

EViews Commercial and Government Volume License Program

Quantitative Micro Software (QMS) offers EViews Volume Licenses as a means of providing commercial and government institutions discounted pricing on multiple copies of EViews. Volume Licenses also simplify the process of budgeting for future software updates and technical support.

Eligibility for the Volume License Program

The licensee for an EViews Volume License may be a single company or government agency, or a smaller budgetary unit within a single company or government agency. Multiple companies or government agencies may not share a single Volume License.

Computers allowed to run EViews under Volume Licenses include any computer at one of the physical locations of the licensee organization. This includes network clients running shared copies of the EViews software and stand alone computers on which the software has been installed. In addition, computers at the homes of permanent employees of the organization, and laptop computers used by employees traveling on organization business, qualify for use under the Volume License Program.

Computers not physically located at one of the organization's sites, and home and laptop computers not belonging to permanent employees of the organization, are not qualified to run EViews under an EViews Volume License. These terms explicitly exclude off-site use of EViews by consultants, temporary employees, and non-employees of the organization.

Licensing by Seat or Concurrent Use

The EViews Volume License Program allows for both SEAT and CONCURRENT USE licensing. With SEAT licensing EViews is licensed for use on specific computers. An EViews access license (Seat License) is required for each computer or "seat" that will run the EViews software. With CONCURRENT USE licensing there are no restrictions on which computer can run the EViews software, but the number of simultaneous instances of EViews in use is limited to the number of Concurrent Use Licenses licensed to the organization.

Under both SEAT and CONCURRENT USE licensing the EViews software can be run either directly from a network server, or installed locally on a client machine. In both cases, the EViews software can be installed on an unlimited number of network servers and client machines without regard to the type or number of licenses granted to the organization. Among other things, this allows EViews to be part of a standard software suite that is replicated across all machines at the organization's site.

However, installation of EViews will not in and of itself allow the software to operate. When launched, the EViews software must first validate its license before it will actually run. This validation process differs significantly between SEAT and CONCURRENT USE licensing.

Under SEAT licensing, individual computers are given machine specific license validation information through a simple process of registration with QMS (see Managing Seats below). When the EViews program is launched, either from a network file server or from locally installed program files, EViews uses information from the machine on which it is running to confirm that it has been registered.

Under CONCURRENT USE licensing, license information is centralized on a single Windows machine running a separate piece of software called the "EViews License Manager" (see Managing Concurrent Use Licenses below). No machine specific registration is required for computers running EViews. The EViews software may be installed on and run from any number of servers or client machines with either LAN or VPN access to the computer running the EViews License Manager software.

At the current time, both SEAT and CONCURRENT USE licensing are appropriate when EViews is run directly from program files installed on the client machine, or from program files delivered across a network via a network file server. To run EViews remotely via Windows Terminal Server or Citrix Presentation Server requires CONCURRENT USE licensing. Computers without access to EViews License Manager, for example disconnected laptops, require SEAT licensing.

The EViews Volume License Program allows organizations to combine SEAT and CONCURRENT USE licensing. For example, a license might specify ten Seat Licenses for laptops or dedicated workstations and another five Concurrent Use Licenses for a large number of support personnel who use EViews infrequently. The advantage of CONCURRENT USE licensing is its flexibility in reallocating use of EViews across users and machines and the fact that fewer licenses are required to support occasional EViews users. The advantage of SEAT licensing is that it is cheaper on a per license basis and that it does not require network access to the EViews License Manager.

EViews Volume Licenses are available in a variety of sizes, from as few as five Seat Licenses up to several hundred Concurrent Use Licenses, and any mix thereof. The cost to the organization of an EViews Volume License is based on the overall number of "Units" licensed, where each Seat License requires one (1) Unit, and each Concurrent Use License requires two (2) Units. The cost per Unit is based on a schedule that declines with the number of Units licensed. A complete price schedule appears at the end of this document. Below is an excerpt:

EViews Standard Edition Licensing Fee		
Units	Total Price	Price Per Unit
5	3300	660
10	5500	550
25	11000	440
50	17800	356
100	27500	275

At the time of purchase the organization selects an overall level of "Units" to license and an allocation of Units between Seat Licenses and Concurrent Use Licenses. For example, a Volume License might specify 25 Units allocated as 15 Seat Licenses and 5 Concurrent Use Licenses. Once specified, the allocation of Units between Seat and Concurrent Use licenses is fixed. There are significant charges for converting Seat Licenses to Concurrent Use Licenses and vice versa.

Managing Seats

Installation of the EViews software under SEAT licensing is a two-step procedure. First, the program files must be installed, either on the individual workstations that will run EViews or on a network server. When an organization purchases an EViews Volume License it will receive one copy of the EViews File Installer program on CD-ROM (additional CD-ROMS are available at a small cost) which it is free to duplicate or post on a network file server.

The EViews installer may be used to place EViews program and support files on any stand alone computers or network servers belonging to the organization or its employees. The organization need not be concerned about the number of machines on which the EViews program files are installed, or the number of computers with access to a network copy of the program. Among other things, this allows EViews to be part of a standard software suite that is replicated across all machines at the organization's site.

Merely installing the EViews program files on a computer will allow the EViews program to run for a 30-day period. The second step in EViews installation under SEAT licensing is software registration. EViews registration is the process of assigning a serial number to a specific machine and sending a unique

machine ID to QMS. This is a simple operation that can easily be performed by end users. Once registered on a machine, EViews will run indefinitely.

