Flexible Licensing

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Introduction

Flexible licensing is a new licensing system introduced in progeCAD 2027, designed for users who need to work on different computers — for example, on an office workstation and on a home computer — without being tied to a single machine.

When you purchase one or more flexible licenses, all of them are grouped together under a single **serial number** linked to your personal progeSOFT profile. You can think of the serial number as a keyring, and the individual licenses as the keys it holds: each key can open progeCAD on one computer at a time, and the total number of computers you can use progeCAD on simultaneously is equal to the number of licenses (keys) you own.
To move a license from one computer to another, simply release it from the first machine. It then becomes available and can be acquired elsewhere.
If the license is not released, it remains tied to the machine where it was last activated, and progeCAD cannot be used on another computer.

Internet Connection Requirement

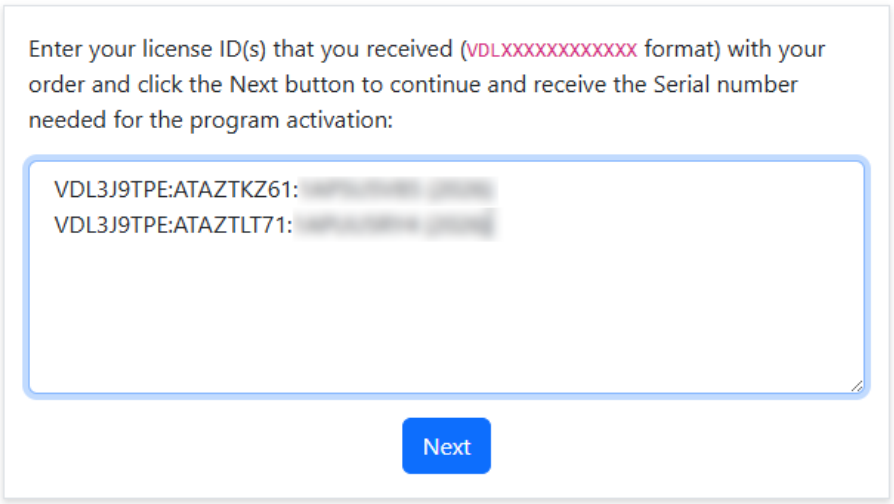
An internet connection is required only when activating or releasing the license, as these operations are handled by an external license server.
Once the license has been activated, progeCAD can be used offline without an active internet connection.
To release the license and make it available on another computer, an internet connection is required again.

Activating and Releasing the License

Activating the License

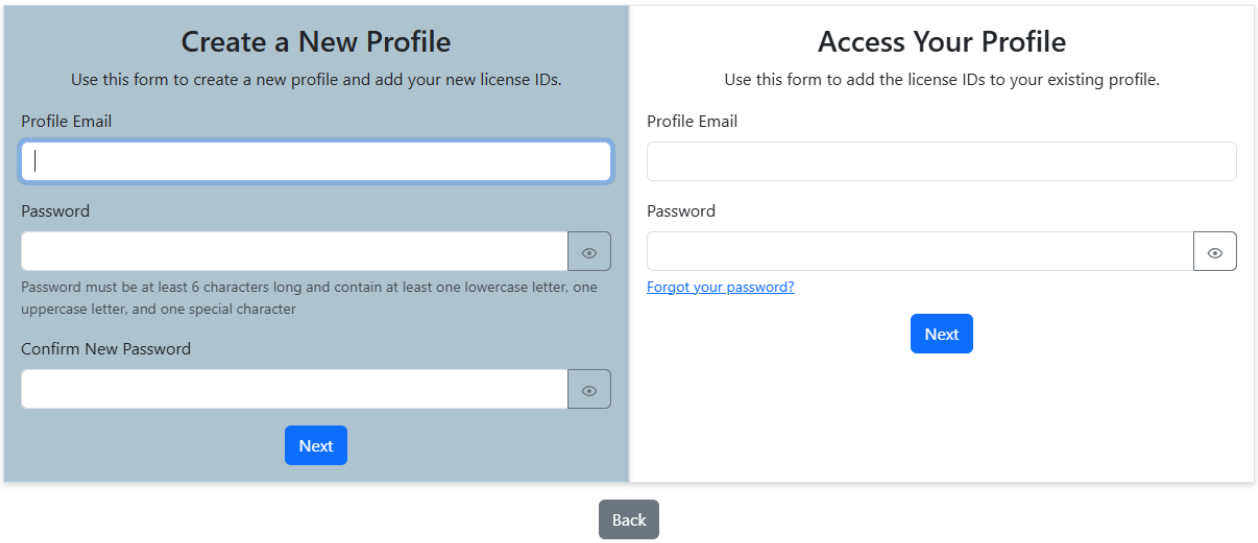
When you purchase flexible licenses, you will receive an email containing your license IDs and the URL where you can activate them.

