

Microsoft Agreement Cheat Sheet 2025

Contract Type	Best For	Key Risk	Watch Out For
Enterprise Agreement (EA)	Predictable, large-scale software use	Overcommitment or underutilization	Limited true-downs, renewal price increases
Enterprise Agreement Subscription (EAS)	Fluctuating usage with no license ownership	Long-term cost and budget predictability	Overcommitting upfront, restricted reductions
Cloud Solution Provider (CSP)	Flexible subscriptions via a partner	Limited controls and partner dependency	Lack of SA and the respective benefits, additional cost for monthly flexing
Server & Cloud Enrollment (SCE)	Standardizing large server/cloud estates	Mandatory licensing of entire estate	Pre-owned license exclusions, re- licensing
Microsoft Products & Services Agreement (MPSA)	Transactional purchases across license types	Minimal optimization & no true-up	Manually adding SA, point thresholds
Service Provider License Agreement (SPLA)	Highly scalable, monthly-based usage models	No price protection and active use monitoring required	Usage spikes, price increases



