

## Windows Software Assurance per User

# License access to Windows on a per user basis

Access to Windows Enterprise can be licensed on a per user basis through the Windows Software Assurance per User and Windows Virtual Desktop Access (VDA) per User licensing options. These options put your users at the center of your Windows licensing solution, give you flexibility to decide how to deploy and access Windows across devices, and simplify Windows licensing and management.

Licensing by user frees your users to access Windows across all of their devices, regardless of who owns the device. You get the flexibility to deliver Windows Enterprise across devices through local install, Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI), or Windows To Go.

You also gain the simplicity of counting users instead of all of their devices—supporting Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scenarios without the need to track every device and license.\*



User-centric

*Put your users at the center of your licensing solution.*

Licensing by user frees your users to use or access Windows across all their devices, including iOS and Android devices. With per user licensing, it doesn't matter who owns the device or whether the device is on or off premises.



Flexible

*Deliver Windows Enterprise across devices.*

Windows Software Assurance per User and Windows VDA per User give you flexible options for how you deploy and access Windows across devices.



Simpler

*Simplify licensing and management.*

Count just users with primary PCs, instead of every single device. Choose Windows VDA per User across your organization, and eliminate the need to count devices and track whether they have a qualifying operating system.\*

# Flexible access to Windows Enterprise

With Windows Software Assurance and Windows VDA, you get flexible access to Windows Enterprise, including downgrade rights to earlier versions. Compare these access rights when licensed per user or per device. Full details on the access rights granted are available in the Software Assurance Benefits section of the Microsoft Volume Licensing [Product Terms](#).

Access Rights to Windows Enterprise:	Per User		Per Device	
	Software Assurance	VDA	Software Assurance	VDA
<b>Local install</b>	Any device licensed for Windows 7/8/8.1/10 Pro or Enterprise and any Windows tablet with a diagonal screen size of 10.1 inches or less		The licensed device only	The licensed device only if also licensed for Windows 7/8/8.1/10 Pro or Enterprise
<b>Remote access via VDI or Windows To Go</b>	Any device		Non-corporate devices while away from the office (via Roaming Use Rights)	

## A per user option for everyone

Compare Windows Software Assurance per User, Windows VDA per User, and the Windows per User Software Assurance Add-on.

**Note:** "Primary user's primary device" means the user is the primary user of a device AND the device is that user's primary work device.

	Windows Software Assurance per User	Windows VDA per User	Windows Software Assurance per User Add-on	
			When added to Windows Software Assurance per Device	When added to Windows VDA per Device
<b>Licensing requirements</b>	Primary user's primary device must be licensed for Windows 7/8/8.1/10 Pro or Enterprise	No device requirements; may be assigned to any user	Primary user's primary device must already be covered by Windows Software Assurance	Primary user's primary device must already be covered by Windows VDA
<b>License model</b>	Per user; no device limits			
<b>Local install of Windows Enterprise</b>	On any Windows 7/8/8.1/10 Pro or Enterprise device or Windows tablet ≤ 10.1 inches			
<b>VDI Access and Windows To Go</b>	Any device			

Windows Software Assurance per User and Windows VDA per User licenses are available through the following Volume Licensing programs: Enterprise Agreement, Enterprise Agreement Subscription, Select/Select Plus\*, Microsoft Products and Services Agreement, and Enrollment for Education Solutions.

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