1. Open the link provided in the email, enter your License ID(s) and click **Next**.



2. On the following page, you can choose between two options:

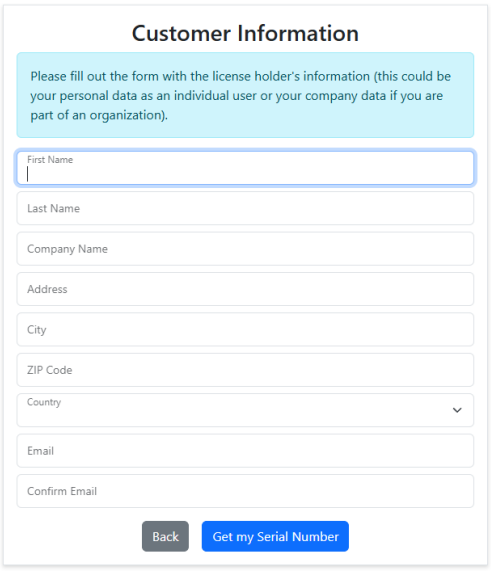
   - **Create a New Profile** — if this is your first flexible license, fill in the form on the left with your email and a password to create your progeSOFT profile. Your License ID will be automatically associated with the new profile.
   - **Access Your Profile** — if you already have a progeSOFT profile, use the form on the right to log in with your existing credentials. The new License ID will be added to your profile.



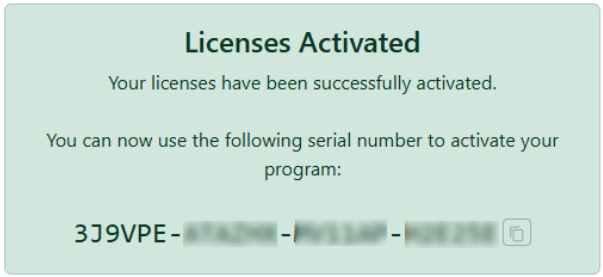
The profile is required to access and administer your flexible licenses, as well as to obtain any additional serial numbers.

3. After this step, you will be asked to fill in a form with the details of the license holder — that is, the person or company who purchased the license.

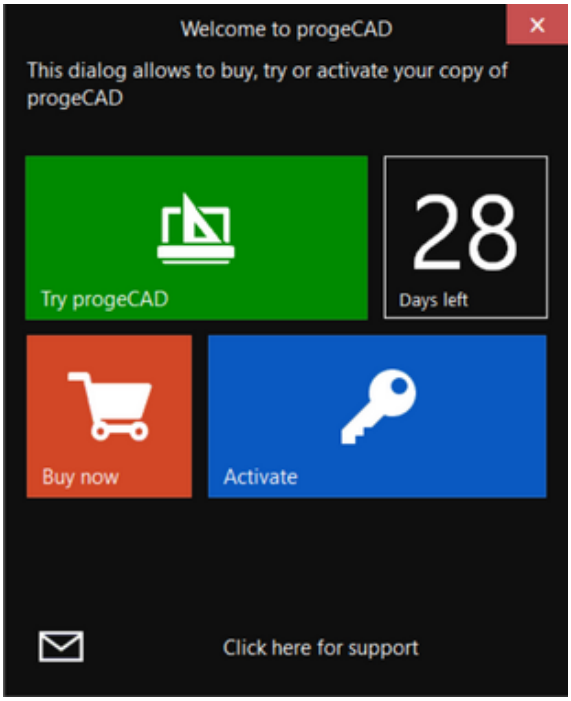
   🔔 ***Note***: the license holder may be different from the person who manages the profile: the profile consists of the credentials used to access the page where licenses are managed, while the license holder is the legal owner registered at the time of purchase.



