

Understanding SNOMED CT Licensing

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Outline



- SNOMED CT Licenses
- The Need
- Understand Affiliate License and Sub-License
- Why these are required?
- What are licensing fees?
- Fee exemptions in member and non-member countries
- Steps for getting Affiliate License and SNOMED CT International Release Files
- Points to remember

Introduction to Licensing



- What is SNOMED CT License?
 - Usage of SNOMED CT requires license. Anyone who uses SNOMED CT needs to be licensed and their use of the terminology is subject to the license conditions
- The three types of license that governs the use of SNOMED CT are
 - Affiliate licenses
 - Sub-licenses
 - National licenses

Affiliate licenses



- Contractual agreement between SNOMED International and the Affiliate
- The Affiliate license grants rights to use SNOMED CT worldwide and is required by all those developing, maintaining and/or distributing any type of system, application or service that incorporates or uses SNOMED CT.

Affiliate License - Privileges



- The SNOMED CT Affiliate License permits:
 - Access to an online site to download the International Release files
 - To use the International Release in its systems
 - To create of SNOMED CT extensions and derivatives that enable the licensee to customize aspects of the terminology within those systems
- To sublicense SNOMED CT
- To redistribute SNOMED CT as part of products and services delivered to another SNOMED CT affiliate

Affiliate License - Limitation



- An Affiliate is not permitted to translate SNOMED CT
- The Affiliate license also specifies some obligations related to use of SNOMED CT
 - It includes specific conditions that apply to use in Member countries
 - To use in Non-Member countries where there are requirements to notify SNOMED International prior to starting to use SNOMED CT, as well as reporting and paying fees for use

Sublicense



- The end users who use the SNOMED CT enabled software (or service) developed by Affiliate licensees need a sublicense to use SNOMED CT content
- The end user is called as the Sub-licensee
- Limitations for Sub-Licensee:
 - Only permitted to access SNOMED CT using the software (or service) for the purpose of exploring and evaluating
 - Not permitted to add or copy SNOMED CT identifiers
 - Not permitted to translate/distribute/sublicense or modify SNOMED CT Content or Derivatives

License – The Requirement



- Why is SNOMED CT Affiliate License & Sub-license Required?
 - To protect the intellectual property right
 - To know the rights, limitations and obligations while using SNOMED CT

Please refer the Affiliate License Agreement for details.

Licensing Fees



- What are the licensing fees?
 - SNOMED International does not charge for use of SNOMED CT in Member countries
 - Charges may apply in non-Member countries and are calculated based on the wealth of the country (as determined by the World Bank) and use

Licensing Fee Exemption



- Fee Exemption in Member Countries
 - No fees are charged for deployment in Member countries
- Fee Exemption in Non-Member Countries
 - Fee exemptions is applicable only to SNOMED CT deployment in non-Member Countries
- IHTSDO offers three types of fee exemptions
 - Use in low income countries as categorized by World Bank
 - Qualifying Research Project
 - Public Good Use

Steps for getting SNOMED CT Affiliate License



- Contact the National Resource Centre for EHR Standards
- Register at MLDS(MLDS stands for Member Licensing & Distribution Service) At: https://mlds.ihtsdotools.org/
- Create and activate the account by providing required information.
- Accept SNOMED CT <u>Affiliate License Agreement</u> and request SNOMED CT access.
- Download link for SNOMED CT International Release Files will be available in 4-5 business days.



- Member Licensing & Distribution Service (MLDS)
 - This service is provided by SNOMED International for organizations and individuals to request use and access to the International Release of SNOMED CT for use in non-Member countries
 - NRCeS India has agreed upon to use the same tool for licensing so the users from India are also redirected to MLDS



Release Packages Language •







Release Packages Login >



Country of residence	
First Name	
Your first name	
Last Name	
Your last name	
E-mail	
Your e-mail address	
E-mail (confirm)	
Your e-mail address	
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Password strength:	
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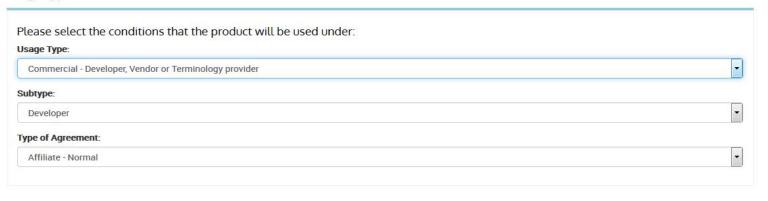
- Mail from SNOMED International to inform that an account is created
- The mail consists of a link to activate the user account





Affiliate Registration

Usage Type



Contact Information







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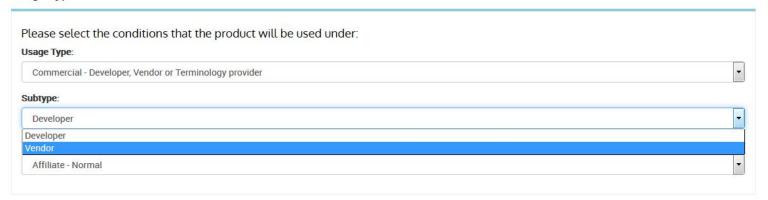




