Clarification on the use of Autodesk Education Licenses

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On October 7, 2014 Autodesk began providing free* access to Autodesk's professional desktop and suites for educational institutions in Europe.

To implement this change, Autodesk deployed the Autodesk Academic Resource Center (ARC) to deliver Autodesk software and technology to qualifying educational institutions: www.autodesk.com/academic.

The intention of this document is to clarify the different use cases of the Autodesk Academic Resource Center (ARC) and provide guidance to alternative services for those organizations that do not meet the definition criteria as a qualifying educational institution.

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1.0 Eligibility to participate in the Autodesk Academic Resource Center (ARC)

Organizations that meet the definition of a "Qualified Educational Institution" are eligible to use Educational licenses and the ARC. Elementary or primary schools may not use the ARC.

"Qualified Educational Institution" means an educational institution which has been accredited by an authorized governmental agency within its applicable local, state, provincial, federal, or national government and has the primary purpose of teaching its enrolled students.

1.1 Organizations that meet the definition of "Qualified Educational Institution"

Examples of Qualified Educational Institutions include, without limitation, accredited public or private:

- Middle schools and high schools
- Junior colleges
- Colleges, universities and technical schools
- Home school programs which belong to a nationally recognized home schooling body

1.2 Organizations that do not meet the definition of "Qualified Educational Institution"?

Specifically excluded, without limitation, from the definition of Qualified Educational Institution are:
- Non-accredited educational institutions
- Training centers
- Churches, Hospitals, healthcare systems and libraries
- Research laboratories
- Re-training programs

1.3 Permitted use of Autodesk software provided through the ARC portal

Autodesk software provided through the Academic Resource Center may be used for purposes considered part of the instructional functions performed by a "Qualified Educational Institution" (i.e., purposes directly related to learning, teaching, training, research and development).

All other use cases require a different Autodesk licensing solution. Examples of such activities include short courses to non-enrolled students (evening classes), facilities management, commercial research and projects, etc. See sections 3-8 of this document for guidance on alternative licensing options for these cases.

You may review the full terms and conditions at http://www.autodesk.com/company/legal-notices-trademarks/software-license-agreements.

2.0 Active Autodesk Education Subscription Contracts

Autodesk previously provided access to Autodesk software through the purchase of maintenance subscription.

This section clarifies how education customers that previously purchased maintenance subscription, can access Autodesk software for free.*

2.1 Validity of current Autodesk Education Subscription contracts

Autodesk Education subscriptions purchased by your educational institution will continue to run until their contract expiry date. You can review your contract's run time by logging into your Autodesk account (formerly Autodesk Subscription Center).

2.2 Expiration of Autodesk Subscription contracts

Autodesk Education Subscription purchased by your educational institution will not be automatically renewed upon expiration.

Qualifying educational institutions should register an account on the Academic Resource Center (ARC) to access Autodesk software for free.* Once you have activated your Educational licenses through the ARC, you will receive a new Autodesk Education Subscription contract that you can administer through your Autodesk account.

Organizations that do not meet the criteria of "Qualified Educational Institution" should review the alternative licensing options described in this document.

The licenses provided under Education Subscription previously purchased by your educational institution are perpetual, which means that you are allowed to continue to use the software also after the expiry of your Autodesk Subscription contract and the removal of the subscription benefits.

2.3 Discontinuation of the Education Master Suite

In order to streamline our product offering and to provide licensing options that mirror the commercial market space, Autodesk has taken the decision to not release a 2016 version of the Education Master Suite.

The terms and conditions of your Autodesk subscription contract gives you the right to continue to access the 2015 version as well as all benefits provided through the Autodesk subscription portal until expiry of the subscription contract.

Qualifying educational institutions can access the 2016 Autodesk Industry Suites or individual products through the ARC portal in order to access the software that was previously included in the Education Master Suite.

3.0 Training of end users

Autodesk provides a vast choice of licensing options for organizations and activities that fall outside the scope of Qualified Educational Institution.

3.1 Training courses to commercial customers

Training organizations can participate in the Authorized Training Center (ATC) program.

The ATC program provides training organizations that provide training related to Autodesk products with Autodesk software licenses that can be used for training purposes at a highly discounted rate, official Autodesk branding, training and development activities for your instructors, participation in marketing campaigns and a number of other useful resources.

Review www.autodesk.com/atc and contact Autodesk's European distributor Connect/KnowledgePoint at Autodesk@knowledgepoint.co.uk to learn more.

An alternative option to deliver end user training is purchasing commercial licenses from Autodesk or our resellers.

3.2 Organizations that meet the criteria of "Qualified Educational Institution"

Autodesk software provided through the Academic Resource Center may be used to teach enrolled students.

All other training activities such as offering courses to commercial customers, evening classes, etc. do not meet the criteria for educational licenses and these users cannot use the ARC. You may instead choose to join the ATC program or purchase commercial licenses.

3.3 Training of students and educators

The Autodesk Authorized Academic Partner Program (AAP) is for organizations that are providing training and other services exclusively to the education market.

