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We present to you the nineteenth edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which highlights information on Microsoft® Windows® Server

For Volume Licensing (VL) Windows Server licenses, you can reassign the software licenses from one server to another, but not more often than every 90 days. When reassigning a licence, keep in mind that when you move the licence from one server to another, your original server will still need to be appropriately licensed to cover all of the virtual Operating System Environment OSEs that you may run on that server at any given time moving forward. There are some exceptions to the licence reassignment rule outlined in the Product Use Rights document. For example, you may reassign the licence earlier than 90 days if you must retire the licensed server due to permanent hardware failure. Similar rules apply to Windows Server 2012 R2 External Connector (EC) licenses. However, for Windows Server 2012 R2 ECs, under certain conditions, there is a rule for licence mobility within a server farm.

If you have a six core processor with SQL 2008 1- proc licence without SA then you are compliant even today. But, if you transitioned to SQL 2012 core licence without submitting a time and date stamped inventory using Microsoft Assessment and Planning MAP tool you will receive only four cores of SQL 2012 making you non-complaint. Then you have to procure additional two cores to be compliant again. Moreover, if you have an Intel® processor you will require six core licenses but if you have an AMD® processor, you will require only five core licenses to be compliant. Microsoft sells licenses in two core packs only so even if you need five core licenses, you will end up buying six core licenses because licenses cannot be split across servers.

External Connector licence is required for Windows Server if the Server is accessed by non-employees or affiliates or contractors for the benefit of the Licencee. EC is required for the physical box only even if multiple external facing server instances are deployed within the box. The EC is non-transferrable. The EC is available additionally for exchange server, identity manager, RDS (Remote Desktop) Services, RMS Services (Rights Management), dynamics CRM server.

We hope the bulletin was informative. We would be happy to arrange for any additional information that you may require on the subject. Please write to us at in-fmkpmgccsbulletin@kpmg.com, for any queries or feedback.

Regards,
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