

Deutsche Telekom to offer Microsoft Office on a monthly payment plan

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- Customers able to pay for fully licensed latest version of Microsoft Office as part of their monthly telephone bill
- Offer available first to T-Mobile Austria mobile broadband customers and Deutsche Telekom business customers in Germany from Q3 2009
- Deutsche Telekom is the first telecommunications provider to offer Microsoft Office to customers on monthly payment plan

T-Mobile and Deutsche Telekom's business division will offer the latest version of Microsoft Office on a monthly payment plan to their customers. The PC-based offer will be available to T-Mobile Austria mobile broadband customers and fixed broadband business customers in Germany from Q3 2009. The offering will extend to other countries – including the UK – in the future.

Deutsche Telekom will be the first operator to offer a fully licensed version of Microsoft Office in such a practical and convenient way, further enhancing its leadership in broadband across Europe.

"We are excited to be the first telecommunications provider to offer our customers Microsoft Office on a monthly payment plan." said Rainer Deutschmann, Senior Vice-President Mobile Internet of T-Mobile International. "Microsoft Office is the most sought-after application for mobile broadband and business customers to use on notebooks and mini- notebooks. We are proud to offer our customers the most compelling package in the market."

Customers will be able to sign up in store or via the web to Microsoft Office and choose from among the Home and Student, Small Business Edition and Professional Editions, depending on their requirements.

The latest conversible trial version of Microsoft Office will be pre-installed on notebooks and mininotebooks sold through a variety of Deutsche Telekom outlets. Those customers without the trial version of Microsoft Office preloaded on their notebooks can download it from the Microsoft website and add the license cost to their monthly bill. Deutsche Telekom's business division is making Microsoft Office Professional and Small Business Edition available to German business customers as a part of the IT-Software Service product family. This offer will provide customers in Germany with a transparent and cost-saving solution enabling them to pay for Office on a monthly basis. Further detail information will be available in Q3 2009.

"Customers today expect to be able to select from a greater choice of products, flexible payment options and value-added communications services that make their lives easier. This new offering allows customers to purchase Microsoft Office in a convenient manner from one of the world's leading telecommunications companies," said Martha Béjar, Corporate Vice-President, Communications Sector, Microsoft Cooperation. "This partnership presents a great opportunity for both Microsoft and Deutsche Telekom, enabling us to explore the next generation of innovative and easily accessible broadband service offerings."

This payment plan will offer a best in class mobile computing experience for Deutsche Telekom customers and is a key element of a broader strategic partnership between Deutsche Telekom and Microsoft. The partnership also incorporates several other projects, including work with Softwareload, Deutsche Telekom's software download portal. In May 2009, Softwareload became the first external platform to distribute a one-time payment full version of Microsoft Office in Germany.