Microsoft

Software Assurance

Smart IT investments support effective organizations

The success of your organization relies on an effective IT infrastructure that provides innovative, efficient, and cost-effective ways to address new business scenarios. Your IT investments are smartly planned, managed, and supported. Equally as important, your employees are trained, excited, and ready to take fullest advantage of the productivity gains that the latest technology offers. Does that describe your organization? Software Assurance from Microsoft helps make sure you can answer "Yes!"

The Software Assurance advantage

Get more out of your Microsoft software and services

Software Assurance is a comprehensive Volume Licensing program that **includes an extensive set of technologies, services, rights, and benefits** to help you and your organization get the most out of your investments in IT.

Software Assurance spans a broad range of Microsoft software and services, including Windows, Microsoft Office, Azure, System Center, SQL Server, and many others.

With Software Assurance, you get the **tools and training you need to do more** with the IT investments you plan to make as well as those you have already made.

Software Assurance is **available exclusively through Microsoft Volume Licensing**—the most cost-effective, flexible, and manageable way to acquire Microsoft software and cloud services.

Reduce costs, improve efficiency, increase productivity

Software Assurance helps your organization spend less and do more.

Planning consultants are available to **provide expert advice and prepare you to deploy** an IT infrastructure that best suits your needs.*

With New Version Rights you can **upgrade** to the most recent product version **for no additional cost**. Your employees can purchase low-cost downloads of Office to use at home, and your organization gets flexible licensing rights and use options to best support office and mobile workers on a broad range of devices.

To help ready staff and build IT skills, for no additional cost **your technical staff gets classroom training.***

*Deployment planning and training vouchers will be fully retired in February 2022.

Software Assurance provides a broad range of benefits to help improve business agility

Save time, stay up and running

Have a problem or a concern? 24x7 support, by web or phone, gets you answers when you need them. This Software Assurance benefit, along with **tools and technologies to standardize and speed application deployments**, can be a huge time-saver. You get greater control of the tools that your employees are using, less downtime, and fast support. Your employees get the technology they need, when they need it.

You also get help with developing and applying organization-wide policies to help keep software configurations up to date, secure, and configured to best support your IT environment. This, and additional **disaster recovery and fail-over benefits**, helps maintain a stable, secure, and available infrastructure.

Be prepared

Organizations around the world are excited about the potential they see in cloud computing. Software Assurance helps you **prepare to move selected functions off-premises** with innovative server licensing opportunities.

License Mobility through Software Assurance helps you benefit from lower-cost off-premises deployments that may be easier to scale and less trouble to manage, while at the same time retaining the value of your investment in on-premises server licenses. You get to **retain your license investments and reduce your outsourcing costs** by assigning those licenses to your hosting partner.

Budget your way

The Software Assurance Spread Payments benefit **works with your budget and lowers your initial licensing costs**. Instead of one up-front payment, you spread the costs of your License and Software Assurance purchase across three equal, annual sums, helping you calculate your technology budget up to three years in advance.

Review Software Assurance benefits

The comprehensive set of Software Assurance benefits combine to offer a **powerful advantage** as you plan, deploy, and use Microsoft products**.**

The Software Assurance Benefits Chart (PDF, 2.2 MB), which includes an **overview of each benefit** and describes which benefits apply to each type of Volume Licensing agreement. Use the chart to see the many ways Software Assurance can offer invaluable advantages to your organization.

If you still have questions, visit Software Assurance on the web or contact your Microsoft volume licensing reseller.

Get Software Assurance

Software Assurance is purchased through Microsoft Volume Licensing; it's **included with some Volume Licensing agreements and is an optional purchase with others.** Your available benefits are determined by the types and quantity of products that you license. Contact your Microsoft Partner for details.

Learn more about Software Assurance and how you can take full advantage of your investments in Microsoft technology.

Software Assurance is a comprehensive program that includes a unique set of technologies, services, and rights to help you deploy, manage, and use Microsoft products efficiently.