

## Trial Licenses

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If you have already installed the PSCAD V4 Student Edition and require more than the fixed 15 electrical node limit, or if you would like to review the component design features, you may be interested in a time limited evaluation license for the PSCAD V4 Professional Edition. If interested, please follow the procedures below to receive your Trial License.

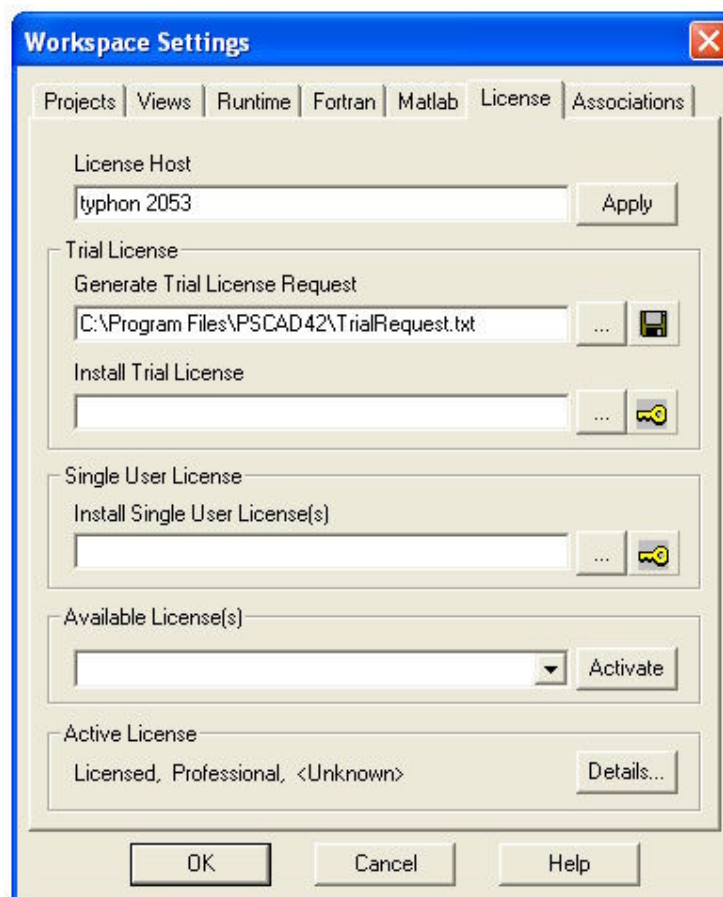
**NOTE:** Once you have submitted Trial License request, a new License Key will be sent pending approval. Trial licensing is only available for the V4 Professional and Educational Editions.

### Requesting a Trial License

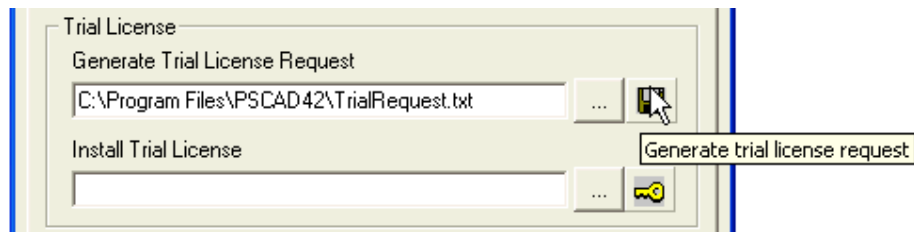
As part of the Requesting a Trial License procedure, you must provide us with some specifics on the PC you will be using to run PSCAD. This information is supplied to us in the form of a text file, which contains important machine metrics, such as computer name and other operating system information. This data is required to create a Trial License file and is held in the strictest confidentiality.

The following procedure outlines how to request a Trial License:

1. Open the PSCAD Student Edition and go to **Edit | Workspace Settings...** in the main menu bar to open the Workspace Settings dialog.
2. Select the **License** tab near the top of the dialog.



