

Step Up Licenses

The cost effective way to move from one product edition to another

What is a Step Up License?

A Step Up License enables a customer to move from a lower level edition of a product to a higher level edition of a product without having to pay the full price for the higher level of the product. *For example*, a customer with an **eligible*** license of Microsoft Windows Server Standard edition could Step Up to Windows Server Enterprise Edition.



* Eligibility Criteria

- **Step-ups are available through Microsoft Open Value and Microsoft Open Value Subscription.**
- At the time the Step Up License is purchased, the Software Assurance for the qualifying underlying product must be active.
- The Step Up License must be acquired under the same Volume Licensing Program agreement under which the Software Assurance coverage for the qualifying product is active and current.
- Customers may not transfer the License for the qualifying underlying product separately from the Step-Up license.
- Rights under the Step Up license supersede and replace the underlying license for the qualifying product.
- **Important note:** Considering the scenario above, if a customer had Windows Server Standard, and then decided they needed to upgrade that server to Windows Server Enterprise, if they did not meet the criteria above, an entire new License of Windows Server Enterprise edition would be required to be purchased.

Step Up Pricing

How does Step Up pricing work? It's easy.

The Step-up price is simply the difference between the:

- License & Software Assurance price of the **higher** edition of the product *and the*
- License & Software Assurance price of the **lower** edition of the product

Frequently asked Questions:

Question: Can a customer who purchased Windows Server Standard Edition (License & Software Assurance) under a previous agreement and has since renewed Software Assurance on a current Open Value agreement now purchase a Step-up License?

Answer: Yes absolutely! As long as the customer has active Software Assurance on the Standard Edition software license, then they may purchase the Step-up License to Enterprise Edition.

Question: Once a customer has “stepped up” to the higher level of software product (i.e. from Windows Server Standard to Windows Server Enterprise), can they renew Software Assurance on the Windows Server Enterprise when it's time to sign up to a new agreement?

Answer: Yes absolutely! The customer can opt to renew Software Assurance coverage for the higher level edition they have stepped up to (in the example above they'd renew Software Assurance for Windows Server Enterprise edition).

Step-up Availability

The list of products for which step-up Licenses are available is subject to change. For the latest list of products please refer to the latest "Microsoft Product List" available on www.microsoft.com/licensing

Step-up from	Step-up to
BizTalk® Server Branch	BizTalk® Server Standard
BizTalk® Server Branch	BizTalk® Server Enterprise
BizTalk® Server Standard	BizTalk® Server Enterprise
Commerce Server Standard	Commerce Server Enterprise
Core CAL Suite	Enterprise CAL Suite
Core Infrastructure Server Suite Standard	Core Infrastructure Server Suite Enterprise
Core Infrastructure Server Suite Enterprise	Core Infrastructure Server Suite Datacenter
Desktop Campus w/ Core CAL	Desktop Campus w/ ECAL
Desktop School w/ Core CAL	Desktop School w/ ECAL
Dynamics CRM Workgroup Server	Dynamics CRM Professional Server
Dynamics CRM Professional Server	Dynamics CRM Enterprise Server
Exchange Server Standard	Exchange Server Enterprise
Internet Security & Acceleration (ISA) Standard Server	Internet Security & Acceleration (ISA) Enterprise Server
Office Communications Server Standard	Office Communications Server Enterprise
Office Standard	Office Professional Plus
Professional Desktop	Enterprise Desktop
Professional Desktop with Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack	Enterprise Desktop with Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack
Project Standard	Project Professional
SQL Server™ Workgroup	SQL Server™ Standard
SQL Server™ Standard	SQL Server™ Enterprise
SQL Server™ Enterprise	SQL Server™ Datacenter
System Center Configuration Manager Standard Server Mgmt License	System Center Configuration Manager Enterprise Server Mgmt License
System Center Configuration Manager Enterprise Server Mgmt License	System Center Server Management Suite Enterprise
System Center Data Protection Manager Standard Server Mgmt License	System Center Data Protection Mgr Enterprise Server Mgmt License
System Center Data Protection Manager Enterprise Server Mgmt License	System Center Server Management Suite Enterprise
System Center Operations Manager Standard Server Mgmt License	System Center Operations Manager Enterprise Server Mgmt License
System Center Operations Manager Enterprise Server Mgmt License	System Center Server Management Suite Enterprise
System Center Server Management Suite Standard	System Center Server Management Suite Enterprise
System Center Server Management Suite Enterprise	System Center Server Management Suite Datacenter
System Center Virtual Machine Mgr 2008 Enterprise Server Mgmt License	System Center Server Management Suite Enterprise
Visio® Standard	Visio® Professional
Visio® Professional	Visio® Premium
Visual Studio Professional with MSDN	Visual Studio Premium with MSDN
Visual Studio Premium with MSDN	Visual Studio Ultimate with MSDN
Visual Studio Test Professional with MSDN	Visual Studio Ultimate with MSDN
Windows® Essential Business Server CAL Suite	Windows EBS CAL Suite for Premium Users or Devices
Windows® Essential Business Server Standard	Windows® Essential Business Server Premium
Windows® Server™ Standard	Windows® Server™ Enterprise
Windows® Server™ Standard	Windows® Server™ Datacenter
Windows® Server™ Enterprise	Windows® Server™ Datacenter
Windows® Server™ Enterprise without Hyper-V	Windows® Server™ Datacenter without Hyper-V
Windows® Server™ Standard without Hyper-V	Windows® Server™ Enterprise without Hyper-V
Windows® Server™ Standard without Hyper-V	Windows® Server™ Datacenter without Hyper-V
Windows® Small Business Server CAL Suite	Windows SBS CAL Suite for Premium Users or Devices
Windows® Small Business Server Standard	Windows® Small Business Server Premium

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