

Passport Advantage Revision 11 FAQs

February 1, 2023

Section 1a: Passport Advantage Agreement Change Timing

Q: When do the changes to the Passport Advantage Agreement and the Passport Advantage Express Agreement come into effect?

A: Simple answer: February 1st, 2023 for new PA Agreements and PA Express transactions, May 1st 2023 for most PA Agreements that existed before February 1st, 2023.

Detail:

- (1) **For existing Passport Advantage Agreements (Originating Sites) that existed before February 1st, 2023**, email was sent notifying them of the updates to their PA Agreement, the effective date of the change is May 1st, 2023. Existing Additional Sites that existed before February 1st, 2023 under such Agreements were also sent courtesy copies of the notification letters for their information.
- (2) **for all new Passport Advantage Additional Sites that are already enrolled as of February 1st, 2023** under a Passport Advantage Agreement that existed before February 1st, 2023, or Passport Advantage Additional Sites which enroll under such an Agreement between February 1st, 2023 and May 1st, 2023, the new Passport Advantage terms apply as of the effective date of the change applicable to the Passport Advantage Agreement of their Originating Site under which that Additional Site is enrolled;
- (3) **for all completely new Passport Advantage Agreements (Originating Sites) that enroll on or after February 1st, 2023, and for all Additional Sites that subsequently enroll under that new Passport Advantage Agreement**, the new terms apply as of the date of enrollment
- (4) **for Passport Advantage Express, the new terms come into effect for all transactions on or after February 1st, 2023.**
- (5) Transactions completed under an Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) or similar multi-year contract will continue under the terms of such contract until the end of the current contract period.

Q: Are PA enrollment forms changing?

A: Yes, the enrollment forms will be updated and rolled out in the coming weeks for i) simplicity; ii) improved contact descriptions; and iii) removing the attachments for the Government Option and Academic Volume Option as those terms have been incorporated into the Passport Advantage & Passport Advantage Express Revision 11. Existing enrollment form can continue to be used in the meantime.

Section 1b: Passport Advantage Agreement Revision 11 (PA11, PA Express11) Changes

Q: What are the basic changes that have been made in this latest revision relative to the previous revision in 2017?

A: Six basic changes have been made in PA11/PAE11. These are as follows:

1. **Client Action Needed: Future IPAA Modification Notification (applicable to only PA)** - In the future, IBM will now notify you of any modifications to this IPAA by posting a notice on the IBM Terms web page at <http://www.ibm.com/terms> instead of sending email notifications. You must subscribe on the IBM Terms web page to ensure you receive direct notification of any such modifications.
2. **Subscription License** - IBM has incorporated terms into the applicable sections of the IPAA that provide a new licensing model for IBM Programs without the need to sign a separate Attachment. The Subscription License model provide the right to use the Program and receive Software Subscription & Support for the subscription term. You may not terminate before the end of the subscription term, but you have the flexibility to determine the term length that addresses your business needs.
3. **Container Licensing** - IBM has incorporated terms into the Full Capacity and Virtualization Requirements section of the IPAA for container usage of Eligible Container Products without the need to sign a separate Addendum. The terms permit you to acquire entitlements for the total number of processor cores associated with the capacity of all containers available to the Eligible Container Product.
4. **Government Option** - IBM have incorporated into IPAA the terms previously in the IPAA Attachment for Government Option. For Clients that are a national, regional, or local government agency or affiliated government entity in Client's country and enroll as a Government Client type on the IPAA Enrollment Form, these incorporated terms eliminate the need to agree to the separate Attachment.
5. **Academic Volume Option** - IBM have incorporated into IPAA the terms previously in the IPAA Attachment for Academic Volume Option. For Clients that are an Accredited Education Institution which is a non-profit accredited academic entity, whether public or private, that is not owned by a commercial organization and enroll as an Academic Volume Option Client type on the IPAA Enrollment Form, these incorporated terms eliminate the need to agree to the separate Attachment.
6. **Restructure and Clarity** – as we do for each and every revision of the Agreements, we strive to ensure quality and clarity of the terms and to that end we have restructured and updated throughout for additional clarity and consistency with other IBM agreements.

Section 2: Agreement change & notification

Q: The PA Agreements talk about “Transaction Documents” - what are these?

A: "Transaction Documents" is a generic term that can mean a number of different things that further specify, affect, and/or qualify the terms of the agreement or a particular transaction. For example, an IBM quote is a transaction document that has some standardization due to it being system-generated before the order to which the transaction document applies is received or accepted by IBM.

Q: Are the current Government and Academic Attachments still valid and unchanged?

A: These terms have been incorporated into Revision 11 and therefore these separate Attachments are no longer required.

Section 3: Passport Advantage Express

Q: Do the changes to Passport Advantage also apply to Passport Advantage Express?

A: Yes. Passport Advantage Express, updated effective February 1st, 2023, has been updated in exactly the same ways as Passport Advantage, while still retaining its unique transactional features.

Q: Are notifications of terms changes being made to Passport Advantage Express clients?

A: No, Passport Advantage Express is a transactional agreement, with applicable terms being those in place as of the date of each transaction, unlike Passport Advantage which is a relational agreement whose terms remain in effect unless and until modified by notification per the agreement, or as otherwise agreed in writing between IBM and the client.

Section 4: Resources

Q: What resources are in place to help with Client questions?

A: Additional resources and information can be found in Passport Advantage Online. Clients may find the [IBM Software Licensing & Compliance](#) site helpful or contact their IBM or reseller sales representative for additional help and information.