



## **Licensing Requirements for Visual Barcode Designer (VBD) and Barcode for Documents (BFD) Engine**

**Purpose:** To clarify the licensing for VBD and BFD for development and production purposes

**Description:** The Barcodes for Documents suite contains two major components.

- Visual Barcode Designer – an application for designing barcodes, which also provides extensive online developer help for the entire suite
- BFD Engine - a COM and .NET runtime engine that generates barcode images for use in customer applications

**VBD SDK:** The downloaded SDK is an exe installer file that contains

- VBD application
- BFD Engines
- Licensing Manager
- Sample applications

**Developers:** To continue using the system after the 60 days evaluation period expires, you will need to [purchase a license for VBD](#). This license activates both VBD and the BFD Engine on the development workstation.

- VBD Requires the Microsoft .NET framework V2.0 or later
- 60 days is counted from the first installation event on a particular computer. If you reinstall VBD 3 months later, the 60 days will have expired already. If you encounter such cases you will need to purchase a license.
- If your development application is called by a web server (IIS, Apache, Tomcat or others) you will also need to [purchase a license for a Web Server Add-On](#)
- These licenses may be [transferred](#) to any other workstation, including production systems, at any time

**Test/Support/Staging/Production Licenses:** Typically only developers require VBD. After they develop their application they install it on the Test, Support, Staging or Production servers. Their applications issues calls to the BFD Engine (.NET or COM, in accordance with their design) to obtain barcode images.

- Install the VBD SDK on each server that will execute the application. You will have 60 days to finish the licensing process
- You will always need a [license for the BFD Engine](#)
- If your development application is called by a web server (IIS, Apache, Tomcat or others) you will also need [a license for a Web Server Add-On](#).