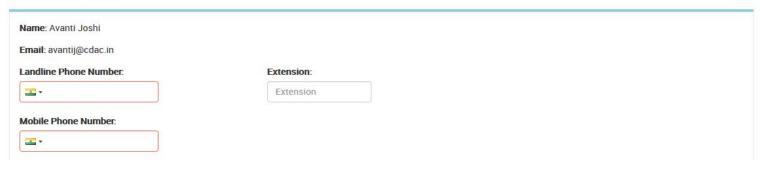


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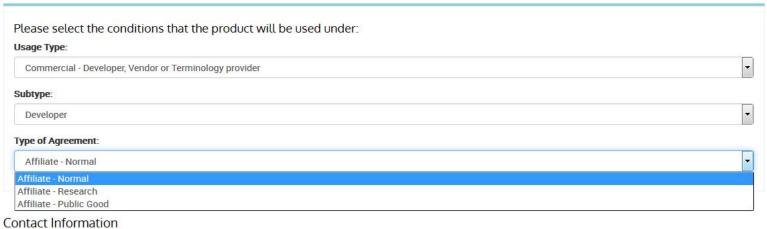






Affiliate Registration

Usage Type



Name: Avanti Joshi	
Email: avantij@cdac.in	
Landline Phone Number:	Extension:
-	Extension
Mobile Phone Number:	



- Affiliate Normal
 - For developers/vendors/users
- Affiliate Research
 - For research projects
 - Requires formal approval from SNOMED International
- Affiliate Public Good
 - For charitable/public good use
 - Requires formal approval from SNOMED International



Organization Member: IHTSDO

Organization Name:		
Organization Name		
Organization Type:		
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Address:		
123 Somewhere Avenue		
City:	Post Code:	
City	Post Code	
Country: India		
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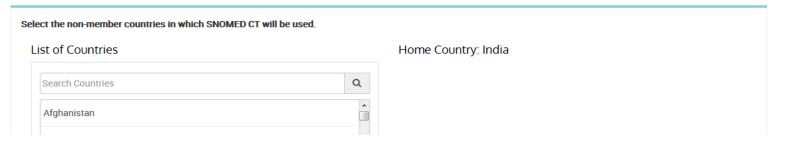


License Usage 2015-01 – 2015-12

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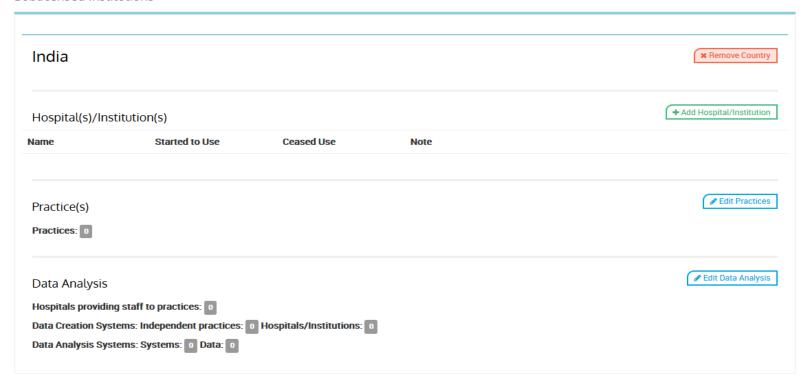
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Current Usage:	
Planned Usage:	
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Purpose:	
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Implementation Status:	
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Countries in Use





Sublicensed Institutions



Other Activities

Affiliates are required to notify IHTSDO prior to engaging in any activities that do not fall within the existing categories at which time the IHTSDO will determine the appropriate Fee Structure for the activity in question.

Please describe activity below.



Practices: 0	
Data Analysis	✓ Edit Data Analysis
Hospitals providing staff to practices: 0	
Data Creation Systems: Independent practices: 0 Hospitals/Institutions: 0	
Data Analysis Systems: 0 Data: 0	
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Please describe activity below.	
SNOMED CT Agreement	
SNOMED License	
☐ I agree to the license	
Register	

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Points To Remember



- Since India is already a member country, the Affiliate License issued by National Release Centre (NRC) India is applicable for SNOMED CT usage free of cost in the jurisdiction of India.
- Declare and select the appropriate condition under which the product will be used
 - For example, if you are involved in development, make sure you select the option Commercial – Developer, Vendor or Terminology provider in the "Usage Type" and as well as make appropriate selection in "Subtype"
- Type of Agreement will be Affiliate Normal
- Provide valid contact details

Points To Remember



> Always

- State & declare usage information. You will be asked to confirm the usage once your application is approved
- License is required for both the system development, i.e. by the software vendor, and each deployment, i.e. by the Health Service Provider
- Sublicense is issued to the Hospital based on number and type of systems that have been deployed
- The SNOMED International Browser allows viewing of SNOMED CT but does not enable downloading and use of SNOMED CT in systems or software applications



Thank You

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