



Understanding SNOMED CT Licensing

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- SNOMED CT Licenses
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- Understand Affiliate License and Sub-License
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- What are licensing fees?
- Fee exemptions in member and non-member countries
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- Points to remember

- 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

- 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.

- 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

- 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.

- 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

- 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 [Affiliate License Agreement](#) 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

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Member Licensing and Distribution Service

Welcome

> This service is provided by IHTSDO for organizations and individuals to request use and access to the International Release of SNOMED CT for use in non-Member countries.

> For further details, please refer to the [IHTSDO website](#) or the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

[Register](#)

or [login here](#)

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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

Please select the conditions that the product will be used under:

Usage Type:

Commercial - Developer, Vendor or Terminology provider ▾

Subtype:

Developer ▾

Type of Agreement:

Affiliate - Normal ▾

Contact Information

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Academic - for internal use within an Organization. (Educational, Research, Development or Healthcare Provider)

Other - Use not stated in other options

Individual - Personal, Educational or Research

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Affiliate - Research

Affiliate - Public Good

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- 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 Type:

Address:

City:

Post Code:

Country: India

Use Organization Address as Billing Address ☐

Billing Address:

City:

Post Code:

Billing Country:

Alternate Email:

Third Email:

License Usage

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Please fill out any known usage information at this time, you will be asked to confirm usage once your application is approved.

License Type: Commercial**Current Usage:****Planned Usage:****Purpose:****Implementation Status:**

Countries in Use

Select the non-member countries in which SNOMED CT will be used.

List of Countries

Home Country: India

Sublicensed Institutions

India

✖ Remove Country

Hospital(s)/Institution(s)

+ Add Hospital/Institution

Name	Started to Use	Ceased Use	Note
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Practice(s)

Edit Practices

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: Systems: 0 Data: 0

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/

Practices: 0

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SNOMED CT Agreement

[SNOMED License](#)

☐ I agree to the license

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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

➤ 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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