



Subscription Tier Definitions

Tier	Category	Description
1	Academic: High Schools or Pre-Collegiate Academies	Single location, not at the school district level
	Medical/ Health Care Provider	Private practice or private clinic
	Government or Nonprofit	Public library, museum or archive, nonprofit single office non-research government organizations
2	Academic: 2- or 4-year Colleges, Community Colleges or Technical Colleges without Graduate Programs	College or university with no advanced degree program
	Medical/ Health Care Provider	Community level hospital or outpatient clinic (non-teaching or research)
	Government or Nonprofit	Charitable organization, professional society, independent research library, local or municipal government office
3	Academic: University & research programs	Offering Master's and Doctorate programs
	Medical/ Health Care Provider	Teaching or research hospital
	Government or Nonprofit	Government agency or research inst (single site)
	Corporate: Small Pharmaceutical	Single-Site Pharmaceutical Company
4	Academic: Large University Systems	Centrally administered large academic institution (not consortium or shared digital library [tier 5]), but single organization or institution, public or private, with one or more campuses in the same city
	Medical/ Health Care Provider	Single- or multiple-site universities comprised of a faculty of medicine and a teaching hospital
	Government or Nonprofit	Centrally administered large research institution (not consortium or shared digital library [tier 5]), but single organization or institution, public or private, with one or more locations in the same city
	Corporate: Medium Pharmaceutical	For-profit organization (single organization with regional campuses, not multi-national)
5	Academic: National University Systems	Consortia of academic libraries (includes groups of libraries that share access or large state-wide licenses)
	Medical/ Health Care Provider	Consortia of medical libraries and hospitals (includes groups of libraries that engage in shared access)
	Government or Nonprofit	Large nonprofit/government research institutes using a shared network, or National License
	Corporate: Large Pharmaceutical	For-profit organizations and corporations with a domestic presence in several locations or an international presence in several countries
Consortia (C)	Special Consortia	CAPES, CALIS, CAUL, JISC, etc.
Custom Multi-Site (MS)	Multi-Site Organizations	Tier 3 organizations with multiple locations that are not Tier 4 or 5 institutional subscribers.