

GAIN License Agreement Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. How do I obtain the GAIN license agreement?
A. E-mail the GAIN Project Coordination team at GAINInfo@chestnut.org for a copy or for more information on the license.
- Q. Is the \$100 licensing fee the cost per use or for unlimited use?
A. The licensing fee (which is separate from the software purchasing fee and other services) is for unlimited use within the boundaries of the purposes specified in the license agreement for five years from the date on page 1 of the agreement. For further technical and pricing information, contact the GAIN ABS Software Support team at ABSSupport@chestnut.org.
- Q. To whom should the completed agreement be returned?
A. Please return the agreement to the GAIN Project Coordination team, Chestnut Health Systems, 448 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761, fax (309) 451-7765.
- Q. Can the license be used to cover general and ongoing clinical use?
A. Yes, but we recommend that the GAIN be administered under the supervision of a certified Local Trainer and interpreted by someone qualified to make diagnosis and placement decisions under agency and local guidelines.
- Q. Can the license be used to cover program evaluation and research study use?
A. Yes. Please see chapter 9 of the GAIN manual for more information on using the GAIN for these purposes.
- Q. How do I obtain the GAIN and supporting materials?
A. All GAIN instruments and supporting documents are available from our website and can be downloaded at no cost for licensed users. A complete set of hard copies can be ordered online from the Chestnut bookstore (<http://www.chestnut.org/LI/bookstore/index.html>) or by calling (309) 451-7700 and following the instructions.
- Q. Is a software version of the GAIN available?
A. Yes. The GAIN web application, GAIN ABS, performs both data entry as well as interactive assessments. For more information please contact ABSSupport@chestnut.org or call (309) 451-7777.
- Q. Can selected portions or individual scales from the GAIN be used individually?
A. The license agreement entitles the licensee to full or partial use of all GAIN materials.
- Q. Can questions or scales be modified?
A. Yes. But in any report the nature of the modification should be disclosed and Chestnut must be notified of the modification. Please contact GAINInfo@chestnut.org for more information.

- Q. Is training and certification on the GAIN available?
- A. GAIN training is strongly recommended. Trainer training is provided several times per year in Bloomington, IL and at various locations throughout the country. The training schedule is posted on the Chestnut website (http://www.chestnut.org/LI/gain/GAIN_Training/index.html). On-site GAIN training may also be arranged. Please contact GAINInfo@chestnut.org for further training information.
- Q. Can I get a GAIN license for a larger geographic region (e.g., a county or state) or system (e.g., a state mental health system or welfare system)?
- A. Yes, the GAIN is currently in use throughout many county, state, and other service systems, and we routinely contract to help build local capacity for these systems. If you are interested in a multisite license or services, please contact GAINInfo@chestnut.org.
- Q. Are GAIN psychometrics available?
- A. Detailed tables on the psychometrics of the GAIN, including initial differences and change for adult and adolescent clients in outpatient, intensive outpatient, methadone, and inpatient programs from the Drug Outcome Monitoring Study (DOMS), are available on Chestnut's website at <http://www.chestnut.org/LI/gain/index.html#Supporting%20psychometrics,%20scales,%20and%20crosswalks>. There is also a bibliography of articles and studies currently using the GAIN. If you would like to be listed in the bibliography please contact GAINInfo@chestnut.org.
- Q. Does Chestnut staff collaborate with the licensee by sharing data?
- A. Data meeting our standards for administration and cleaning can be included in the common dataset made available to researchers. This is not a part of the GAIN license agreement and requires a separate contract.
- Q. Does Chestnut staff collaborate with the licensee by helping to analyze data?
- A. Unfortunately, we do not have the internal resources to do so on a regular basis; however, the syntax and many of the norms are posted on the web at the address above, and we will try to answer basic questions sent to the GAIN Evaluation team at GAINEval@chestnut.org. We can also refer you to scientists or evaluators who regularly work with GAIN data. On a limited basis we will also contract with licensees to help process or analyze the data. This is not part of the GAIN license agreement and requires a separate contract.
- Q. Is the license agreement the only paperwork I need to complete to start using the GAIN?
- A. No, all users must complete a one-page GAIN user agreement, and there may be other paperwork requested based on individual situations (e.g., licensees submitting data to Chestnut or using GAIN ABS must complete a data sharing agreement and other forms).