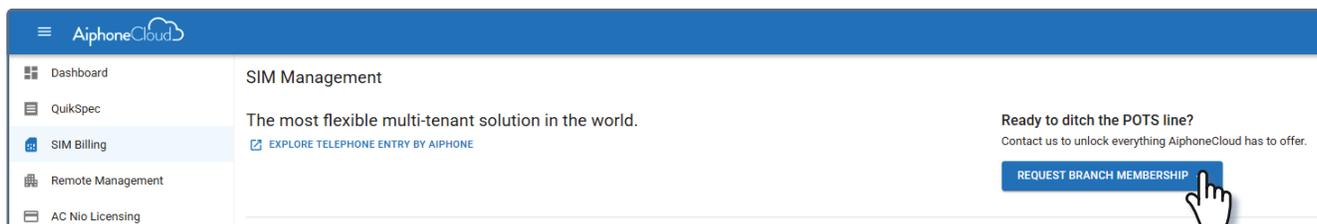# Aiphone Access Control
AC Nio™ Licensing Guide

This guide goes over how to purchase and license an AC Nio software deployment. Licensing through AiphoneCloud is used for both cloud (hosted by Aiphone) or local deployments (hosted by the installer). If a local deployment is desired, a download link for the software is available in the AC Nio Licensing section of AiphoneCloud. These instructions assume the AC Nio software has already been installed.

Getting Started

Navigate to https://aiphone.cloud. If an account already exists and is tied to a branch, enter its credentials and click Log In . After logging in, navigate to **AC Nio Licensing** on the side menu.
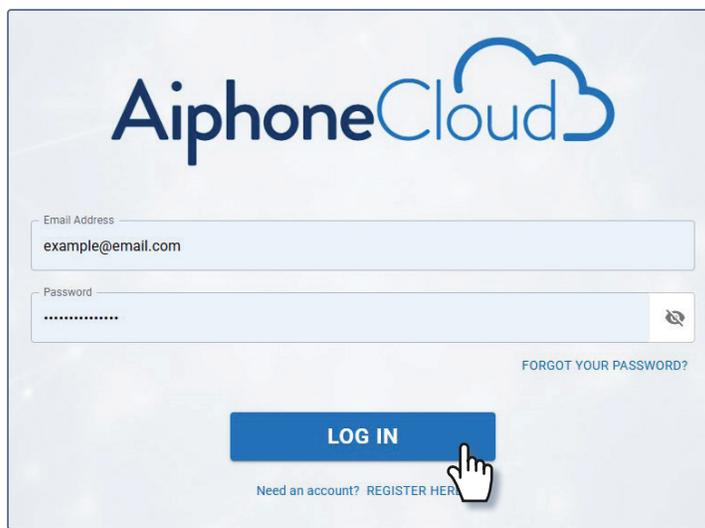
If an AiphoneCloud account has not yet been created, click Register Here beneath the log in button to make one, then log in as normal. Once the account has been created, navigate to **SIM Billing** on the side menu, then click Request Branch Membership . This will start the onboarding process, which can take up to two business days.

Navigate to **AC Nio Licensing** on the side menu, then click Go To AC Nio Licensing .

A list of deployments registered to the user's branch will be displayed. If the deployment has been created but not licensed, click on its name to proceed. Otherwise, click **+ Deploy New License**

The download link for AC Nio is available on this page. It is not required for a Cloud Deployment.

Creating a New Deployment

Skip to the next section if the deployment already exists, but needs an activated license.

Select whether the new deployment will be hosted on a local PC or server, or whether it will reside on AiphoneCloud. If the AC Nio™ server deployment is associated with an IX|IXG Series system hosted on Remote Management, use the drop-down menu to select it. Click Continue .

Fill out the site's information and click **Create Deployment**. For cloud deployments, this will include creating a custom URL that will be used to access the site.

Once a deployment has been selected or created, a license type will need to be applied to it. The terms will vary depending on whether it is a local or cloud deployment, and whether or not a prepaid license card was used.

See this page for more information on licenses:
https://www.aiphone.com/ac-license-options

If the Create Deployment button is greyed out, press Enter after entering the desired email addresses.

