



VMware OEM Licensing Benefits*

- Many customers purchase VMware software from a server manufacturer
- This approach is familiar to many customers that purchase software with a new server. Software companies often use this “OEM” sales channel to deliver their products in a convenient, cost-effective manner
- VMware customers buying through OEMs will find that VMware licenses come without the restrictions they may be familiar with in other OEM-sourced applications or operating systems
 - The VMware licenses are fully-featured product licenses – exactly the same as licenses purchased through any other sales channel
 - VMware software purchased as an OEM product with a server may be moved to a different server an unlimited amount of times, at any time, with no cost or penalty
 - There is no requirement to inform VMware when moving licenses among servers and all Support and Subscription contracts remain valid and unchanged
 - The same VMware End-User License Agreement (EULA) applies whether a customer purchases its VMware licenses as OEM software with a server, or from some other VMware reseller channel

VMware OEM Licensing Benefits FAQ*

1) Can VMware OEM Licenses that are purchased through a hardware vendor be moved to other servers owned by the same customer?

Yes, VMware licenses purchased through a hardware vendor may be moved to other hardware that is owned by the same customer with no penalty as long as it is for the same number of processors as the original server. The VMware license can be migrated between hardware models and/or vendors of the same customer an unlimited amount of times without cost or waiting periods.

2) What kind of Subscription comes with the licenses?

Subscription is full Subscription and allows both minor and major upgrades to the most recent VMware version. This is typically the equivalent of Software Assurance from other vendors, which is only available at extra cost.

3) Can VMware’s OEM partners support a VMware license they sold if the license is moved to a server from a different vendor?

Yes, should a customer purchase VMware with a server from one OEM and then later decide to move the license to another server from a different hardware vendor, the customer may continue to receive its VMware support from the original OEM. The hardware vendor is able to provide support for VMware on other hardware, as the support purchased is for the VMware license and not the hardware.

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