Cisco Secure Remote Access: VPN Licensing Overview

This document provides an overview of the remote-access VPN licensing options available for use with Cisco® ASA 5500 Series Adaptive Security Appliances. Table 1 lists and describes these options.

Table 1.   Remote-Access VPN Licensing Options for Cisco ASA 5500 Adaptive Security Appliances

License Name	Platform/Version Compatibility	Description	Sample SKUs
AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition (single device)	• All ASA models (Cisco ASA 5505 to ASA 5580) • Cisco ASA Software Release 8.0 and later	• Premium capabilities, including clientless Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) VPN, Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility, Cisco Secure Desktop (Host Scan and Vault), and Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility client connectivity; optionally provides full tunneling access to enterprise applications • Available as premium bundles, options, spares, and upgrades	• ASA55XX-SSLYY-K9 (Bundle) • ASA5500-SSL-XX= (Spare license) • ASA-SSL-XX-YY= (Upgrade license) • Available for specific license sizes (simultaneous users)
Flex Licenses (single device)	• Cisco ASA 5510 to ASA 5580 (Cisco ASA 5505 not included) • Cisco ASA Software Release 8.0.4 and later	• 56 day temporary licenses for pandemic or business continuity (premium features)	• ASA-VPN-FL-XX= • Available for 250, 750, 1000, 2500, 5000, and 10,000 simultaneous users
AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition shared license (main device and participant device)	• Cisco ASA 5510 to ASA 5580 (Cisco ASA 5505 not included) • Available in specific license size increments • Cisco ASA Software Release 8.2 and later	• Same capabilities as single-device license, but SSL user count may be shared among any number of internally connected devices that have an installed participant license	• ASA-VPNS-XX= (main server) • ASA-VPNP-55XX= (participant license required for additional devices)
AnyConnect Essentials	• All ASA models (Cisco ASA 5505 to ASA 5580) • Cisco ASA Software Release 8.2 and later	• Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility client connectivity without clientless SSL VPN and Cisco Secure Desktop capabilities • Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility capabilities that may be used in conjunction with a licensed Cisco IronPort™ Web Security Appliance • Full tunneling access to enterprise applications	• ASA-AC-E-55XX=
AnyConnect Mobile	• All ASA models (Cisco ASA 5505 to ASA 5580) • Cisco ASA Software Release 8.0.4 and later	• Enables mobile OS platform compatibility • Required per device in addition to essentials or premium licenses	• ASA-AC-M-55XX=
Advanced Endpoint Assessment	• All ASA models (Cisco ASA 5505 to ASA 5580) • Cisco ASA Software Release 8.0.3 and later	• Enables advanced endpoint assessment capabilities (such as auto-remediation) • Required per device in addition to premium licenses; not available for essentials licenses	• ASA-ADV-END-SEC=

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Electronic License Delivery (eDelivery)

Most licenses are available for electronic delivery; this process significantly accelerates license fulfillment time. To order a license electronically, be sure to order part number(s) that begin with "L-."

Active/Standby Configurations

Beginning with the Cisco ASA Software Release 8.3, duplicate licenses are no longer required for Active/Standby configurations. License options will be combined together.

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