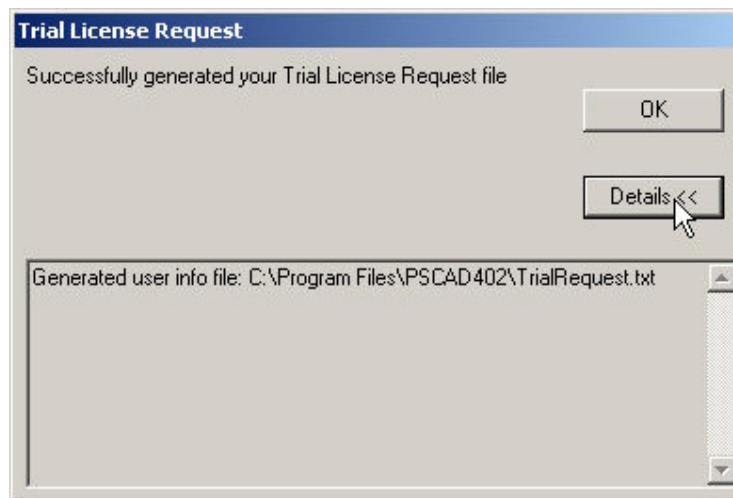
3. In the **Trial License** area of this dialog, enter a filename and path in the input field entitled **Generate Trial License Request** or use the **Browse** button to navigate to the desired directory. This will specify where PSCAD is to place the Trial License Request file once it is generated. To avoid confusion, leave this path and filename as default. Press the **'Generate'** button directly to the right of this field.



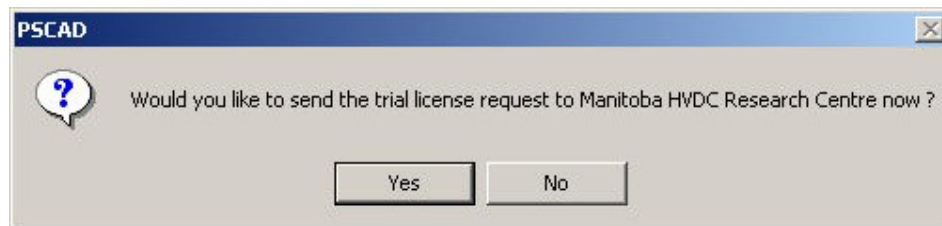
4. A Trial License Registration entry form will appear. Enter all required information into the form and then click the **Submit** button near the bottom of the form.

A screenshot of a "Trial License Registration" form. The form has a blue title bar with a close button. The main text reads: "To request a free 60-day trial, fill out and submit this form. Upon attaching the request and e-mailing the information, a trial license may be granted subject to approval by Manitoba HVDC Research Centre." The form contains several input fields: a name field with radio buttons for "Mr." and "Ms."; a "Company/University" field; an "Address" field; "Address 2" and "Address 3" fields; a "City" field; a "State/Province" field; a "Postal/ZIP" field; a "Country" field; a "Phone" field; a "Fax" field; and an "E-mail" field with an "@" symbol. A legend indicates "\* Required fields." At the bottom are "Cancel", "Reset", and "Submit" buttons.

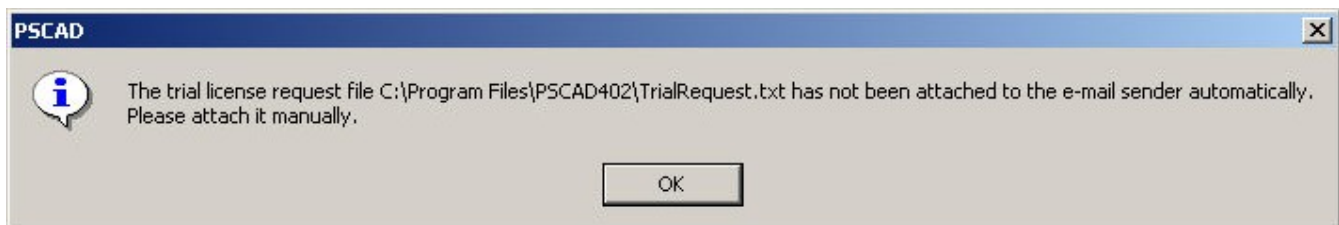
5. If all fields in **Step 4** were entered correctly, PSCAD will generate the Trial License Request file and place it in the directory specified in **Step 3**. A Trial License Request dialog will appear confirming the placement of the file.



- A dialog will appear asking if you would like to email the Trial License Request file now. Click **Yes** to proceed to **Step 7**. Click **No** if you wish to email the Trial License Request file at a later time. If you decide to send the file at a later time, you can start at **Step 8** of this procedure, as the file has already been created.

