

EViews Academic Volume License Program

Quantitative Micro Software (QMS) offers the EViews Academic Volume License Program as a means of providing educational institutions discounted pricing on EViews licenses for use in computer laboratories, on computer networks, and on the personal computers of faculty and students. The program includes three different types of licensing which may be used to address the specific needs of the institution.

Eligibility for the EViews Academic Volume License Program

The licensee for an EViews Academic Volume License must be a single campus (or a smaller budgetary unit, department, or school located entirely within a single campus) of an accredited degree granting educational institution. Note specifically that multiple campuses of an educational institution may not be covered by a single Volume License.

Licenses granted under the EViews Academic Volume License Program limit use of the EViews software to faculty and currently enrolled students of the institution. Licenses obtained under the program are for teaching and academic research only; use of EViews for consulting and research-for-hire are specifically excluded from the program.

In addition, EViews licenses may be used by IT and other support staff of the educational institution so long as such use is limited to the support of students and faculty.

Types of Licensing

The EViews Academic Volume License Program offers three methods of licensing EViews:

- 1) Concurrent Use Licenses allow the use of EViews to be shared across multiple computers on a LAN or VPN. Licensing is based on the maximum number of users allowed to run EViews simultaneously. Note that this is the only form of licensing which allows EViews to be used under application server environments such as Windows Terminal Server or Citrix Presentation Server.
- 2) Computer Laboratory Licenses allow the use of EViews within public access computer labs. EViews is installed directly on lab computers and licensing is on a per computer basis.
- 3) Standalone License Packages can license a single faculty member or student to install and run EViews on up to three computers (e.g. home, office, laptop), so long as the individual is the exclusive user of EViews on that computer. Or, they can license the use of EViews on a single computer independent of the number of people using that computer, for example, a laptop computer used for presentations within a classroom.

The EViews Academic Volume License Program provides the licensee great flexibility in designing a program to suit its needs. The school pays one fixed Base License Fee that applies to the entire campus. Use Licenses may then be purchased to cover specific needs either at the campus level, by schools or departments, and, in the case of Standalone Packages, by individual students and faculty.

Once the Base License is obtained, the following Use Licenses are available for purchase:

Concurrent Use Licenses
1 Concurrent Use License
5 Concurrent Use License Pack
10 Concurrent Use License Pack
20 Concurrent Use License Pack
30 Concurrent Use License Pack
50 Concurrent Use License Pack
100 Concurrent Use License Pack
200 Concurrent Use License Pack
500 Concurrent Use License Pack

Computer Lab Licenses
5 Computer Lab License Pack
Unlimited Computer Lab Use License

Standalone License Packages
Standalone License (CD with PDF documentation)
Standalone License (CD + EViews Illustrated)
Standalone License (CD + 5 volume doc set)

Base License holders may purchase as many Use Licenses as desired. For example, a small academic department where no more than 3 users would run EViews at the same time might purchase three “1 Concurrent Use Licenses.” If the department also runs a small undergraduate lab with 10 computers it could add two “5 Computer Lab License Packs” to cover use of EViews within the lab. Faculty and graduate students in the department might also purchase their own “Standalone License Packages.”

As another example, a licensed university might purchase an “Unlimited Computer Lab Use License” to install EViews in all of the computer labs on campus, while the Economics Department and Business School each purchase “20 Concurrent Use License Packs” for faculty use on department specific networks.

A very attractive element of the Volume License Program is its pricing of Standalone Packages: Standalone Packages are priced at 20% of the regular academic price and less than 10% of the regular commercial price. Accordingly, an academic institution might purchase only a Base License, with no additional Lab or Concurrent Use Licenses, as a means of offering highly discounted copies of EViews to students and faculty.

Concurrent Use Licenses

Concurrent use licenses allow EViews to be shared across all computers used by students and faculty within a single network (LAN or VPN). This form of licensing is the only form of licensing that includes support for running EViews remotely using application servers such as Windows Terminal Server or Citrix Presentation Server.

Concurrent use licensing requires the use of the EViews License Manager software. EViews License Manager is a separate program that is run as a Windows Service on a computer that is accessible to all machines that will run EViews. The primary job of EViews License Manager is to limit the number of concurrent uses of EViews to the number licensed by the organization. When a copy of EViews is launched, it connects to the designated license server machine and requests a concurrent use license. EViews License Manager counts the number of EViews sessions that are already running, and only allows the new session to begin if sufficient licenses are available.

Since concurrent use of EViews requires continuous network access to the EViews License Manager, the License Manager will typically be installed on a network server that is running 24 hours a day. The License Manager program requires few resources, so any computer running Windows 2000, Windows XP, or later should be capable of running the license manager software.

