



# Understanding Academic Volume License Agreements

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** If my school enters into a Microsoft® Academic Volume License Agreement (Campus, School, Open, Select), does that mean it is licensed for a full Microsoft operating system (OS) such as Microsoft® Windows®?

**A.** No. Microsoft Volume License Agreements only license a school or institution to upgrade a previously acquired and fully licensed Windows operating system. The Academic Volume License does not cover the full Windows operating system. Schools and other academic institutions must ensure that they own a fully licensed version of Microsoft Windows before they can take advantage of the upgrade rights in the Microsoft Academic Volume License Agreement.

**Q.** If my school has an Academic Volume License Agreement, can we purchase a new PC without any operating system software and use the Volume License Agreement to install the full Microsoft Windows license?

**A.** No. Microsoft Volume License Agreements only license a school or institution to upgrade a previously acquired full version of a Windows operating system license.

**Q.** How do I acquire a license for the full Microsoft Windows operating system?

**A.** There are only two ways to obtain this license. One, acquire a new PC with preinstalled genuine Microsoft Windows software from your PC manufacturer—this is the most cost-effective way to get a genuine Windows operating system license on a new PC. Two, purchase a full-packaged retail version of the Microsoft Windows operating system.

## What is a Microsoft Academic Volume License Agreement?

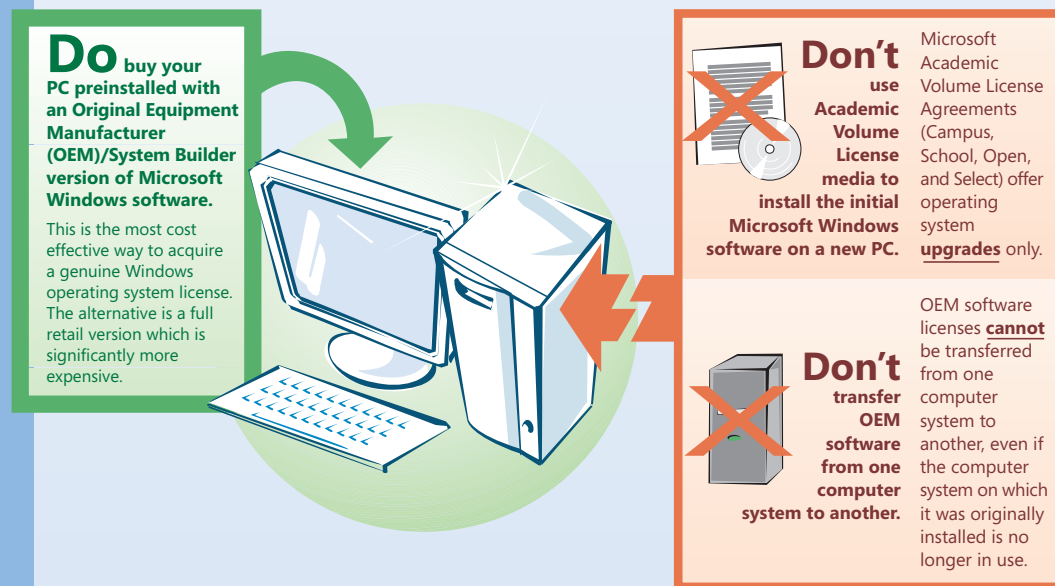
An Academic Volume License Agreement is an economic way for schools and other academic institutions to acquire multiple licenses for software. There are four types of volume licenses available—Campus, School, Academic Open, and Academic Select.

**Academic Volume License Agreement = Microsoft® Windows® Upgrade Only**

One important thing to know about Academic Volume License Agreements is that they never cover the full Microsoft Windows operating system license – Academic Volume License Agreements **only** cover the Windows operating system upgrade licenses.




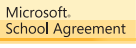
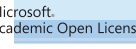
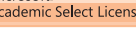
Microsoft Windows upgrades are designed to upgrade previously acquired and fully licensed versions of Microsoft Windows. See the chart on the reverse side for qualifying upgrade path information.