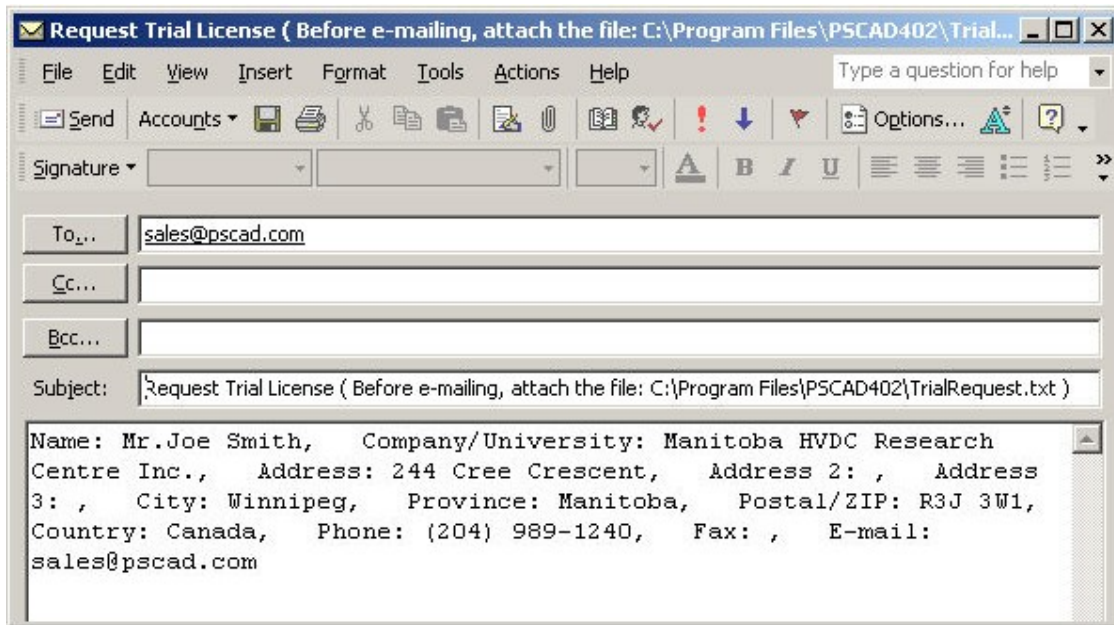


- Another dialog will appear with a simple warning. Please read carefully:



- PSCAD will then open a new email form from your default email tool. The body of the email will contain the information given in **Step 4** and the sending address is set to PSCAD Sales ([sales@pscad.com](mailto:sales@pscad.com)).

**NOTE:** If you generated your Trial License Request file at an earlier time, you do not need to add the text to the body of the email, as this is contained within your Trial License Request file anyway.



9. Remember to manually attach the Trial License Request file to email in **Step 8** (the file will located in the directory specified in **Step 3**). **Send** the email to PSCAD Sales ([sales@pscad.com](mailto:sales@pscad.com)). You should receive a response within the next couple of days. See the next section entitled 'Installing a Trial License' upon receipt of your Trial License key.

**NOTE:** Do not upgrade your operating system, change your system clock, or change any hardware configuration (i.e. hard drives, motherboard, etc.) while waiting for your Trial License Key.

