

# What are Chest Agreements?

A Chest Agreement is a contract that guarantees licence pricing and terms and conditions for valuable software and online resources, negotiated on behalf of education and research communities in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

## Background

In 1988 the first CHEST Agreement for engineering software was an immediate success with 98 universities benefitting from the cost savings and the favourable licence terms.

Other vendors soon came to realise the advantages of our collaborative approach, and a permanent team, with licence knowledge and negotiation skills, was formed at the University of Bath to secure more deals. By the late 1980s Further Education Colleges were taking part and soon after online resources were added to the portfolio.

Eduserv was founded in 1999 as a not-for-profit IT service provider, incorporating the Chest Team who continue to negotiate Chest Agreements based on the original values.

In 2017/18 Chest Agreements saved the academic community an estimated £78 million in licence fees and efficiency savings.

There are over 80 Chest Agreements from around 50 vendors.

Around 740 universities, colleges and associated organisations benefit currently.

Chest offers:

- A dedicated Help Desk to answer all your licensing queries.
- Bespoke eNewsletters the Online Resource and Software Messengers.

## Features of a typical Chest Agreement

Preferential terms and conditions	Guaranteed pricing	Licence
Standard licence	Transparent, fixed, banded	Between the institution and the vendor or service provider
Based on UK Law	Usually over 3-year term	Site licences cover use by all staff and students
Consistent and easy to understand language	Opt-out options or one year licences are common	Use for administration and management allowed

### Get in touch

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## What do Chest Agreements cover?

**Online Resource Agreements** include all types of digital resources: from eJournals, eBooks, backfiles, databases, reference materials, standards, to videos... and more.

**Software Agreements** cover products widely used in teaching and research. As well as generalist products from Microsoft and Adobe they include subject specific products in GIS, statistics and maths, qualitative data analysis, mind mapping and others.

## Chest Agreements Stop Press

Online Resource Agreements	Software Agreements
<b>New</b>	
<b>Bentham Science eBooks</b> in Organic Chemistry, Electronics & Electrical Engineering, Nanoscience, Business, Agriculture, Psychiatry	<b>DigitalEd</b> – With Maple™, math software from Maplesoft™, providing the mathematical muscle, Möbius Assessment is a powerful online testing and assessment system designed especially for courses involving mathematics
<b>Bentham Science Journals</b> – 123 eJournals on subjects including chemistry, medicine, drug design and discovery, patents and pharmacy	
<b>Coming soon</b>	
<b>Complete Anatomy</b> interactive anatomy platform from 3D4 Medical by subscription or outright purchase	<b>NVivo from QSR</b> – special FE option
<b>De Gruyter</b> including Spark, Enzymes Online, Energy, nano Online and IUPAC Standards Online	
<b>F1000 Workspace &amp; Prime</b> – article discovery and research tool	
<b>IET Electrical Standards +</b>	
<b>Renewed</b>	
<b>IGI Global</b> eBooks, eJournals and Video to 2020	<b>Adobe ETLA</b> to 2021
<b>Nielsen Bookdata Online</b> to 2021	<b>ENVI</b> to 2021
	<b>Hexagon Geospatial</b> to 2021
	<b>Maplesoft</b> to 2023
<b>Renewing for 2019</b>	
Brill Publishing	License Dashboard
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EndNote	
Euromonitor	
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Hoovers Online	
OECD i-Library	