

Difference between Rental & Lease Facilities

Lease

A lease is less flexible than a rental, however there is the security of knowing you own the goods at the end of the contract, for a price agreed upon at the beginning of the contract.

- ✓ Ownership belongs to the lessee at the end of the term
- ✓ Fixed repayments for the term of the contract
- ✓ Is capitalised on the business balance sheet
- ✓ Totally tax deductible, but only if structured correctly

However there are problems with a lease facility which the client needs to be aware of:

- ✗ There is no flexibility for the client to upgrade the equipment, or to add to the lease during the term of the lease
- ✗ May affect current credit limits with trading banks
- ✗ The facility must be incorporated into an asset register and managed
- ✗ There may be extra costs at the completion of the contract due to involvement of disposal.

Rental

A rental facility is by far the more flexible option for the client:

- ✓ Able to fund all products, including hardware, software, maintenance, insurance, service contracts, minus equity, sale & rent back
- ✓ Totally 100% tax deductible for client
- ✓ May update equipment at various stages within a contract without penalties
- ✓ May be added to by increments of agreed upon amounts
- ✓ May be structured to progressively draw down a facility and combine to one repayment package (can pay up to 13 months in one payment)
- ✓ Removes the obsolescence fear and eliminates the problem of Commercial Reality
- ✓ Removes the risk of ownership at the end of the contract
- ✓ Does not interfere with current retail banking facilities (i.e. credit limits etc)
- ✓ Qualifies as off balance sheet funding
- ✓ Does not need to be placed on an asset register

At the end of the term the client has three options:

1. Return the equipment to the funder, and the rental ends
2. Re-rent the asset (or upgrade to the latest equipment and continue renting)
3. Offer to purchase the equipment at the fair market value

Facility Comparison

	Lease	CHP	Rental
Can fund tangible and intangible products	x	✓	✓
No major outlay	✓	✓	✓
Made to meet Cash Flow	✓	✓	✓
Does not interfere with Balance Sheet	x	x	✓
Can do progressive draw downs	✓	x	✓
Can exchange equipment without Penalty	x	x	✓
Must be placed on own Asset Register	x	✓	x
Can be separated and billed to different departments	x	x	✓
Is a non-capital expense	x	x	✓
Removes Obsolescence Fear	✓	x	✓
Options at the end of the Contract	✓	x	✓