer to the Microsoft Product Terms.
	Spread Payments	Payment for license and Software Assurance may be spread across three equal, annual sums.	Contact your Microsoft representative or Microsoft Reseller Partner for eligibility details.

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