4. Once the form has been completed, a confirmation screen will display the **Serial Number** required to activate progeCAD. Copy this serial number and enter it in progeCAD to complete the activation. It is also recommended to save the serial number for future reference.

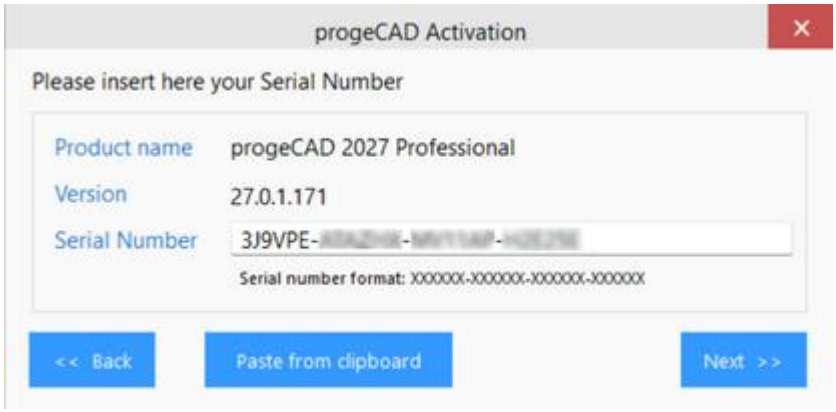


5. Once you have obtained your serial number launch progeCAD to start the activation process on your computer.
   At startup, the **Welcome to progeCAD** dialog appears.



   Click **Activate** to proceed.

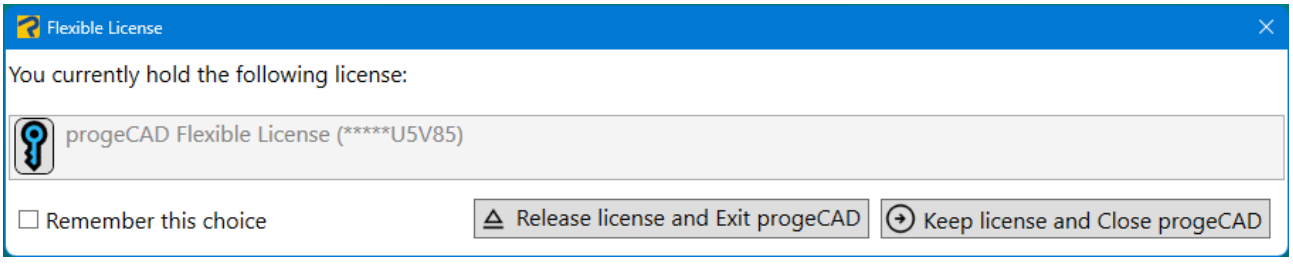
6. The **progeCAD Activation** dialog appears, showing the product name and version, along with the field where the serial number must be entered.



Enter the serial number you received during the license activation procedure in the **Serial Number** field. You can also click **Paste from clipboard** to insert the serial number directly if you have already copied it from the activation web page.
Click **Next** to complete the activation. progeCAD is now ready to use.

Releasing the License

When you close progeCAD, a **Flexible License** dialog box appears, showing the license currently held on the computer and offering two options:



- **Release license and Exit progeCAD** — releases the license and makes it immediately available for use on another computer. Choose this option if you need to continue working with progeCAD on a different machine, or if

another user will be using the same computer. A typical example is when you finish working in the office and want to continue from your home computer.

- **Keep license and Close progeCAD** — closes the program but keeps the license tied to the current computer. Choose this option if you plan to continue using progeCAD on the same machine. A typical example is when you work in the office on a laptop and then need to continue on a job site, where an internet connection may not be available.

The **Remember this choice** checkbox saves your selection and applies it automatically the next time you close progeCAD, without showing the dialog again.
To change this preference at a later time, open the **Flexible License Manager.**

Flexible License Manager

The **Flexible License Manager** is the tool that allows you to manage the flexible license behavior on your computer.