Under concurrent use licensing, there is considerable flexibility in the location of the EViews program files. The EViews program files may be installed on one or more network servers and/or on individual client machines. The only limitation is that each machine that will run EViews must be able to establish a network connection to the machine running EViews License Manager. Once the EViews License Manager is installed, EViews can be executed directly on the client machines, or executed remotely using application servers such as Windows Terminal Server or Citrix Presentation Server.

Note that if an institution wishes to divide users into groups, with concurrent use limited separately for each group, it must purchase separate Concurrent Use Licenses for each group. For example, a Business School and an Economics Department who would each like to ensure that at least 10 licenses are always available for their own use, will need to purchase two 10 Concurrent Use Licenses rather than a single 20 Concurrent Use License.

Each Concurrent Use License may be installed on only a single server running EViews License Manager; software activation with QMS locks the license to a specific machine. If it becomes necessary to move a license to a new machine, it will require contacting QMS technical support.

However, procedures that do not require the assistance of QMS are available for short term installation on a backup machine in the case of hardware failure or routine maintenance.

Computer Laboratory Licenses

Computer laboratory licenses permit the use of EViews on computers located within university teaching labs. A computer lab is defined here to be a location containing public access computers that are used by multiple students, primarily or exclusively for teaching purposes. Public access computers located within college or university libraries are also eligible for lab licenses. Faculty and student offices are explicitly excluded from this definition.

Computer lab licensing is based on the number of computers allowed to run EViews. Each computer designated for EViews use will require a Computer Lab License and EViews will need to be installed and registered on each computer. As such, Computer Lab licensing requires more administration than concurrent network access, and may be less desirable for some computer labs.

In addition to EViews software installation, each lab computer must be assigned a serial number associated with its Computer Lab License and registered (software activation) with QMS. EViews registration on a computer with internet access is a simple process that involves entering a serial number and pressing a single button. Alternative registration methods exist for computers without internet access. While the EViews software installation can be part of a standard software suite that is replicated across all machines in the computer lab, with one exception discussed below, registration must be done individually for each computer designated to run EViews.

Once registered, the EViews software may be uninstalled and reinstalled or updated. If a machine's hard disk is wiped clean or replaced, the machine will require re-registration, but it will be recognized by QMS as a machine already assigned a Computer Lab License and will not require additional licensing. During the period of technical support provided under the Academic Volume License (see EViews Support below), a simple procedure is also provided for moving Lab Licenses (serial number and registration) from one computer to another.

Unlimited Lab Use

The Academic Volume License provides an option for purchasing a license that allows unlimited computer laboratory use of EViews on a single campus. Under this license, any computer located within a computer laboratory on campus may be configured to run EViews.

To assist in the deployment of EViews across a large number of computers, the Unlimited Lab Use license offers the capability of cloning or imaging the EViews software onto lab machines without requiring registration of individual computers. Under this scenario, EViews may be installed and registered on a single master computer and then cloned or imaged to an unlimited number of lab computers. Cloned computers will run EViews without requiring additional registration. It is the responsibility of the institution to limit cloning of EViews to computers located within computer laboratories.

Standalone License Packages

The Academic Volume License Program allows students and faculty to purchase EViews Standalone Packages at greatly reduced prices. These packages feature the same software offered in the retail single user package, and are available for purchase with and without printed manuals.

When purchased for individual use, Standalone License Package allow one person to install EViews on his or her work, home and/or portable computers for purely academic use so long as the individual is the exclusive user of EViews on that computer.

Alternatively, Standalone License Packages can license the use of EViews on a single computer that is shared among people, for example, computers used for presentation in lecture halls, or laptops that are shared among individuals. In this case, each Standalone Package may be used to install EViews on only one computer.

Each Standalone License Package includes a CD-ROM containing the EViews installer program and complete program documentation in PDF format. A printed Getting Started manual is also provided. Printed versions of the complete EViews documentation (4 additional volumes, 2804 pages) may be purchased at discounted prices with Standalone License Packages.

Standalone License Packages may be sold at the bookstores of colleges and universities that are members of the Academic Volume License Program, so long as procedures are in place to limit sales to faculty and students of the institution.

EViews Support

The EViews Volume License provides organizations three types of support for the EViews software. First, the Volume License provides purchasing rights and license expansion rights. Second, technical assistance is provided as needed for the installation and use of the EViews software. Finally, software revisions and updates are provided at no additional charge during the term of support. The EViews Volume License provides support for one year from the beginning of the Volume License term. The term of Support may be extended through annual renewals (see Term below).

License Expansion and Purchasing Rights

During the term of support, the organization may purchase additional Computer Lab or Concurrent Use licenses, EViews Standalone Packages, and printed EViews documentation at the published Academic Volume License prices (see Prices at the end of this document). When support expires, QMS will be under no obligation to allow purchases at these discounted prices.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance in the use and installation of EViews is provided as part of support under the EViews Volume License. Note that technical assistance refers to providing support for the operation of the EViews software and does not extend to general problem solving and modeling issues, or econometrics and statistical theory.

