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Licensing requirements

To operate Cisco NX-OS, you must obtain and install appropriate licenses according to the features and platform requirements.

- Base (Essential) and add-on licenses are available for different feature sets.
- Licenses may be permanent, temporary, or evaluation, depending on product and purchase option.
- Advanced features require additional feature licenses beyond the base license.
- Licenses are applied and managed through the device command-line interface (CLI).

For detailed information on license types and installation instructions, see the [Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide](#) and the [Cisco NX-OS Licensing Options Guide](#).

Supported platforms

The Nexus Switch Platform Support Matrix lists:

- Supported Cisco Nexus 9000 and 3000 switch models
- NX-OS software release versions

For the full platform-feature mapping, see the [Nexus Switch Platform Support Matrix](#).