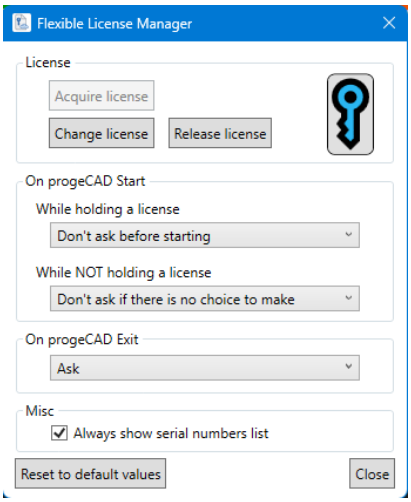
Opening the Flexible License Manager

You can open the Flexible License Manager in two ways:

- Directly from the **Help** menu of progeCAD, by selecting **Flexible License Manager**.
- From the **progeCAD Center**: click **Utility**, then select **Flexible License Manager** from the list of available tools.



Using the Flexible License Manager



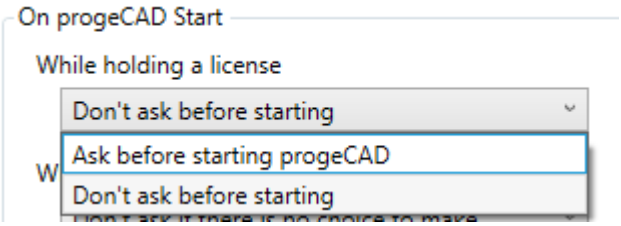
1. The **License** section allows you to manage the license currently held on the computer:

    a. **Acquire license** — acquires a new flexible license on the current computer.
    b. **Change license** — opens a window listing all the flexible licenses available on your profile. Select a license from the list to replace the one currently in use.
    c. **Release license** — releases the current license, making it immediately available for use on another computer or by another user.

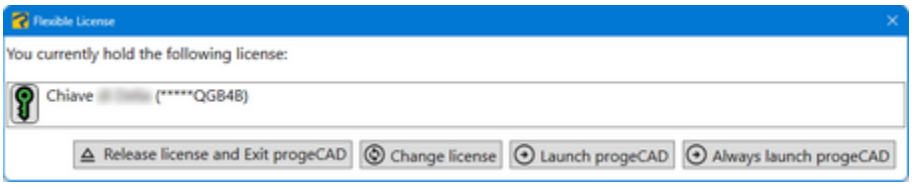
    ***Note*:** The **License** section is available only when the Flexible License Manager is opened from the **progeCAD Center**. When opened directly from the **Help** menu of progeCAD, these options are disabled, because the license is currently in use by the running application.

2. The **On progeCAD Start** section defines the behavior of progeCAD at startup, depending on whether a license is already held on the computer or not.

   a. **While holding a license** — defines what happens at startup when a license is already held on the computer:

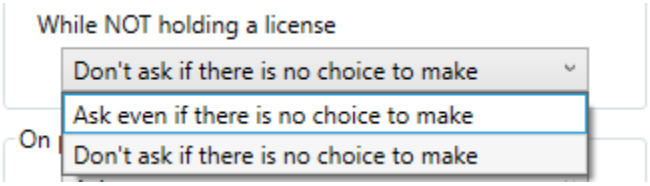


   - **Ask before starting progeCAD** — displays the Flexible License dialog, allowing you to release the license, change it, or launch progeCAD with the current one.

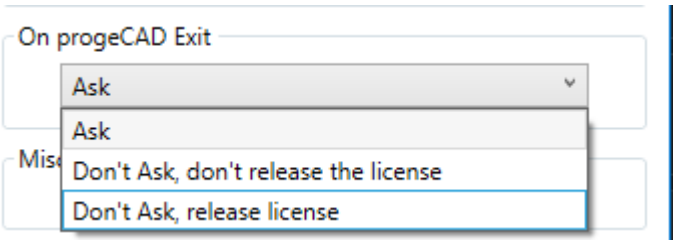


   - **Don't ask before starting** — launches progeCAD directly with the current license, without asking.

   b. **While NOT holding a license** — defines what happens at startup when no license is currently held on the computer. You can choose whether progeCAD should ask which license to acquire, or proceed automatically without asking when there is no choice to make.



3. The **On progeCAD Exit** section defines the behavior regarding the license currently in use when progeCAD is closed.



You can choose between three options:

- **Ask** — displays the **Flexible License** dialog when closing progeCAD, allowing you to choose whether to release the license or keep it on the computer.
- **Don't Ask, don't release the license** — keeps the license on the computer every time progeCAD is closed, without asking.
- **Don't Ask, release the license** — releases the license every time progeCAD is closed, without asking.