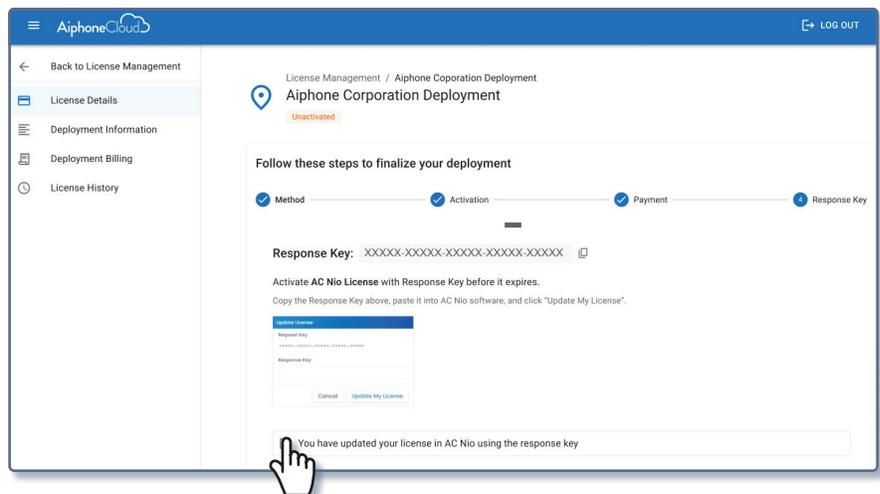## Selecting and Applying a License (Local Deployment)

Select the appropriate license and term for the site and click **Continue**

Follow the instructions on the next page to find **Licensing** on the side menu in the AC Nio™ software. Locate the deployment's **Request Key** and enter it on this page. Click the prompt to continue; the text will vary depending on if a prepaid code was used or not. Leave the AC Nio software open.

Verify that the proper licensing selection was made. If prompted, fill out the credit card and other billing information. Click **Subscribe**.
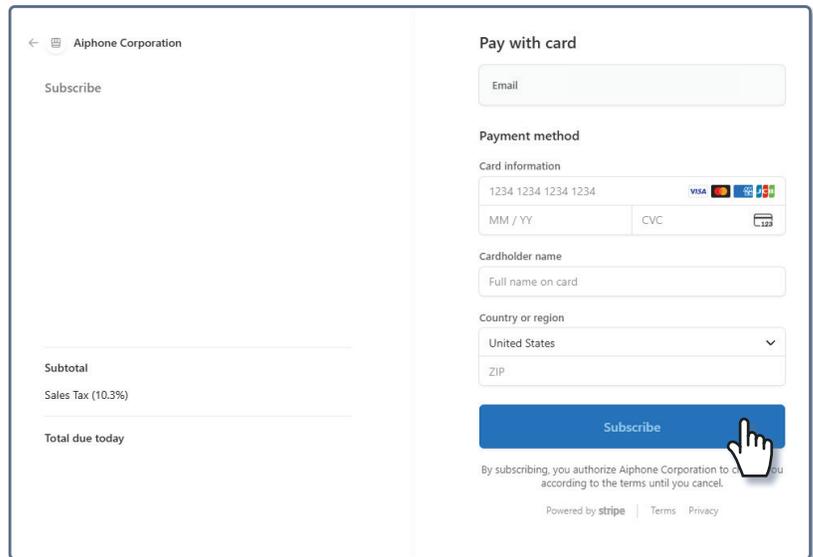
A Response Key will be displayed on the page. Follow the instructions to enter it in the AC Nio™ software to finish the licensing process. Check the box next to **You have updated your license in AC Nio using the response key.** This will complete the deployment steps.

