

Ebay Office Licenses

1 Overview

I needed to upgrade some computers, and this is what I found with office. Ebay has many cheap licenses, but there are all kinds of catches, and a few different licenses being sold.

2 Retail

If you go to a retail store, 1st, you have to get office with Outlook. Everyone uses outlook. I don't know why. Thunderbird is fine. But people are dumb. Outlook is the easiest thing to wean people off of, as there's no requirement to use it.

If you go to retail, the edition with outlook (in 2020, Home and Business, is what its called) is \$230. They give you a keycard. Literally, printing money is what they do. It's for one copy.

If you get a CD/DVD, you used to be able to use it for 2 installs. Officially it was 1, but you could do 2 before it stopped you.

I won't get into the subscription version, but subscription is about \$100 a year, for 5 devices under one person*¹

3 Breakdown

¹This is subject to change, as people are just using it for 5 different people's computers. Just wait, they will clamp down. It's actually a competitive deal now, but it's a trap. Not to mention, it's a recurring fee. BAD.