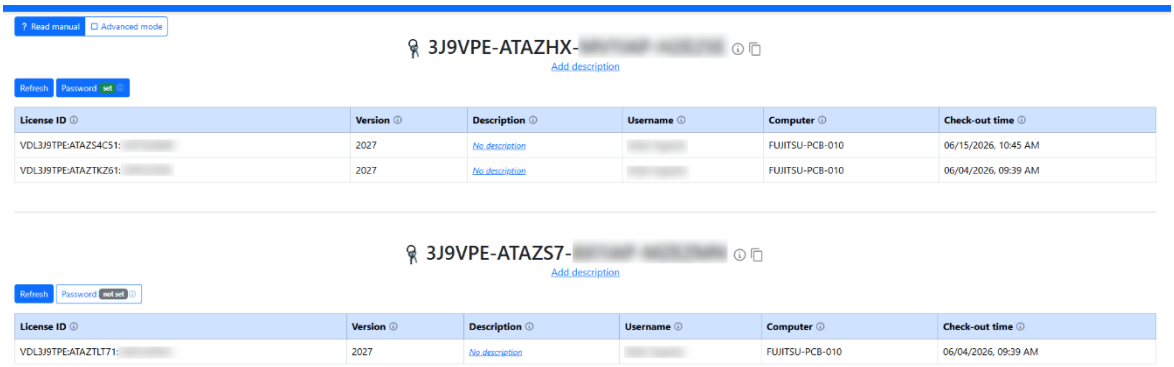
4. In the **Misc** section, the **Always show serial numbers list** check box, when selected, displays the list of available serial numbers every time a license is chosen.

5. **Reset to default values** allows you to restore all the Flexible License Manager preferences to their original settings.

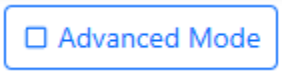
Dashboard

Note: The Dashboard provides advanced license administration and monitoring capabilities. Its use is optional, as everything required to work with flexible licenses is already described in the previous chapters.

The dashboard is the page where you can administer and monitor your licenses. It can be accessed at the following URL: https://flexible-license.progecad.com/dashboard by logging in with your own credentials (profile). Each serial number is shown as a separate section, with all of its associated licenses listed in a table below it.



Managing Serial Numbers



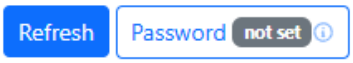
Advanced Mode

The Advanced Mode toggle controls how much information is shown in the licenses table. By default it is turned off, and only the essential columns are displayed. When turned on, the table shows additional columns that provide more detailed information about each license.

Add description

For every serial number, you can set a description. The description is a free-text note that helps you identify the serial number more easily, which is especially useful when you manage several serial numbers. Clicking this button opens a

dialog where you can type a custom description or leave it empty. It has no functional purpose — it is only a visual aid to help you organize your serial numbers.

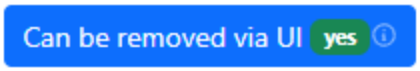


Refresh

Reloads the data for the selected serial number, updating the list of licenses and their current status.

Password

Allows you to set a password for the selected serial number. Once set, the password will be required in order to activate progeCAD with that serial number. The button label shows whether a password is currently set or not.



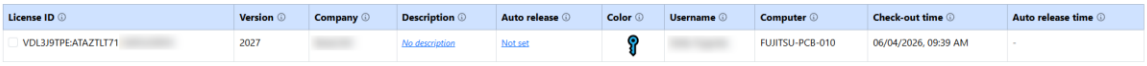
Can be removed via UI (Advanced mode only)

This option is shown only when Advanced Mode is enabled. It lets you control whether the serial numbers can be removed from the License Selection window (the dialog shown at progeCAD startup). To change the setting, simply click the toggle: clicking Yes switches it to No, and clicking No switches it back to Yes.
When set to Yes, a bin icon appears next to each serial number, allowing it to be deleted. If only one serial number is available, it cannot be removed.



Note that when there is just one serial number, the window displays its associated licenses without showing the serial number itself, unless the option “Always show serial numbers list” has been enabled.

Managing Licenses



License ID

The License ID is the unique identifier of the license — the one you receive by email when you purchase flexible licenses.

