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 for a brief description.

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

For more on Software Assurance benefits:

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

To learn more about SA through the Microsoft Products and Services Agreement (MPSA) visit SA through MPSA (www.microsoft.com/licensing/software-assurance/sa-mpsax.aspx)

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	Benefit	Open License	Open Value Non Company-Wide	Open Value Company-Wide and Subscription	Select/ Select Plus	Microsoft Products and Services Agreement	Enterprise Agreement/ Subscription
	Typical Size (# of devices)	5-250	5-250	5-250	>250	>250	>250
	Software Assurance	Optional	Included	Included	Optional	Optional	Included
New Products	New Product Versions	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Step-Up Licensing Availability		✔	✔	✔		✔
	Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack		✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Enhanced Edition Benefits	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
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	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Office Multi-Language Pack	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Training	Training Vouchers		✔	✔	✔ +	✔	✔
	E-Learning	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Home Use Program	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Support	Extended Hotfix Support	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	24x7 Problem Resolution Support	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Specialized	Back-up for Disaster Recovery	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Passive Secondary Instance for SQL Server	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	System Center Global Service Monitor	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Enterprise Source Licensing Program				✔ +	✔	✔
	Spread Payments		✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

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For more details about Software Assurance entitlements through the MPSA, visit SA through MPSA.

	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.*
	Enhanced Edition Benefits	Run current or prior editions of Windows or Windows Embedded Industry (part of the Windows Embedded family of products).	You may utilize the necessary use rights and product keys when you have active Software Assurance coverage for the Windows desktop or Windows Embedded Industry operating system.
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 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 have active Software Assurance coverage for Office, Project, and/or Visio on qualified devices.
	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	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.
	E-Learning	Offers self-paced interactive training designed for end-users and IT professionals, delivered via Internet or Intranet.	For every qualifying license (such as Word or Windows OS) covered by Software Assurance, one person in your organization may access E-Learning courses for that product.
	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	The number of support incidences for which you're eligible is based on the type of Volume Licensing agreement and qualifying products. For current details refer to the Microsoft Product List at http://www.microsoft.com/licensing/productlist/.
Specialized	Back-up for Disaster Recovery	Provides licensing for backup servers dedicated to disaster recovery. Permits quarterly patching and testing as well as 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.
	Passive secondary instance for SQL Server	For paid editions of SQL Server a Passive secondary instance is only permitted with Software Assurance.	You may run a Passive secondary instance only if you have Software Assurance attached to paid editions of SQL Server.
	System Center Global Service Monitor (GSM)	System Center Global Service Monitor is a cloud service that extends the application monitoring capabilities in System Center 2012 beyond your organization's own network boundary.	The GSM benefit is available to any customer with active Software Assurance coverage on the 'System Center Standard Server ML' or 'System Center Datacenter Server ML'.
	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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*Indicates benefits that may also be available to customers licensed for Windows Intune and/or Windows VDA subscription.