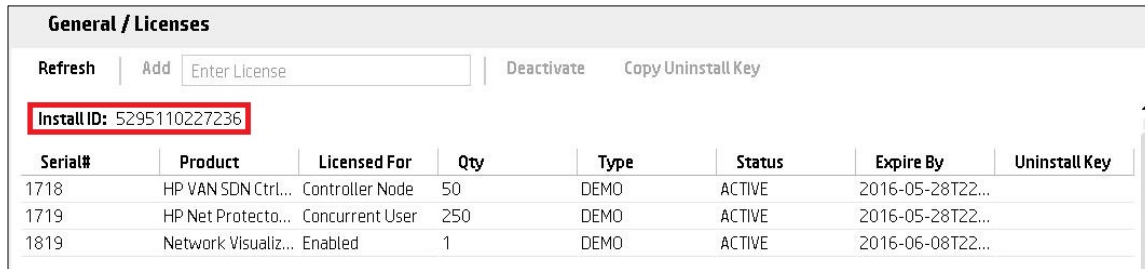# Activating a license on the SDN Controller

After you have downloaded and installed the controller software, you can begin the license registration and activation process. Licensing requires a **Registration ID** for each product and the **Install ID** of the controller.

Identify the Install ID displayed in the SDN Controller GUI

Each controller installation generates a unique Install ID that is used for licensing activities. To view the Install ID using the GUI:

- In the navigation tree, click **General - Licenses**

  The Licenses page appears

- In the Licenses screen, the **Install ID** appears before the list licenses as shown below

Figure 1. SDN Install ID

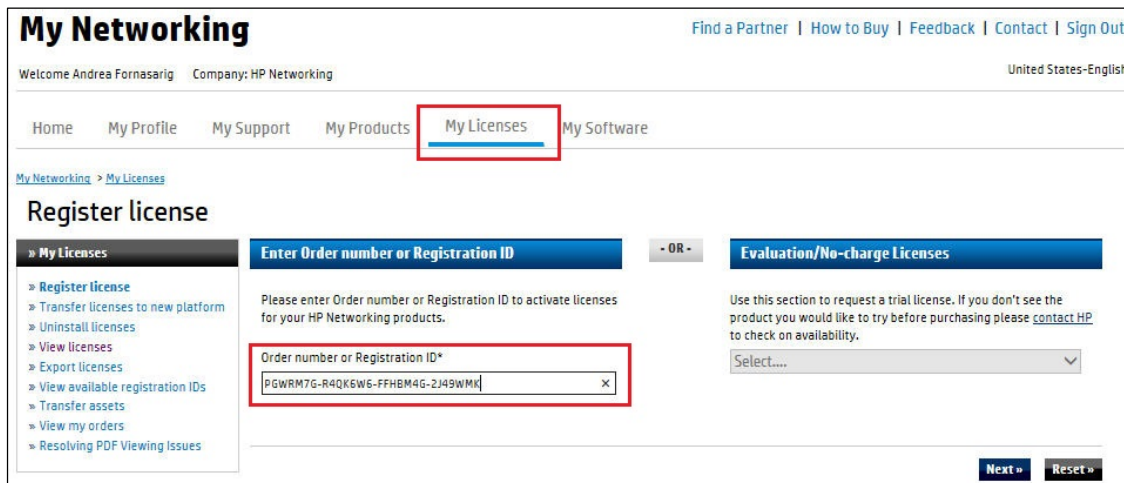## Registering and activating a license

Using your **Install ID**, you must now register your license on the HPE My Networking portal. Doing this results in a license key, which enables you to activate the license on the controller.

To register your license and obtain a license key:

- Log on to the **My Networking** portal at http://www.hpe.com/networking/mynetworking.