Technical assistance also includes support for moving Computer Lab Licenses between computers as they are replaced or when the organization wishes to reassign EViews licenses to different computer labs. Similarly, technical assistance includes support for changing the host computer for the EViews License Manager software, if applicable.

Technical assistance will be provided to a maximum of three individuals designated by the organization as contact persons and registered with QMS. Any other individuals seeking technical assistance directly from QMS will be directed to one of the organization's contact people. Technical support, by phone, e-mail, or written correspondence, will be provided by QMS at no charge to registered contact people during the support term of the Volume License.

The normal hours for EViews technical assistance are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

Software Updates

QMS regularly updates the EViews software. Updates fall into two categories: minor updates to a specific version of EViews and major version changes. Minor updates are posted on the QMS web site, www.eviews.com, and may be downloaded at any time. Major version updates require that the EViews software be reinstalled from media containing the new version of EViews.

If QMS releases new major versions of the EViews software within the term of support under the EViews Volume License, the organization is entitled to free updates of the program for Computer Labs and Concurrent Use. The organization will be provided with a new installation CD-ROM containing the updated software. Manuals and additional CD-ROMs may be purchased, but will not be provided as part of the free update.

EViews Standalone Packages licensed under this agreement may download minor updates from the QMS web site. However, they are not eligible for major updates when significant new versions of EViews are released.

Term

The software licensed under the EViews Academic Volume License may be used for an indefinite period (with limitations discussed below), so long as its use is restricted to the number of Computer Lab Licenses and Concurrent Users specified by their Academic Volume License.

Support, software updates and rights to technical assistance shall expire one year from the date of purchase of the Academic Volume License. QMS is under no obligation to continue sales of additional licenses or manuals after this expiration date, nor will QMS be under any obligation to support the software already licensed under the Academic Volume License.

The organization may extend the term of the support beyond the current expiration date by paying a renewal fee. Each renewal extends the organization's rights to software updates, to technical assistance, and to purchase additional licenses and manuals, for an additional year. QMS reserves the right to set renewal fees (and all other future prices) at its discretion.

QMS will notify the organization approximately 30 days prior to the expiration of its EViews Volume License support. If the organization does not renew within 60 days of the Support expiration date, renewal rights will lapse and the organization will have to pay a new license fee in order to obtain software updates and technical assistance.

Important Note: While the Academic Volume License allows use of the software for an indefinite period, the method of licensing may limit use of EViews to the computers on which it is installed at the time Support expires. With Computer Lab licensing, EViews is locked to the specific computers on which it is installed. With Concurrent Use licensing each concurrent use license is locked to a single license server machine designated by the organization. Technical support includes, but is not limited to assistance in moving licensed copies of EViews and EViews License Manager between computers. Unless the organization renews their rights to Support, QMS will be under no obligation to assist in keeping EViews running when computers are replaced or upgraded.

EViews 7.0 Academic Volume License Pricing¹

License Fees:	New License	Annual Renewal ²
Base License Fee	1000	1000
Concurrent Use Licenses (requires Base License) ³		
1 Concurrent Use License	220	40
5 Concurrent Use License Pack	1100	190
10 Concurrent Use License Pack	1650	380
20 Concurrent Use License Pack	2500	700
30 Concurrent Use License Pack	3200	940
50 Concurrent Use License Pack	4100	1230
100 Concurrent Use License Pack	5600	1680
200 Concurrent Use License Pack	7000	2100
500 Concurrent Use License Pack	9000	2700
Computer Lab Licenses (requires Base License) ⁴		
5 Computer Lab License Pack	280	60
Unlimited Computer Lab Use License	3300	950
Standalone License Package (requires Base License)		
Standalone License (CD with PDF documentation only ⁵)	90	
Standalone License (CD + EViews Illustrated by Richard Startz ⁵)	115	
Standalone License (CD + complete 5 volume documentation set)	210	
Printed Documentation: ⁵	Unit Price	10 Pack
EViews User's Guide & Reference Set (4 volumes, 2830 pages)	140	1000
EViews Illustrated by Richard Startz (432 pages)	40	300
Complete 5 Volume Set (3262 pages)	170	1200

1) All prices are in US dollars. Prices as of 11/1/09. Prices do not include shipping and handling. Prices are subject to change without notice.

2) Annual Renewal refers to EViews Support: purchasing rights, technical assistance and software updates.

3) License Packs may not be split across multiple networks running separate copies of EViews License Manager.

4) Computer Lab licenses are only sold in groups of 5 and Unlimited Use. The Unlimited Lab Use license allows EViews to be cloned/imaged to lab computers without individual computer registration.

5) A printed version of the EViews Getting Started Manual is provided with all Standalone License Packages. The EViews User's Guide, Command Reference and Object References are provided in PDF format on the EViews CD-ROM.