Version

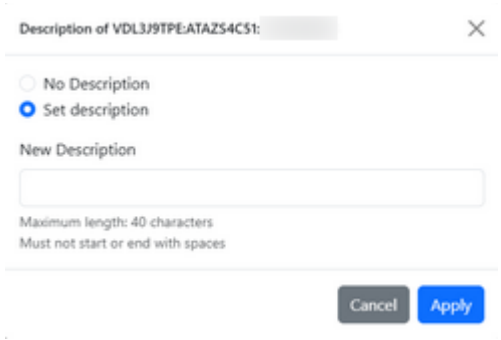
The Version indicates the version year of progeCAD the license refers to.

Company (Advanced mode only or shown when applicable)

The name of the company the license is registered to. This column is shown when Advanced Mode is enabled and also appears in the standard view when the company names differ.

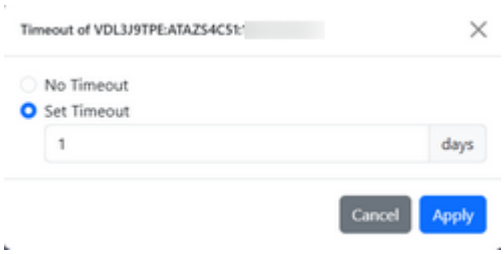
Description

You can enter a generic description for the license, which can be useful to identify it more easily. Clicking this field opens a dialog where you can either leave the license with no description or set a custom one.



Auto release (Advanced mode only)

Clicking this field opens a dialog where you can set a timeout (in days) of inactivity after which the license is automatically released. The counter resets every time the license is used: for example, if you set it to 10 days and use the license on the 8th day, you will have 10 more days of inactivity before it is released.



Color (Advanced mode only)

You can assign a color to the key icon. Like the Description field, it has no functional purpose — it is simply a visual aid to help you identify and organize your licenses more easily.

Expiration (shown when applicable)

Shows the expiration date of the license, if it is time-limited — for example, a yearly or monthly subscription, or a trial. This column appears only when at least one license has an expiration date.

Username

The name of the user who is currently using the license.

Computer

The name of the machine on which the license is currently being used.

Check-out time

The date and time when the license was activated by the user.

Auto release time (Advanced mode only)

The date on which the license will be automatically released, based on the Auto release described above. This column is shown only when Advanced Mode is enabled.

Move License (Advanced mode only)



This feature is available only when Advanced Mode is enabled. When one or more licenses are selected, a **Move Licenses** button appears in the top-left corner of the page. This action lets you move the selected license to a different location. Three destinations are available:

- **To a new serial number.** You can create a new serial number on the spot and move the license to it in a single step. The new serial number is added to the current profile.
- **To an existing serial number in the same profile.** The license stays within the current profile but is reassigned to another serial number that already exists. A list of the profile's serial numbers is displayed so you can pick the target. Use this when the device or unit you want to assign the license to is already registered under this profile.
- **To a different profile.** The license is moved out of the current profile and reassigned to another one. Unlike the first two options, this changes which profile owns the license, not just which serial number. Use this when the license needs to belong to a different profile.

Note: The button label dynamically updates to reflect the number of selected licenses (e.g., "Move 1 license", "Move 2 licenses").

Example

The following example illustrates a typical situation in which the Move License feature is useful.
Suppose a company activates ten licenses and receives a single serial number for all of them. The company has both an office and a workshop, and decides to keep the two sets of licenses separate.

1. From the original serial number, the company selects 5 licenses and clicks Move Licenses.
2. It chooses the New Serial Number option, creating a separate serial number for the workshop. The 5 selected licenses are moved to this new serial number.
3. Each computer activates progeCAD with the corresponding serial number — the first for the office computers, the second for the workshop. No other configuration is required.

Later, the company realizes that 5 licenses are too many for the workshop, while the office could use a couple more. To rebalance them:

4. From the workshop serial number, it selects 2 licenses and clicks Move Licenses.
5. This time it chooses the existing office serial number as the destination. The 2 licenses are moved back to the office.