## Installing a Trial License

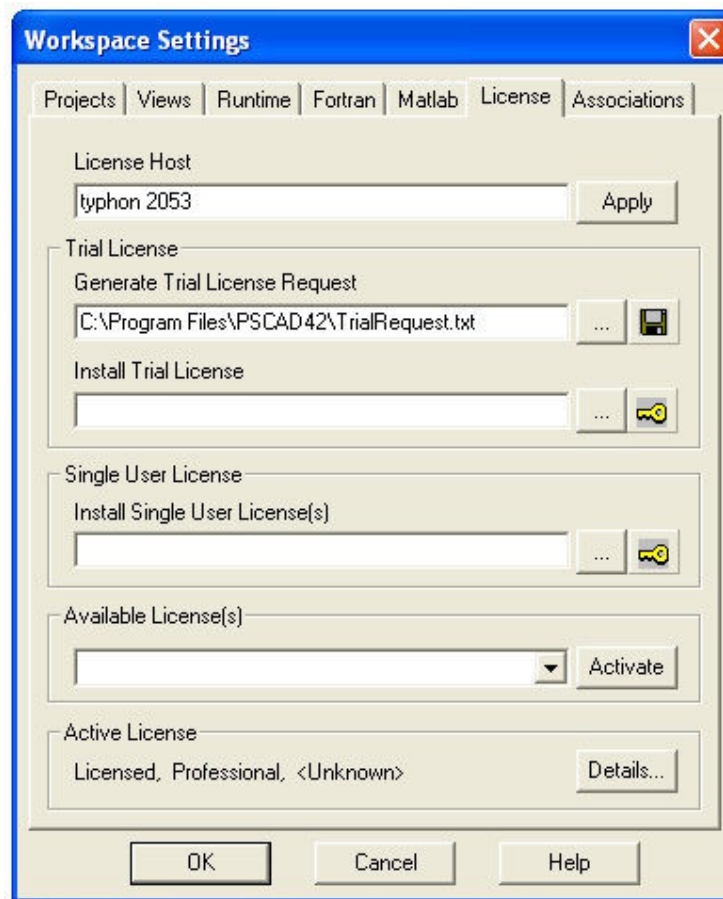
Upon approval of your Trial License request, you will receive an email from us with your Trial License key attached (i.e. 'Trial.txt').

Before proceeding with installation, please note the following important points:

- The Trial License can only be installed on the computer from which it was requested.
- When operating under a Trial License, PSCAD will only run if it is the only PSCAD instance active on your machine. Quit all other instances of PSCAD (both V3 and V4), prior to starting with a Trial License.
- The Trial License will not operate if certain computer system configurations are changed. **Do not:** Upgrade your operating system, change your system clock, or change any hardware configuration (i.e. hard drives, motherboard, etc.) during the course of the Trial License period.
- If you encounter problems during this process contact us at PSCAD Support Services ([support@pscad.com](mailto:support@pscad.com)).

The following procedure outlines how to install a Trial License:

1. Save the Trial License key (i.e. 'Trial.txt' file) somewhere on your hard drive (say C:\temp).
2. Open the PSCAD Student Edition and go to **Edit | Workspace Settings...** in the main menu bar to open the Workspace Settings dialog.
3. Select the **License** tab near the top of the dialog.

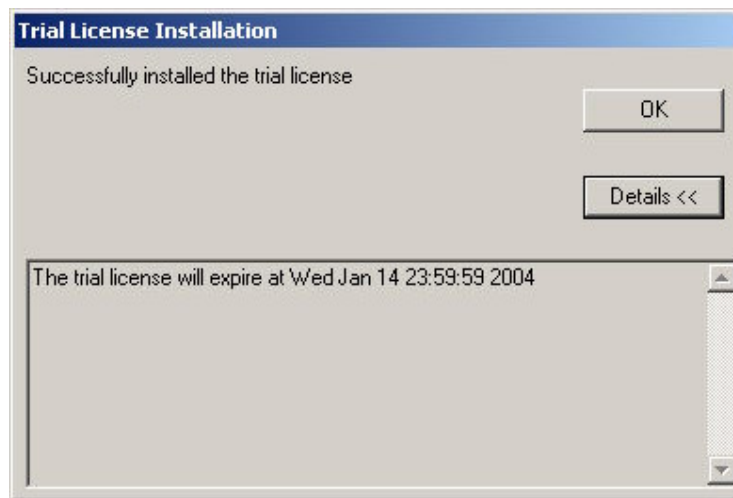


- In the Trial License area of this dialog, enter the filename and path to your 'Trial.txt' file in the input field entitled **Install Trial License** or press the **Browse** button to navigate to the file. Once entered, press the **Install** button directly to the right of this field.



- If Trial License is installed correctly, a Trial License Installation dialog will appear confirming this along with the expiry date of the Trial License. Click the **OK** button.

**NOTE:** If the license does not install correctly, please contact us at PSCAD Support Services ([support@pscad.com](mailto:support@pscad.com)).



6. Close the PSCAD Student Edition and then open the PSCAD Professional Edition. See [Viewing Active License Information](#) for details on checking if your Trial License is running properly.

**NOTE:** Please see [Adding a Shortcut to the PSCAD Executable](#) if you plan to add a shortcut to the V4 Professional and Educational Editions on your desktop.