

Windows Server 2022 CAL FAQs

Sometimes software licensing, like Windows Server Client Access Licenses (CALs), can be tough to understand. Which CALs do you need? Are they for people or devices? Or both?

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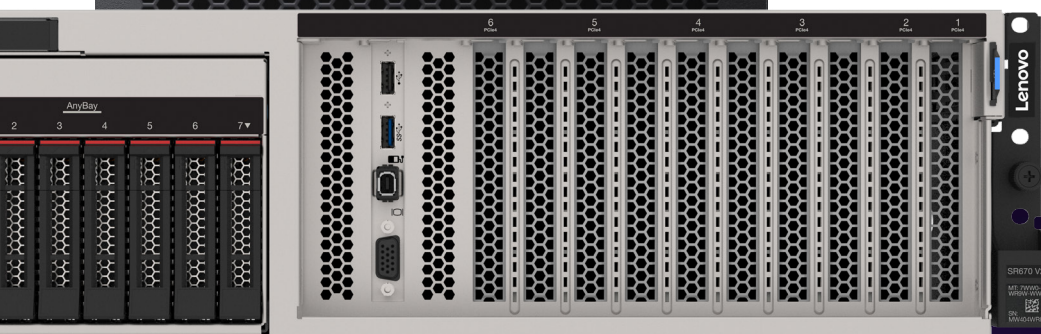
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This FAQs sheet can help you create a cost-effective CALs strategy.

Learn what they are, how they work, and which ones your organization needs.

Don't worry. Lenovo makes it simple. We sell Lenovo-branded CALs in convenient packs of 1, 5, 10, and 50, so you can buy what you need when you need it. Also, Lenovo CALs are portable and can be used on all server brands. Read on to find the answers to our most frequently asked CAL questions.



Can I buy more CALs at any time from Lenovo when needed?

Yes. Windows Server 2022 CALs sold by Lenovo can be bought with or without a server at anytime. Additional CALs may be purchased after the initial server sale.

Are Lenovo branded Windows Server CALs channel agnostic?

Yes. Any CAL license type (Lenovo, VL, or Retail) can be used to access any brand server with Windows Server operating system.

Are CALs included with Windows Server 2022?

No. CALs are sold separately giving you the flexibility to purchase what you need when you need it.

What is the difference between a server license and a CAL? Why do I need both?

The server license gives you the right to install and use the server software. CALs grant a user or device the ability to access it. This structure offers license affordability to organizations of all sizes.

When do I need to acquire CALs?

You need a CAL as soon as users or devices access or use your server. You don't need CALs for unauthenticated access through the internet.

Can I use a device CAL and a user CAL to access the same server?

Yes. Device, user, and RDS CALs are designed to access the same server.

Is each CAL tied to a specific user or device?

Yes. CALs must be assigned to specific users or devices. If a user leaves the company or a device is retired, you can re-assign the CAL.

Are Lenovo branded Windows Server 2022 CALs tied to a specific server?

Windows Server 2022 CALs are purchased separately and are not tied to a specific server. Lenovo branded CALs are independent of the server operating system license and are still valid after the server operating system license has been retired.

I have extra CALs from an older Windows Server version that are not being used. Can I apply these to a server running a newer Windows Server version?

No. CALs must be the same version or newer than the software they're accessing. Windows Server 2022 CALs provide access to Windows Server 2019 or any previous versions. CALs are also not edition specific. A Windows Server CAL can be used to access any edition of Windows Server (Datacenter or Standard).

What CALs are needed for Remote Desktop Services?

Remote Desktop Services for Windows Server 2022 require a Windows Server 2022 CAL and a Windows Server 2022 RDS CAL for each user or device.

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