

Qualifying for Volume Licensing

Windows licenses available through Volume Licensing are upgrade-only licenses. They do not replace purchasing the initial Windows licenses for software that comes pre-installed on new PCs. Each desktop that runs the Windows 7 upgrade must first be licensed to run one of the qualifying operating systems identified below—otherwise the PC will not have a valid, legal Windows license. If you don't have a pre-existing license for a genuine, qualifying OS on your PC, see the "[Get Genuine Options](#)" section in this guide.

Each of these conditions must be met in order for a base PC to be eligible for an upgrade license:

- Software under the qualifying OS license must already be installed on the device that will be assigned the Volume Licensing upgrade. See chart below of pre-installed OEM versions that are eligible for upgrade.
- You must remove the existing qualifying OS from the device in order to deploy the Volume Licensing upgrade license, unless the PC is covered by Software Assurance.
- Customers who wish to install or run more than one licensed OS at one time (including the qualifying OS), may either:
 - Acquire Software Assurance for their Volume Licensing upgrade license.
 - Purchase full Windows 7 licenses, separately.

In order to purchase Windows volume licenses the PC must have the correct qualifying operating system already licensed for that PC. Windows licenses available through Volume Licensing are upgrade-only licenses. They do not replace purchasing the initial Windows licenses for software that comes pre-installed on new PCs. Each desktop that runs the Windows 7 upgrade must first be licensed to run one of the qualifying operating systems identified below—otherwise the PC will not have a valid, legal Windows license. If you don't have a pre-existing license for a genuine, qualifying OS on your PC, see the "[Get Genuine Options](#)" section below.

Operating systems that qualify for a Windows 7 Professional Volume Licensing upgrade license:

Qualifying Operating Systems	New Enterprise Agreement / Open Value	Existing Enterprise Agreement / Open Value	Select Plus / Select License Program	Open License Program	Academic
Windows 7 (32-bit or 64-bit)	x	x	x	x	x
Enterprise (N,K, KN)*	x	x	x	x	x
Professional (N, K, KN, Diskless)	x	x	x	x	x
Ultimate	x	x	x	x	x
Home Premium					x
Home Basic					x
Starter Edition					x
Windows Vista (32-bit or 64-bit)					
Enterprise (N,K, KN)	x	x	x	x	x

Business (N, K, KN, Blade)	x	x	x	X	X
Ultimate	x	x	x	X	X
Home Premium					X
Home Basic					X
Starter Edition					X
Windows XP (32-bit or 64-bit)					
XP Professional (N, Tablet, Blade)	x	x	x	X	X
XP Home Edition					X
XP Starter Edition					X
Windows 2000 Professional	x		x	X	X
Windows NT Workstation 4.0	x		x	X	X
Windows 98 (including 2nd Edition)	x		x	X	X
Apple Macintosh	x		x	X	X

**N, K, and KN are specialized editions available for certain markets.*

Get Genuine Options

Microsoft Windows upgrades are designed to upgrade previously acquired, qualified licenses. The best and most cost-effective way to acquire full Windows licenses is through preinstalled licenses on a new PC. However, if you discover counterfeit or pirated software or a non-qualified operating system on your computers, that may cause you to be out of license compliance, there are solutions available through Volume Licensing that can help you remedy this situation.

To purchase the correct Windows licenses through Volume Licensing, the Get Genuine Windows Agreement (GGWA) has two options: GGWA for Small and Medium Organizations, and GGWA for Large Organizations.

	GGWA for Small and Medium Organizations	GGWA for Large Organizations
Target Audience	Customers with five or more PCs needing Windows licensing	Customers with a large installed base of PCs needing Windows licensing
Order Quantity	Minimum five licenses (reorders allowed through the agreement term of two years)	Minimum five licenses
Details	- Sold through Microsoft Resellers - Non-signed commitment to buy legal going forward - Generally no transferability of license, except as allowed by agreement - Downgrade rights available - Software Assurance can be purchased within 90 days - Support is available for purchase from a Microsoft Reseller	- Sold through Microsoft Large Account Reseller or direct from Microsoft - Pre-signed agreement that includes an audit clause - Commitment that future Windows software acquisitions will contain legal software - Placement of a one-time only order - Non- transferability of GGWA licenses - A Master Business and Services Agreement must be in place or one must be set-up - Software Assurance can be purchased within 90 days - Support is available for purchase from either Microsoft or Microsoft Large Account Reseller

More information is available at: <http://www.microsoft.com/piracy/knowthefacts/LegalizationSolutions.aspx>.