The **AC Nio Licensing** page will show that the license is active, the site's deployment type, and the license's expiration date. Click anywhere on the line except the link beneath IXG Site ID to view the site's current status.
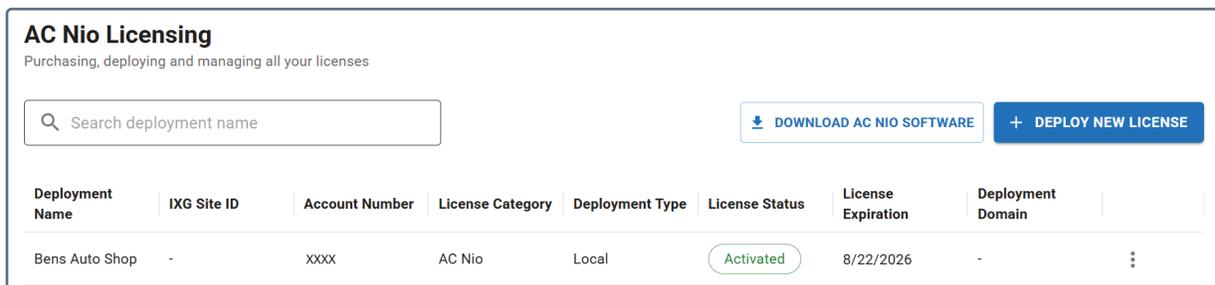
Selecting and Applying a License (Cloud Deployment)

Fill in how many **Door Readers**, **I/O Expanders**, and **Elevator Cabs** that the site contains. There are also add-on features available in the bottom left corner. Pricing details will be listed to the right as hardware and features are added. Once the choices are made, click Continue .

Accept the end user license agreement by clicking Continue to Payment .

Cloud Deployment licenses are charged per device. Verify the prices before continuing. Fill in the payment details and click Subscribe .

This will create the deployment in AiphoneCloud. After payment, the deployment may take up to fifteen minutes to complete. The user who created the deployment will receive an email with a link to create the deployment's first Administrator account when it is ready. The deployment cannot be accessed until this step is completed.
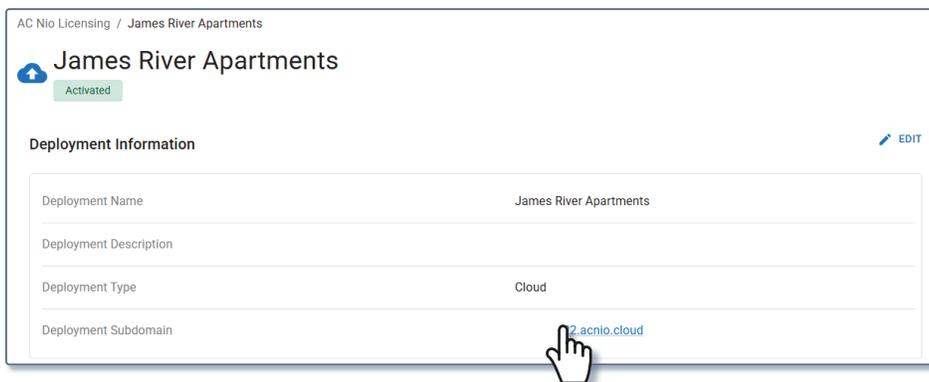
The newly created administrator account will open straight into the deployment. To return to the site later, navigate to the **AC Nio Licensing** page on the side menu. Click anywhere on the line besides the **IXG Site ID**.
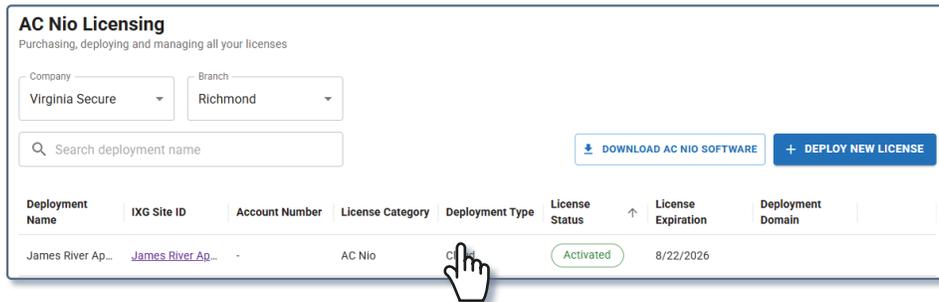
The URL for the deployment will be listed next to **Deployment Subdomain**.

Cloud deployed systems are programmed as normal with two exceptions. One is that the license will already be applied. The other is the process for adding panels. This is done by manually entering their MAC addresses in the **Panels** section of the cloud deployment.

See the **Aiphone Access Control Quick Start Programming Guide** for more instructions. The steps to set up a cloud deployment are the same, except that the software license will already be applied.

Aiphone Access Control Quick Start Guide: https://www.aiphone.com/ACSeriesQuickStartGuide