

Licensing Microsoft Skype for Business Server 2015

Volume Licensing

This document covers licensing for an on-premises deployment of Skype for Business Server 2015. Skype for Business Online is an alternative Microsoft hosted offering and is licensed via a subscription model.

SKYPE FOR BUSINESS SERVER 2015

Microsoft Skype for Business Server 2015, formerly Microsoft Lync Server 2013, provides instant messaging, presence integration, audio, video and web conferencing, and enterprise voice and telephony:



LICENSING SKYPE FOR BUSINESS SERVER 2015

Skype for Business Server is licensed through a Server and CAL (Client Access License) model and so organizations should purchase a Server license for each server, and CALs for either users or devices.

Skype for Business Server offers different levels of functionality with corresponding CALs. The instant messaging and presence integration functionality (depicted by the blue shading) is linked to a Standard CAL (depicted by the blue license) assigned to a user or device.

If audio, video and web conferencing (depicted by the red shading) is required, the purchase of an Enterprise CAL is required (depicted by the red license) **in addition to** the Standard CAL.

If enterprise voice and telephony (depicted by the green shading) is required, the purchase of a Plus CAL is required (depicted by the green license) **in addition to** the Standard CAL.



CLIENTS

Server technologies such as Skype for Business Server are accessed by users in different ways. In order to access the functionality of Skype for Business Server 2015 and have an authenticated experience, users need the Skype for Business client application. There are several clients available for use with Skype for Business Server 2015:

- ▶ [Microsoft Skype for Business](#) is the complete Skype for Business client, which is part of the Office Professional Plus 2016 Suite and can also be purchased standalone
- ▶ [Microsoft Lync Basic 2013](#) is a less feature-rich Skype for Business client, licensed at no charge
- ▶ [Lync Windows Store App](#) is available via the Windows Store on Windows 8/10
- ▶ [Mobile clients](#) are available for Windows Phone, iOS, and Android via the relevant stores
- ▶ [Lync for Mac 2011](#) is the Skype for Business client for Mac OS X desktop and laptop computers
- ▶ [Skype for Business Web App](#) is available for individuals invited to Skype for Business Meetings who do not have a Skype for Business client installed. It enables a rich meeting experience via the browser

Internal users using any of these clients must be licensed with the relevant CALs but there are no licensing requirements for External Users.

LICENSING EXTERNAL USERS

- ▶ External Users are users who are not the licensee's or its affiliates' employees or on-site agents or contractors
- ▶ External Users who attend a Skype for Business Meeting, for example, are licensed with the Skype for Business Server license and there are no requirements for CALs, or other licenses, for these users

→ [Join Skype Meeting](#)

INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

A Microsoft Skype for Business Server 2015 solution has an infrastructure requirement for Windows Server and SQL Server.

Users must be licensed for products used in the underlying infrastructure with the relevant licenses.

VIRTUALIZATION

A Skype for Business Server license must be assigned to a single physical server, and then licenses Skype for Business to be run in either a physical or virtual operating system environment on that server.

License Mobility allows the reassignment of Server licenses to other physical servers as often as required, and rights are granted with active Software Assurance on the licenses.



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