



Microsoft Volume Sourcing Arrangement Fact Sheet

What is the Microsoft VSA?

The Australian Government established a Volume Sourcing Arrangement (VSA) with Microsoft Operations Pte Singapore on 2 February 2009. The Microsoft VSA is the first of the Australian Government's [Coordinated Procurement Contracting Framework Initiatives](#).

The Microsoft VSA provides pricing and licensing conditions for the supply of Microsoft products to *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (FMA Act) agencies and *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* (CAC Act) bodies (excluding Government Business Enterprises).

Who can use the VSA?

The VSA is mandated for use by all FMA Act agencies where they choose to purchase Microsoft products. It is also available for use by CAC Act bodies (excluding Government Business Enterprises). Separate arrangements apply to state and territory governments (for further information contact [ICT Procurement](#)).

What procurement processes need to be followed?

Because the Microsoft VSA is a contractual arrangement and not a procurement, agencies are still required to make purchases in accordance with standard procurement processes (for FMA Act agencies this includes FMA Act Regulations and the [Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines](#)).

What products does the VSA cover?

The Microsoft VSA provides competitive pricing for Enterprise and Select licenses. For details on the pricing and licensing conditions applicable under the VSA, please contact the nominated Large Account Reseller.

Who is the nominated Large Account Reseller for the VSA?

The nominated Large Account Reseller for the VSA is Data#3. For quoting, pricing, licensing and general queries contact the Data#3 hotline on 1300 559 797 between 8.30am to 5.00 pm (from anywhere in Australia) or email actlicensing@data3.com.au.

Who manages the VSA?

The Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) is responsible for managing the VSA Head Agreement on behalf of the Australian Government.

Purchases under the VSA are split into two areas. Core Desktop Licenses (CDL) and non CDL products. The CDL consists of Office Professional Plus, Windows Operating System Upgrades and Core user CAL. Non-CDL products are Microsoft products that are not part of the CDL.

The CDL numbers and allocation are managed by Finance. All enquiries regarding the CDL should be referred to [ICT Procurement](#). Non-CDL products are purchased and managed by individual agencies and all enquiries should be directed to the nominated Large Account Reseller.

What are the benefits of the Microsoft VSA?

Because the Microsoft VSA has standard terms and conditions, it is expected to streamline an agency's purchasing process and save time for the vendor. Smaller agencies can now access both the pricing benefits and the beneficial licensing conditions previously only available to large high-volume purchasing agencies.

How can I access further information?

FMA Act agencies and participating CAC Act bodies can access further information via govdex.gov.au. To access the VSA community on govdex.gov.au please contact [ICT Procurement](#).

For any other enquires regarding the Microsoft VSA, please contact [ICT Procurement](#).