EViews Commercial Licensing

EViews Volume Licenses are a way to offer commercial and government institutions discount 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 organisation 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 organisation.

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 organisation.

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 organisation. 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 organisations 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 organisation 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.

At the time of purchase the organisation selects an overall level "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. While it is possible to expand a Volume License at a later date by licensing additional Units, Seat Licenses may not be converted 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 organisation 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 organisation or its employees. The organisation 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 organisation'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 organisation 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 recognised 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 Manger 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.

*Note: Some Haver Analytics databases are available in native EViews database format and do not require the Enterprise Edition.

EViews Support

The EViews Volume License provides organisations 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 organisation 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 organisation as contact persons and registered with QMS. Any other individuals seeking technical assistance directly from QMS will be directed to one of the organisation'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.

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 organisation 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 organisation 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 organisation 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 organisation 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 organisation approximately 30 days prior to the expiration of its SUPPORT. If the organisation does not renew within 60 days of the SUPPORT expiration date, renewal rights will lapse and the organisation 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 organisation. Technical

support includes, but is not limited to assistance in moving licensed copies of EViews and EViews License Manager between computers. Unless the organisation renews their rights to SUPPORT, QMS will be under no obligation to assist in keeping EViews running when computers are replaced or upgraded.

Hearne Scientific Software will notify the organisation approximately 30 days prior to the expiration of its license. If the organisation does not renew within 60 days of the license expiration date, renewal rights will lapse and the organisation will have to purchase an all new license in order to obtain software updates and technical assistance.