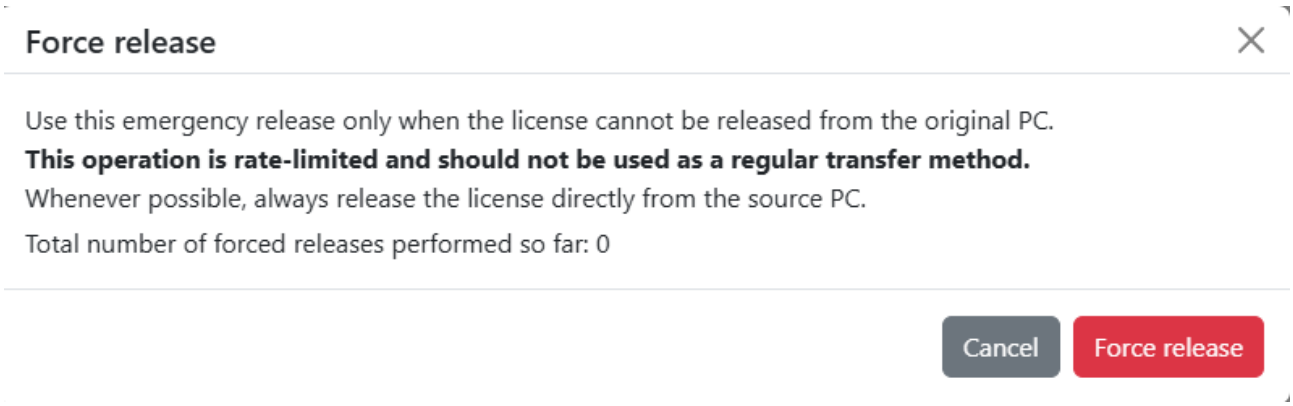
As a result, the office now has 7 licenses and the workshop has 3.

Note: No action is needed on the clients. Once the license has been moved, the clients will automatically use the license IDs available for their serial number — there's nothing to set up or change on the client side.

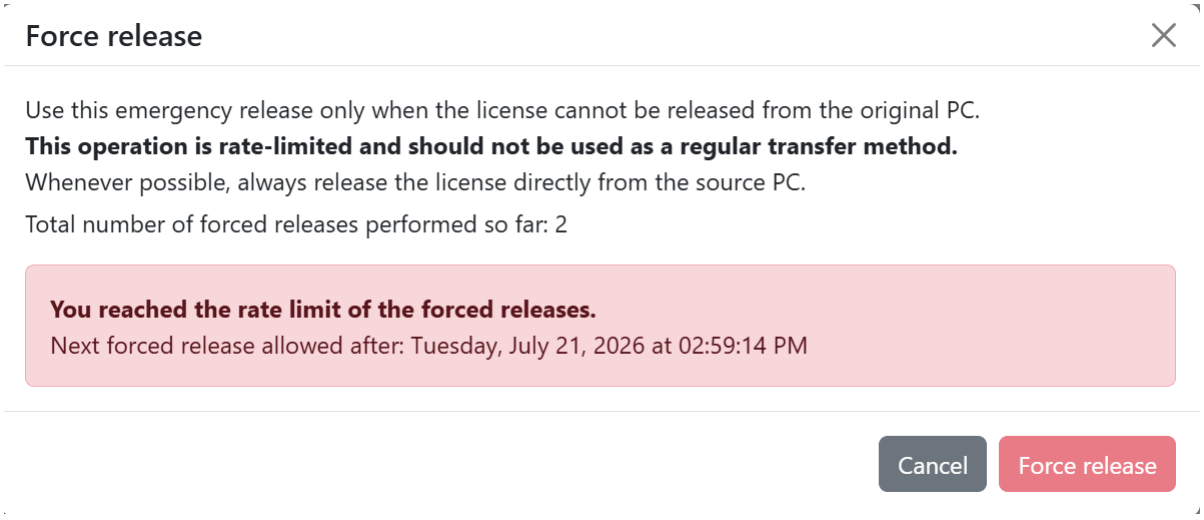
Force release (Advanced mode only)



The **Force release** button is available only in Advanced mode. It is intended for situations in which the license cannot be released from the workstation holding it, for example a license was left in use on the office computer while work has to continue from home or at a customer's site, with no possibility of going back to release it.
This is not the standard way to release a license. Under normal circumstances, a license must be released from the computer where it is in use.
Whenever it is considered necessary, Force release makes the license available again, so that it can be used by another workstation.
When the button is clicked, a confirmation dialog appears:



The operation is rate-limited. Once the number of forced releases allowed within the current period has been reached, the dialog shows the date and time when the next forced release will be possible, and the operation cannot be performed until then:



Remember: although there are situations where it can be useful, Force release must be regarded **strictly as an exception**. Licenses must be released through the standard procedure.