What is Software Assurance?

Software Assurance is a simpler way of obtaining the latest and most innovative Microsoft products, replacing the complexity of one-time upgrades (VUP - Version Upgrade; PUP - Product Upgrade; CUP - Competitive Upgrade; LUP - Language Upgrade) and Upgrade Advantage (UA).

If you order Licence and Software Assurance (L&SA) for any Microsoft software product offered through the Open Licence and Select Licence programs, you will receive the right to run the current version of the product as well as any new versions released during the term of your coverage. Software Assurance benefits are automatically included in Enterprise Agreement 6.0 and Enterprise Subscription Agreement 6.0.

If you are already licenced for a current version of a Microsoft product, you can order Software Assurance before July 31, 2002 to get rights to use any new versions of the product that are released during the term of your coverage. You can continue to obtain the rights to use future versions of the product by renewing Software Assurance (SA) and your volume licensing agreement once your original agreement has expired.

It's important to upgrade your licences soon to the current version of products. On October 1, 2001, Software Assurance replaced one-time upgrade paths (Version Upgrade, Product Upgrade, Competitive Upgrade, and Language Upgrade). Upgrade Advantage, which is available until July 31, 2002, will be automatically rolled into Software Assurance. Starting August 1, 2002, Licence and Software Assurance (L&SA) or Software Assurance (SA), or acquisition of new licences, will be the only way to get the most current versions of Microsoft products.

What does current mean?
“Current” means the most recent commercially available product (the product on the most current product list). The most current product list is available at http://www.microsoft.com/licensing

You can find out more information about Software Assurance at: http://www.microsoft.com/licensing/programs/sa/default.asp#whatisSA

Please note that for compliance reasons, you will need to retain the base licence that you are applying upgrade advantage or software assurance to.

How to buy Software Assurance

Currently you can purchase:

- Licence only (LIC)
- Licence and Software Assurance (LIC&SA)
- Software Assurance (SA)

The Licence and Software Assurance bundle is not discounted, it is simply bundled together. As stated above, you can only purchase Software Assurance separately up until July 31 2002. After July 31 Upgrade Advantage will be discontinued and Software Assurance must be purchased at the same time as a licence or within the first 60 days of an OEM purchase - it cannot be purchased at a later date.

Upon renewal of a Microsoft Select agreement (as long as you previously had Upgrade Advantage or Software Assurance) renewal of Software Assurance must be purchase within 30 days after expiration of your previous agreement.
Understanding your quote

If you have a Microsoft Select Agreement.
Software Spectrum has quoted you for the quantity you have requested which has been multiplied by the number of years you have left in your Microsoft Select agreement. This is because Software Assurance must be purchased up until the end of your Microsoft agreement.

To find out how many years you have left in your agreement, visit Software Spectrum’s My Account Centre. https://shop.softwarespectrum.com/. Alternatively you can call the CARE Teams on 1800 687 144 (AU), 0800 933 111 (NZ), 800 933 468 (HK), 800 616 1408 (SG) or email your request to ordersap@softwarespectrum.com

Example
A quote has been requested for 2 x Microsoft Project LIC/SA, the customer has 3 years remaining in their Microsoft Select Agreement.

The quote will look like:

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If you are on the Microsoft Open Licence Program
Software Spectrum has quoted you for the quantity you have requested which has multiplied by two, as Software Assurance coverage is for two years or until the end of the term, whichever comes first. (OLP agreement term is two years).

Being invoiced for Software Assurance

If you have a Microsoft Select Agreement
When purchasing Software Assurance you have the option to pay up front or annually reoccurring for the remaining term of your agreement (i.e. 1, 2 or 3 years). Please state on your purchase order how you would like to be billed for your Software Assurance.

If you are on a Microsoft Open Licence Program.
You will be invoiced for two years of Software Assurance up front.