In addition to the File Installer CD-ROM, the licensee organization will receive a list of unique serial numbers corresponding to the number of seats it has licensed. Each machine to be designated as an EViews seat must be assigned a serial number and registered. The first time EViews is run on a new machine, the user will be prompted to register the machine, either immediately or within the next 30 days. This prompt will appear, whether EViews is installed on the local machine or is running from a network server. If the computer has an internet connection, the user can enter the serial number, click on one button and EViews will automatically register the machine with QMS. Alternatively, the machine may be registered manually by telephone, by web browser from any computer, or by email.

Once registered, the EViews software may be uninstalled and reinstalled, updated, or moved (for example, from network server to local machine) without reregistering the machine. 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 Seat License. During the period of technical support provided under the EViews Volume License (see EViews Support below), a simple procedure is also provided for moving the Seat Licenses (serial number and registration) from one computer to another.

Managing Concurrent Use Licenses

CONCURRENT USE licenses allow EViews to be shared across all computers 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.

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.

Standard vs. Enterprise Edition

The EViews software is available in two versions for Volume Licenses: Standard Edition and Enterprise Edition. These versions are identical in their statistical and modeling capabilities. They differ only in their support for ODBC databases and the proprietary data formats of commercial data and database vendors. Support for ODBC, Datastream, EcoWin, FactSet, FAME (local and server), Global Insight DRIBase, Haver Analytics, and Moody's Economy.com databases is only provided in EViews Enterprise edition. In all other respects the Standard and Enterprise editions are identical.

EViews Support

The EViews Volume License provides organizations three types of support for the EViews software ("SUPPORT"). First, technical assistance is provided as needed for the installation and use of the EViews software. Second, software revisions and updates are provided at no additional charge during the term of SUPPORT. Finally, SUPPORT provides purchasing rights and license expansion rights. 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).

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 Seat Licenses between computers as they are replaced or when the organization desires to reassign EViews licenses to different end users. Similarly, it includes support for changing the host computer for the EViews License Manager software.

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 8:00AM through 5:00PM Pacific Standard Time.

Software Updates

QMS regularly updates the EViews software. Updates fall into two categories: minor within version updates and major version changes. Minor updates are posted at the QMS web site, www.eviews.com, and can 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, the organization shall be entitled to free updates of the program. 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.

License Expansion and Purchasing Rights

During the term of SUPPORT the organization may expand their number of Seat or Concurrent Use licenses by paying the marginal cost of the number of licenses they require relative to the number that they currently license. In addition, the organization may purchase printed documentation and CD-ROMs at the published EViews Volume License prices.

Term

The software licensed under the EViews Volume License may be used for an indefinite period (with limitations discussed below), so long as its use is restricted to the number of seats and concurrent users specified by the Volume License.

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

The organization may extend the term of SUPPORT provided under this license beyond the SUPPORT 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 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 EViews Volume License allows use of the software for an indefinite period, the method of licensing limits use of EViews to the computers on which it is installed at the time SUPPORT expires. With SEAT licensing EViews is locked to the specific computers on which it is installed. With CONCURRENT USE licensing the EViews License Manager software is locked to a single computer 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 Volume License Pricing ¹

Units ²	Standard Edition				Enterprise Edition				Savings ⁴
	New License		Annual Renewal ³		New License		Annual Renewal ³		
	Price	Per Unit	Price	Per Unit	Price	Per Unit	Price	Per Unit	
5	3300	660	1320	264	3960	792	1580	316	39%
10	5500	550	2200	220	6600	660	2640	264	49%
15	7500	500	3000	200	9000	600	3600	240	53%
20	9350	468	3740	187	11220	561	4490	225	57%
25	11000	440	4400	176	13200	528	5280	211	59%
30	12500	417	5000	167	15000	500	6000	200	61%
35	14000	400	5600	160	16800	480	6720	192	63%
40	15400	385	6160	154	18480	462	7390	185	64%
45	16700	371	6680	148	20040	445	8020	178	65%
50	17800	356	7120	142	21360	427	8540	171	67%
55	18900	344	7560	137	22680	412	9070	165	68%
60	20000	333	8000	133	24000	400	9600	160	69%
65	21000	323	8400	129	25200	388	10080	155	70%
70	22000	314	8800	126	26400	377	10560	151	71%
75	23000	307	9200	123	27600	368	11040	147	71%
80	23900	299	9560	120	28680	359	11470	143	72%
90	25700	286	10280	114	30840	343	12340	137	73%
100	27500	275	11000	110	33000	330	13200	132	74%
125	31750	254	12700	102	38100	305	15240	122	76%
150	35600	237	14240	95	42720	285	17090	114	78%
175	39200	224	15680	90	47040	269	18820	108	79%
200	42500	213	17000	85	51000	255	20400	102	80%
225	45300	201	18120	81	54360	242	21740	97	81%
250	48000	192	19200	77	57600	230	23040	92	82%
300	52500	175	21000	70	63000	210	25200	84	84%
350	56800	162	22720	65	68160	195	27260	78	85%
400	60400	151	24160	60	72480	181	28990	72	86%
450	64000	142	25600	57	76800	171	30720	68	87%
500	67600	135	27040	54	81120	162	32450	65	87%
550	71200	129	28480	52	85440	155	34180	62	88%
600	74800	125	29920	50	89760	150	35900	60	88%
600+	Contact QMS for pricing on larger Volume Licenses								

- 1) Prices in U.S. dollars as of 11/1/09. Prices are subject to change without notice.
- 2) Units measure the quantity of EViews licenses where: 1 Unit = 1 Seat License
2 Units = 1 Concurrent Use License
- 3) Annual Renewal refers to the fee for EViews Support: purchasing rights, technical assistance and software updates.
- 4) Compares the Standard Edition Seat price to the single copy price of EViews 7. Enterprise Edition savings are even larger.

EViews Printed Documentation Pricing 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

- 5) The EViews User's Guide and Command Reference are provided in PDF format on the EViews CD-ROM at no charge.