Chest Update
June 2023
What's new in Chest since March 2023

The Team at Chest negotiate preferential licence agreements for commercially available software on behalf of Jisc's members and customers. It can be used to benefit the entire institution to support academic research, teaching and learning, as well as administrative functions.

Chest software agreements include software from Microsoft and Adobe, in specialist areas such as GIS, statistics and maths, in qualitative and quantitative data analysis, mind mapping and training, and tools for software asset management and security.

You can browse, purchase and manage your subscriptions to all the software licensed via Chest agreements through the Chest website – www.chest.ac.uk

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Renewal News

Adobe

Adobe ETLA 2023 Agreement

We are delighted to announce the Adobe ETLA 2023 Agreement is now available. This new three-year agreement provides the opportunity to purchase Adobe Creative Cloud licences for use by staff and students, with options to cover student use off campus, Adobe Sign and Adobe Express. The agreement is now live on our website and orders may be placed. Full details, including how to order can be found on our website.

Timeline:

- 14th July - deadline for receipt of completed online order and Participation Letter
- 7th August - deadline for receipt of invoice payment

Adobe CLP Agreement 2023

Jisc and Adobe have now renewed our Master CLP Agreement for two more years. This agreement allows the purchase of perpetual licences for Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop Elements, Premiere Elements, ColdFusion etc. Pricing is normally based on the volume of licences purchased but under the Chest CLP Agreement, all

sites enjoy Tier 3 discounts (the highest level) regardless of total spend and the requirement for an initial minimum value purchase order is waived too. The Chest Fee for using this agreement is £0. Full details, including how to join the agreement, can be found on our website.

New Esri Chest Agreement Now Live

Following a joint Jisc/Esri initiative of community updates and consultations starting last summer, the Esri Chest Agreement has now been renewed for a further three years until 2026. This is a very popular agreement, used extensively within licensed institutions, and clocking up 30 years as a Chest Agreement last year. The main points to note around the renewal are:

- There has been a software price increase to accommodate pricing having been fixed since 2020
- The annual Chest Fees have stayed the same
- With the exception of ArcMap/ArcGIS Desktop (which will be retired in July 2024), the products and bandings have remained the same and the new pricing is fixed until 2026
- Irish Higher Education sites have had their bandings recalculated based on the 2021/22 student figures from HEAnet

As mentioned in the last Quarterly Update, Esri is supporting those sites who are still to move their desktop users over to ArcGIS Pro. Contacts at existing licensed institutions have already been notified directly about the renewal.

Examity – renewed to 2026

The Examity Chest Agreement renewed in May and is now in place through to 2026. The new Agreement offers: Choice of Auto or Live Invigilation; Tiered pricing based on number of hours being bought; New lower entry point of 1,000 exams; Auto Invigilation now available with both "Examity Review" and "Institution Review" options; Choice of 1/2/3/4-hour Live Invigilation exams; Standard $10,000 implementation fee waived for Chest customers.

This Agreement is the only route to pre-purchase exam hours, letting institutions keep a better control on their budgets.

New Maplesoft and Maple Learn for FE & Schools Chest Agreements Now Live

We are pleased to announce that the Maplesoft and Maple Learn for FE & Schools Chest Agreements have been renewed for a further five years until 2028. A few key points to note are:

- There has been a software price increase to accommodate pricing having been fixed since 2018
- The annual and upfront Chest Fees have stayed the same
- The products and bandings have remained the same and the new pricing is fixed until 2028
- Irish Higher Education sites have had their bandings recalculated based on the 2021/22 student figures from HEAnet

Contacts at existing licensed institutions have been notified directly. Note that, under both these agreements, institutions are licensed for three years from sign-up, which means that their annual pricing won't change until they renew under the new agreements.

Microsoft - expires 31/12/2023

Our current Microsoft EES Framework ends on 31 December. Negotiations for its renewal with Microsoft are underway, alongside conversations around a number of other subjects. Please refer to the Renewal News page for the very latest on this Agreement.

SAS: expires 31/7/2023

Negotiations are close to concluding on the renewal of the SAS Chest Agreement for a tenth term. As soon as we have any definitive information we'll let all licence-holding sites know.

For all the latest information on ongoing renewals, please visit the new "Renewal News" page. We'll keep the information updated as and when we have any new news.

General News

Codemantra Accessibility Compliance

The new codemantra Chest Agreement went live at Easter, offering preferential terms and conditions for codemantra's accessibilityInsight™ solutions. accessibilityInsight is an AI-driven Intelligent Document Processing (IDP) platform. It automates digital document accessibility compliance, extracts, classifies and captures document insights, and transforms any document into any desired digital format.

The three core accessibility solutions offered are:

- **accessibilityCheck** - used for accessibility compliance reporting – helping organisations understand the scale and nature of their compliance issues
- **accessibilityFix** - remediates PDFs, ensuring they are WCAG compliant
- **accessibilityReview** - allows organisations to review, Quality Assure, and perform interactive remediation as needed, to add alt text descriptions

Demos and webinar recordings are available on the Agreement's Useful Resources tab; any other questions please contact help@chest.ac.uk.

NVivo

New Version: Lumivero (the new name for QSR) recently brought out a new version, NVivo 14. If you are an eligible licence-holding site, your nominated Administration Contact on the Agreement should receive the new licence keys very soon if they haven't already. In order to be eligible, your institution must a) have completed the declaration to move to the previous version, and b) have an NVivo Plus licence - NVivo Pro is not available within NVivo 14. Please see the product description section of this page for more information.

New Bandings: As announced last year, effective 1 July 2023 and every year from then on, any institution whose three or five-year licence comes to an end will need to renew onto the correct band for their institution, based on either latest HESA statistics (UK) or their most up-to-date FTE numbers (Ireland). The updated list of bands is on the NVivo webpages so if you need to renew you can confirm the correct band for your institution. The band is based on combined academic staff and student FTE. Any questions please get in touch.

Tanium: Endpoint Security

The [Tanium Chest Agreement](#) has recently been amended, with three new products and a range of services being added. Benchmark, Certificate Manager and SBOM are all now available to order, whilst a wide range of training courses, web-based, virtual and onsite, plus a number of exams, are now also able to be purchased through the Agreement. Find out more on the Agreement's [Product Information tab](#).

The Tanium Chest Agreement was launched in the first half of last year, offering institutions a unique academic unlimited site licence for a simplified product bundle, with a choice of on premise or cloud licences. The pricing model is based on Jisc Banding, with two and three-year licences available plus the opportunity to pay annually or upfront.

Potential New Business

We've got quite a number of conversations ongoing with vendors about potential new Agreements. As and when we can bring you more information we will. In the meantime, we're always very keen to hear about any other software you'd be interested in seeing an Agreement in place for. If there's anything, please send details to mailto:help@chest.ac.uk.

Events

Due to the impending holidays, there are not many events about at the moment, but [The Events Page](#) is also the place we'll put up any other events relating to our current portfolio of Agreements and relevant to the HE and FE communities. Please do keep an eye on it if you're keen to learn more about some of our Agreements.

Other

Chest Catalogue

The Chest Agreements 2023 Catalogue is now available. We've again taken the decision not to print this year, so please [have a look](#) and feel free to download a copy if required.

Chest Newsletter

Did you know Chest send out a fortnightly newsletter, featuring latest news on our Agreements plus any events coming up? Register to receive a copy at the bottom of the [Chest Home Page](#) or by emailing mailto:help@chest.ac.uk.