- Select **My Licenses**

- Enter your **order number** or **registration ID** in the field provided and click **Next**

- Optional: you can also choose **Evaluation/No-charge Licenses** and select **SDN Evaluation Licenses**

Figure 2. Entering an order number or registration ID

- The registration details screen appears as shown below

- In the **Install ID** field, enter your **Install ID number**
- Optional: Enter a **Friendly name** and **Customer notes** for this license

Figure 3. Entering the install ID

- Click **Next**
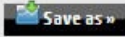- The end user software license agreement screen appears, as shown below

Figure 4. Accepting the license agreement

- To continue after reading the license agreement, select **I accept all of the above terms** and click **Finish**

  The confirmation screen appears as shown below
- Review your license registration details, and record the **License key** listed

- Optional: To download the license key file, click **Save as**, and then save it to your local hard drive
- Optional: To e-mail the registration details enter one or more e-mail addresses, separated by a comma or semi-colon in the field provided and click **Send email**
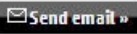
Figure 5. Reviewing your registration

Click the "Save as" button to download the license key file to your local hard drive.

Save as »

Enter one or more email addresses, separated by comma or semi-colon, to send license information for archival.

Send license confirmation to
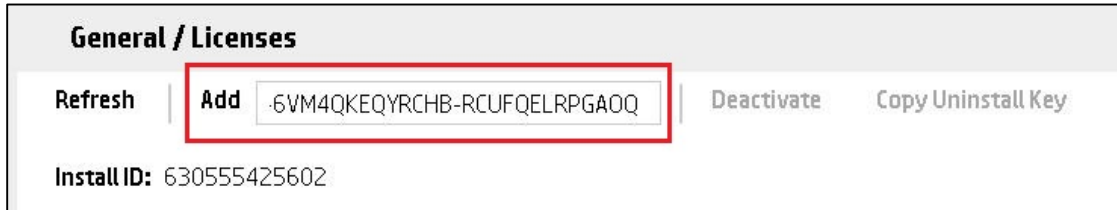(separate multiple email addresses by a comma or semi-colon)

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Comments

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License Key(s)

License key:	AEFB4AI6AJAF4-NJTFY7S2NBTOB-6VM4QKEQYRCHB-RCUFQELRPGAOQ How to install my license key
Registration ID:	PGWRM7G-R4QK6W6-FFHBM4G-2J49WMK
Product number:	J9863AAE
Product name:	HP VAN SDN Ctrl Base SW w/ 50-node E-LTU
License quantity:	1
Install ID:	3933331
Status:	Active
Activation date:	30-Sep-2015
Expiration date:	29-Sep-2016
Friendly name:	Demo
Customer notes:	Demo Lab

Activating a license on the controller

To activate a license on the controller, you must add the license key. Use the following procedure to add and activate a license using the controller GUI:

- In the navigation tree, click **General - Licenses**

  The Licenses page appears

- Copy the **license key** you just acquired into the **Add** field in the controller GUI, where it says Enter License

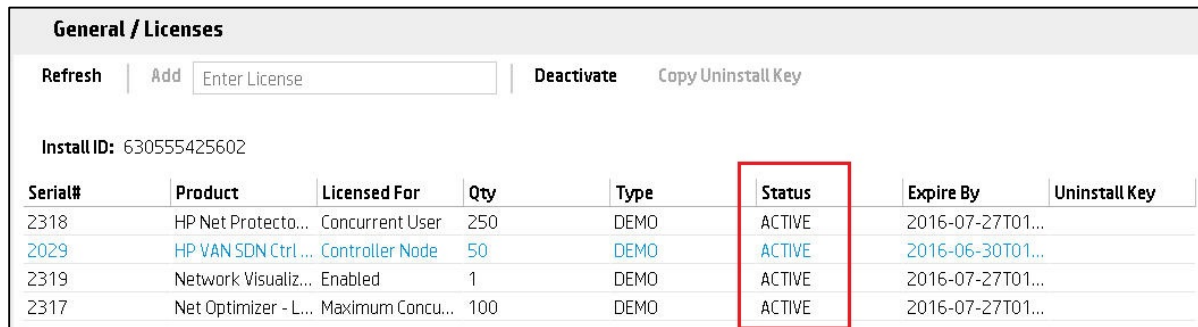 Entering the key in the field enables the **Add** button

Figure 6. Enter the License Key

- To activate the license, click on the **Add** button. The active license is now displayed

Figure 7. Active License Displayed on License screen