



Licensing Guide – Microsoft SPLA Licensing



License Mobility – License Requirement

If you are hosting customer owned licenses in a shared hardware infrastructure, or dedicated Virtual Server, make sure the products are license mobility eligible.

Customers that are installing software in the SPLA environment that is not mobility eligible need to ensure that their environment is fully dedicated – this includes the Individual VM and the Hardware.

Software with License Mobility – as of June 2020

Please note, License Mobility is only available as a benefit of products with active Software Assurance.

- BizTalk Server – All editions
- Dynamics 365 – On Premises – Operations Server Only
- Exchange Server – All Editions
- Project Server – Server licenses only
- SharePoint Server - SharePoint Server and Office Audit and Control Management Server (server licenses only)
- Skype for Business – Server licenses only
- SQL Server - All editions of SQL Server (Not applicable to Parallel Data Warehouse) and SQL Server Big Data Node
- System Center Server - All editions (License Mobility through SA only)
- Azure DevOps Server – Server Licenses Only
- Windows Server – External Connector only

Latest product terms: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/licensing/product-licensing/products>

Verification Form – Customer Obligation

Each customer needs to sign a verification form when leveraging their own licenses with license mobility.

Three occasions on which a verification form could be required:

1. *“When you deploy eligible licenses with an Authorized Mobility Partner. A new form is required each time you deploy additional licenses.”*

Within 10 days of deployment, complete the License Verification Form available on the [Volume Licensing Document Search website](#) and provide it to your Microsoft representative or preferred resell partner, so he or she can submit your form to Microsoft. Once submitted, Microsoft will confirm your eligibility and communicate your verification status to you and your chosen Authorized Mobility Partner.

1. *“When you renew your Software Assurance.”*
2. *“When you renew your Volume Licensing Agreement”*

“The form can include multiple enrolments or license numbers under a single agreement, provided that they are supported by the same channel partner. However, you should complete a License Verification form for each agreement under which you are using License Mobility (for example, an Enterprise Agreement and a Select Plus agreement).”

Mobility guide for customers: [Mobility Guide – Customer facing](#)

90-day licensing rule

Customers can only move licenses to, or from, the SPLA license infrastructure every 90 days.

“Customers must assign licenses for a minimum of 90 days, after which they may move their licensed software from a service provider’s shared servers back to their local servers or to another service provider’s shared servers. Instances run under a particular license must be run in a single server farm and can be moved to another server farm, but not on a short-term basis (90 days or less). A server farm includes up to two data centers each physically located either in a time zone that is within four hours of the local time zone of the other [Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and not Daylight Savings Time (DST)], and/or within the European Union (EU) and/or European Free Trade Association (EFTA).”

Educational Materials

SPLA providers must provide educational materials to customers, so that they can make an informed decision on how to effectively use license mobility within SPLA provided infrastructure.

Examples:

<http://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/license-mobility>

<http://aws.amazon.com/windows/mslicensmobility/>

About License Dashboard

Our mission is to enable SAM, IT, Finance and Procurement teams to make informed decisions and take proactive action. Along with our partners we offer the most valuable and powerful license management services on the market.

We use a blend of home grown Software Asset Management technologies and licensing expertise to take on the time-consuming and laborious license management tasks and produce the business critical license intelligence required to move forward. From point-in-time Effective Licensing Position (ELP) programs, through to on-going license compliance and Software Asset Management initiatives, License Dashboard and its partners will help you establish, understand, optimize and manage your software assets. All of which can lead to savings of up to 30% in your overall IT expenditure.

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