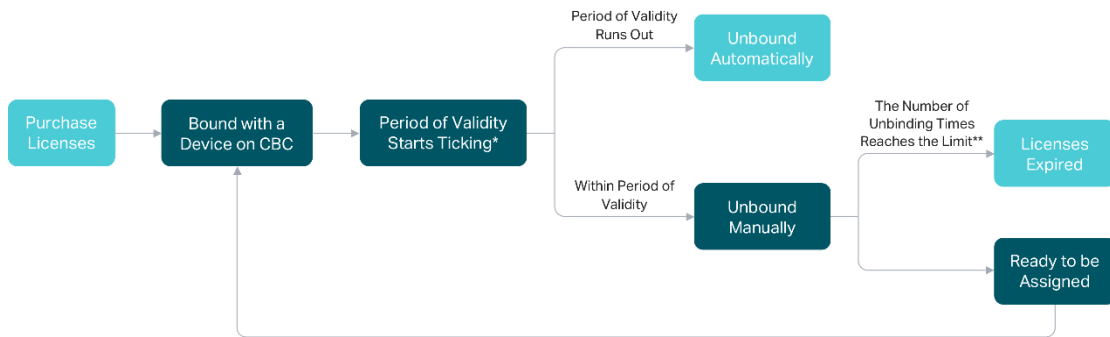


An Introduction to Licensing

1. License and Device

The Omada Cloud-Based Controller (CBC), existing entirely in the cloud for the Omada Software Defined Networking (SDN) platform, provides centralized cloud management of gateways, switches, and access points from a single interface.

To manage the devices centrally on CBC and enjoy the service, you should first add the devices to a CBC and then bind them with valid licenses.



*The period of validity keeps ticking after the license is bound with a device for the first time.

**The unbinding times of a license is limited to 10 x duration (measured in years). For example, the maximum unbinding times for a 5-year license is $5 \times 10 = 50$ times. A license will expire directly when its number of unbinding times reaches the limit.

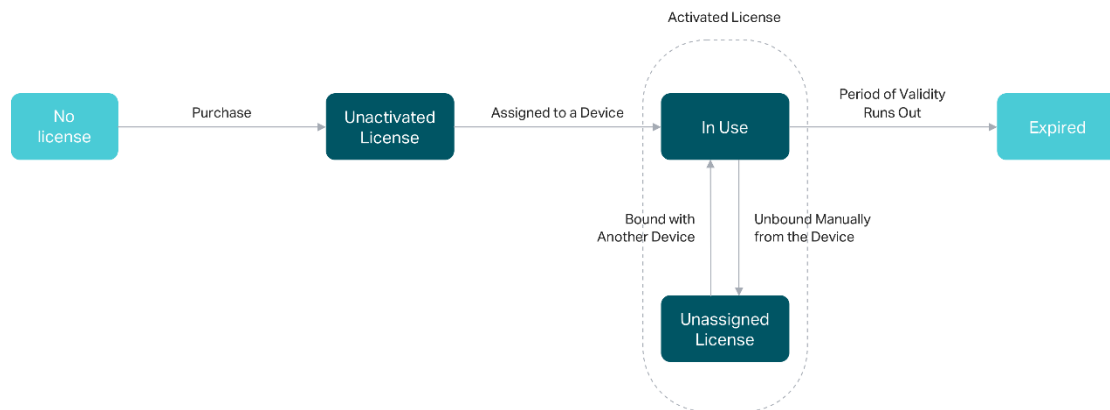
2. Platforms to View the License Information

There are two platforms displaying the number and information of licenses:

	Omada Cloud Portal	Omada Cloud-Based Controller
Meaning	A Platform to Reach All Controllers Bound with Your TP-Link ID	A Single Controller Deployed on the Cloud
Entrance	https://omada.tplinkcloud.com	1. Enter from the Omada Cloud Portal 2. Individual URL Shown in the List of Controllers
License Information	All Licenses of the TP-Link ID	Licenses In Use in the Specific Cloud- Based Controller

3. License Status

License status is explained as below.



No.	Status	Meaning
1	Total	The total number of available licenses under a TP-Link ID.
2	Unactivated	Licenses that have never been assigned to any devices. Once a license is assigned to a device, it is activated and keeps ticking after activation.
3	Activated	Licenses that have been assigned to devices. Activated licenses equal to the sum of licenses in use and unassigned licenses.
4	In Use	Licenses that are bound with devices at the moment.
5	Unassigned	Activated licenses that do not bound with any devices at the moment.
6	Expired	Licenses whose period of validity runs out.

4. Administrative Permission

Administrative permission regarding license is explained as below.

Operation	Main Administrator	Administrator (without license permissions)	Administrator (with license permissions)	Viewer
Grant License Permissions	✓	×	×	×
Purchase License	✓	×	×	×
View License Information	✓	×	✓	×
Assign License	✓	×	✓	×
Unbind License	✓	×	✓	×

5. Convenient Ways for License Management

To free users from assigning license after adopting new devices and keeping track of the license validity, two easy and convenient functions are at your service for license management.

- **Auto-Activation:** With Auto-Activation enabled, the controller will automatically assign the licenses to the devices when they are adopted. This function takes effect on the controller.
- **Auto-Renewal:** With Auto-Renewal enabled, the controller will assign another available license to the device automatically when its license expires. This function takes effect in the sites you choose.

If you have any questions, please contact [TP-Link Technical Support](#).