How licensing works

By default, SQL Compliance Manager installs with a limited-time, limited-instance trial license key. The Management Console displays your trial license statistics in the Manage SQL Compliance Manager Licenses window.

When you decide to move from a trial implementation of SQL CM to your production environment, contact and obtain a license key from Idera. You enter the license key using the Manage SQL Compliance Manager Licenses window. This license key is stored in the Repository.

SQL Compliance Manager checks for a valid license key each time you register a SQL Server instance. **If the SQL Server instance is not currently licensed**, and you have enough licenses to proceed, SQL CM associates the instance with an available license. **If the attempted registration exceeds your licensed limit**, SQL CM does not register the specified instance and you cannot initiate auditing.

When you reach your license limit, SQL Compliance Manager disallows the registration of additional SQL Server instances. **If your license expires**, SQL CM disables all auditing of new events and disallows registration of additional SQL Server instances. You can continue to view and report on previously-collected audit data.

SQL Compliance Manager audits all activity on your server. Learn more > >

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