

Vendor Risk Assessment (VRA) Policy Notice for Software and Online Services

UC Davis has recently begun strictly enforcing new UC-wide policies regarding purchases of software and online services. What this means is that we will now go through a Vendor Risk Assessment (VRA) for any proposed use of new software or online service, both for purchase and free. The VRA process can take days to months, depending on many factors. The typical time is 6-8 weeks. This process is intended to protect your students' (and your own) data and privacy.

If you will be purchasing or renewing any software or online services, the HIP office will be asking for confirmation of prior approval from LSIT before we are able to proceed with an order or a reimbursement request (if the online service/software was directly purchased out-of-pocket).

To start the VRA process, LSIT has created a short online intake form to help them gather the necessary information pertaining to the software and online services you are requesting. Please complete the form at your earliest convenience so that they can proceed with your VRA request as soon as possible: [VRA Form](#). You can find a list of tools that have already gone through the VRA process ([here](#)), but please note that the vetting is based on the specific *use case* as much as the tool being assessed.