

Surface in education

Limited time offer

Microsoft Customer FAQ



Q. What is the Surface RT in Education Limited Time Offer?

A. For a limited time, Microsoft is offering education institution customers special pricing on the Surface RT tablet. This offer is available now through to 30 September 2013.

The offer is as follows:

- Surface RT (32GB) – AU \$219 incl. GST (RRP is \$389)
- Surface RT (32GB) with Touch Keyboard Cover – AU \$279 incl. GST (RRP is \$499)
- Surface RT (32GB) with Type Keyboard Cover – AU \$319 incl. GST (RRP is \$539)

Q. Why is Microsoft making such an aggressive Surface RT offer to education now?

A. Microsoft has a long tradition of offering special pricing to education customers. Microsoft's mission in education is to help schools, students and educators realise their full potential. We do this by investing in education institutions through software, hardware and services at affordable prices. We think Surface RT is a terrific tool for teaching and learning, and we want students and educators to have the best technology on the market today.

Q. How does Surface RT compare to iPad and Android?

A. There are many differences between Surface RT and iPad and Android. One of the most important differences to schools is Surface RT comes with a touch-optimized version of Microsoft Office Home & Student 2013 RT - Word, PowerPoint, Excel and OneNote (an upcoming free Windows update will also provide an RT version of Outlook). Microsoft Office is among the most popular productivity software in schools and businesses. Its inclusion in Surface RT means that your students and teachers will be ready to get to work on Surface right away.

Surface RT also lets users multitask between applications, share the device between many users, provides USB and HD video out ports, optional keyboard covers, integration of Internet Explorer 10 to run Flash based websites, lots of storage and a file system, a high quality display, and excellent battery life.

Take a look at the Surface RT in Education Brochure to learn about how Surface RT is a great solution for your education institution.

Q. What is the difference between Windows 8 and Windows RT?

A. Windows 8 comes in three versions (Home, Pro and Enterprise) and runs on Intel x86 chipset. Windows RT comes in one version and runs on the ARM chipset. Windows RT devices are lightweight, have thin form factors, and better battery life. Windows 8 x86 devices can run legacy software and software requiring intense processing power as well as the new modern Windows 8 apps. Windows RT ARM devices can run applications like Microsoft Office 2013 RT and the new modern Windows 8 apps exclusively from the Windows Store. Windows 8 x86 devices running Windows 8 Pro and Windows 8 Enterprise have enterprise level security and manageability features.

Q. I've heard there are more apps on iOS and Android? What can I expect from Surface RT?

A. With over 20,000 educationally-relevant apps worldwide in the Windows Store from many of the biggest names in education - Khan Academy, Nsquared Make Words, and leading publishers - there is an app for almost every subject.¹ Microsoft has also optimized the web browsing experience for HTML 5 and Flash.

Q. What countries will the Surface in Education Limited Time Offer be available in?

A. This offer is available in the following countries:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China (via Digital China), Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Q. Is there a minimum order requirement?

A. No. Education institutions may buy any quantity of Surface RT for their organisation. Pricing is only available until 30 September 2013. We recommend that education institutions get their orders in early to take advantage of the offer while supplies last.

Q. How do schools order their Surface RTs?

A. The Surface RT in Education brochure contains an order form. Fill out the order form with a valid purchase order number and send it to SurfaceEDU@microsoft.com. You will get an email back confirming the order and details on fulfillment.



¹ Works exclusively with apps from the Windows Store.