## How to acquire a Microsoft Windows license on a new PC.



A full Microsoft Windows operating system license can only be acquired through the OEM/System Builder Channel (with the purchase of a new PC or certain hardware) or via the retail channel. Academic versions of a full Microsoft Windows operating system do not exist.

Choosing the right license will help you get the best value for your academic institution.

	Program	Full Microsoft Windows Licence available	Ideal Customers	License Agreement	For more information
	OEM/System Builder (Software preinstalled on new PCs)	Yes	Any customer purchasing new PCs.	End-user license agreement is between PC manufacturer and end-user.	<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/Genuine/Windows">www.microsoft.com/Genuine/Windows</a>
	Retail (Boxed, shrink-wrapped software acquired primarily through retail outlets)	Yes	Customers with small-volume software needs- fewer than 5 PCs.	End-user license agreement is between end-user and Microsoft.	<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/Education/AcademicDiscounts.aspx">www.microsoft.com/Education/AcademicDiscounts.aspx</a>
	Campus Agreement	No	Higher educational institutions looking for a simple, flexible subscription licensing agreement.	Academic Volume License Agreements offer operating system <u>upgrades</u> only and do not cover the full Microsoft Windows operating system. There is not an Academic version of a full Windows OS license through any channel.	<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/Education/CampusAgreement.aspx">www.microsoft.com/Education/CampusAgreement.aspx</a>
	School Agreement	No	K-12 schools, preschools, public libraries, and public museums looking for a simple, flexible subscription licensing agreement.		<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/Education/SchoolAgreement.aspx">www.microsoft.com/Education/SchoolAgreement.aspx</a>
	Academic Open License*	No	Academic institutions of any size desiring easy, one-time transactions and the flexibility of acquiring licenses in small quantities.		<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/Education/Open.aspx">www.microsoft.com/Education/Open.aspx</a>
	Academic Select License*	No	Medium-to large-sized institutions with approximately 250+ computers and the ability to forecast license acquisitions.		<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/Education/Select.aspx">www.microsoft.com/Education/Select.aspx</a>

#### Qualifying Underlying Licenses.

**In order to qualify for the Microsoft® Windows XP® upgrade you must have acquired one of the following underlying licenses:**

- Microsoft® Windows® 2000 Professional
  - Microsoft® Windows NT® Workstation 4.0 or 3.51
  - Microsoft® Windows® 98, Windows® 95, Windows® Millennium Edition, and Windows XP® Home Edition, Windows® 3.x, Windows for Workgroups 3.x
  - IBM® OS/2\*\*
  - Apple® Macintosh®
  - UNIX\*\*:
- \* IBM OS/2 and UNIX: SCO (Xenix, UnixWare) qualifies as an underlying license under Academic Select and Academic Open only.

**Any operating system not listed above does not qualify for the Microsoft® Windows XP upgrade. Some examples include:**

- Embedded Systems (e.g. Windows® 9.x for Embedded, Windows XP® Embedded)
- Linux

#### The benefits of genuine Microsoft software.

With genuine Microsoft software you can be confident that you're receiving fully supported, and reliable software. Genuine software gives you access to the latest security enhancements and product updates that will help keep your system-and your school-secure and running smoothly. By purchasing from a reputable system builder, you'll receive all the benefits of genuine, licensed Microsoft software and the added support and expertise that system builders provide.



#### Additional Resources

[www.microsoft.com.au/education](http://www.microsoft.com.au/education)

[www.microsoft.com.au/licensing](http://www.microsoft.com.au/licensing)

[www.microsoft.com.au/education/howtobuy](http://www.microsoft.com.au/education/howtobuy)

[www.microsoft.com.au/sam](http://www.microsoft.com.au/sam)

[www.microsoft.com.au/howtotell](http://www.microsoft.com.au/howtotell)