Provided that all of your customers are students, educators or educational institutions, you may opt to join the AAP program and purchase Autodesk licenses that your instructors can use to prepare their training classes.
The AAP program also offers significant value added support and services such as official Autodesk branding, training and development activities for your instructors, participation in marketing campaigns, special offers from Autodesk partners and a number of other useful resources.

Review www.autodesk.com/education and contact Autodesk's European distributor Connect/KnowledgePoint at Autodesk@knowledgepoint.co.uk to learn more.

3.4 Re-training programs

Organizations that are participating in government funded or other re-training programs of displaced workers do typically not meet the definition of a "Qualified Educational Institution".

Your organization may qualify to join the Authorized Training Center (ATC) program outlined under point 3.1 in this document.

An alternative option is to deliver re-training programs with commercial licenses that you have purchased from Autodesk or its resellers.

4.0 Training of an Organization's Membership

The Autodesk Membership Training Provider program provides access to licenses for Autodesk software for organizations to deliver training exclusively to their membership.

Eligible organizations include trade unions, chambers of commerce, IHK, HWKs, and other similar organizations that require course participants to be a member of their organization.

Learn more by contacting Autodesk's European distributor Connect/KnowledgePoint at Autodesk@knowledgepoint.co.uk.

An alternative option to deliver membership training is to use Autodesk commercial licenses that you have purchased from Autodesk or our resellers.

5.0 Training of Apprentices

Autodesk offers students in Europe free* access to professional design software, for use on their own computers, through the Autodesk Education Community.

To enable students that are participating in a company apprenticeship scheme to practice on computers owned by the company, students have the right to a second installation of the Autodesk license on a company machine solely for the student's use, provided that certain conditions are met.

This initiative is currently available in the DACH region (Austria, Germany and Switzerland) and the UK. Learn more by contacting azubi@autodesk.com.

5.1 Use of apprentice licenses as part of commercial projects

The terms and conditions for Autodesk Educational licenses restrict the use exclusively to teaching and exercising activities. Commercial Autodesk software licenses need to be purchased for all other purposes.

6.0 Research

Research can be conducted with Autodesk Educational licenses obtained through the Academic Resource Center provided that your organization meets the definition of "Qualified Educational Institution", the research is conducted for non-profit and forms part of the instructional functions of your educational institution.

Research institutes/laboratories that are not run by an academic institution do not typically meet the criteria of a "Qualified Educational Institution" and do not qualify to access Autodesk software through the Academic Resource Center.

These organizations need to purchase Autodesk commercial licenses.

This also applies to "Qualified Educational Institutions" if the research conducted has a commercial purpose or is not directly related to instructional functions of the staff that is carrying it out.

7.0 Facilities Management

Facilities management of the buildings, equipment or grounds of an educational institution is not considered part of the instructional functions performed by a "Qualified Educational Institution" (which are limited to purposes directly related to learning, teaching, training, research and development).

Such activities cannot therefore be performed with Autodesk software subject to an Educational license and/or obtained through the Academic Resource Center.

Educational Institutions need to purchase Autodesk commercial licenses for these purposes.

8.0 Charities

Charities do not typically meet the definition of a "Qualified Educational Institution", and do hence not qualify for the free* Educational licenses provided through the Academic Resource Center.

Autodesk runs an initiative called the Technology Impact program that donates software licenses to nonprofits that use design to address epic challenges.

Learn more and apply for a grant at http://www.autodesk.com/sustainable-design/software-partnerships/nonprofits#findoutnow.

9.0 Individual use of Autodesk Educational licenses

Students and educators have access to download and install free* standalone licenses of Autodesk's professional desktop products through registration on the Autodesk Education Community.

Participants must study or be employed at a "Qualified Education Institution" and may only use these licenses on a personal machine for practicing and other purposes directly related to learning, training, research or development.

9.1 Thesis and masters work

Students who are conducting their masters or thesis work may use the Autodesk software obtained through the Education Community for these purposes.

This also includes project topics that may have been provided by an industry partner under the condition that the activity forms part of the student's degree.

9.2 Apprenticeship work

To enable students that are participating in a company apprenticeship scheme to practice, students have the right to a second installation of the Autodesk license on a company machine, provided that certain conditions are met.

See section 5.0 in this document for further information.

9.3 Course participants at training centers and re-training programs

Course participants at training centers are not considered enrolled students given that training centers and re-training programs are not considered qualified educational institutions. Users attending such courses are hence not eligible to access the Autodesk Education Community.

Autodesk licensing options for practice purposes includes a full 30-day trial version of the software that can be downloaded on Autodesk's website or provision of an Autodesk Subscription Home license by your employer.

9.4 Professional Instructors

Professional instructors who work for an Authorized Training Center (ATC), an Autodesk reseller, an independent training provider or as freelancers are not eligible to access the Autodesk Education Community.

These individuals may be able to access Autodesk software licensed to an ATC by which they are employed, to a membership organization to which they are a member, or by purchasing Autodesk commercial software licenses.