

VitalSmarts Participant Response System (PRS) Overview

A Participant Response System (PRS) is required for select VitalSmarts training courses. The PRS consists of a receiver and participant remotes for each participant in the training.

Q. What is the purpose of the PRS in training?

A. The PRS works at two important levels: First, it provides the instructor a safe, accurate, and anonymous way of gauging learning transfer in the classroom. Without a measurement instrument like the PRS, an instructor can only draw inferences based on visible classroom behaviors (such as a lack of people willing to answer questions on a particular topic). The PRS provides immediate data from every student, allowing an instructor to stop and spend more time on a particular topic if necessary. Second, the interactive nature of the PRS, combined with group and individual challenges, makes participating fun and motivating, enriching both the enjoyment and effectiveness of the training experience.

Q. What courses require a classroom training kit?

A. Currently, Influencer and Change Anything training courses require a classroom training kit.

Q. For Influencer Training, what do I need to get started?

A. You will need a classroom training kit. The price for the kit is \$350, and it includes a receiver, PRS software, PRS tote, and 150 tokens. You will also need to order participant remotes; the remotes are \$40 each. If you already have a compatible PRS (Turning Technologies or H-itt), you would need to order only the Influencer tokens.

Q. For Change Anything Training, what do I need?

A. You will need a classroom training kit. The price for the kit is \$350, and it includes a receiver, PRS software, PRS tote, 150 change coins, dice, and nylon rope. You will also need to order participant remotes; the remotes are \$40 each. If you already have a compatible PRS (Turning Technologies or H-itt), you would need to order only the change coins.

Q. How much would an additional receiver cost and how many remotes should I order?

A. The receiver is \$250 per unit, and participant remotes are \$40 each. Each participant in the training session will need a remote for the duration of the class. The PRS is an easy-to-set-up system that plugs directly into a USB port on the trainer's desktop or laptop computer. The number of PRS receivers needed depends on the number of training rooms that an organization uses to train Influencer, not on the number of trainers. For example, if your organization has four trainers and two training rooms where Influencer will be trained at the same time, you will need to order only two PRS receivers. The number of participant remotes an

organization purchases depends on the number of participants that will be trained in each classroom at a time. For example, if your organization has two training rooms, and there will be twenty-five participants at a time in each room, then you should order fifty participant remotes (we recommend also ordering two or three extra remotes per classroom). Please contact your sales representative to purchase a PRS.

Q. Can I use the PRS for other things (HR training programs, etc.)?

A. The Turning Technologies PRS is compatible with Microsoft PowerPoint. Turning offers a downloadable plug-in for PowerPoint.

Q. Can I purchase a PRS from another vendor or use a system I already own?

A. Yes. The VitalSmarts Training platform is programmed to be compatible with both Turning Technologies and H-itt PRS systems.

Q. What kind of technical support do I get when I purchase the PRS (e.g., if the system is malfunctioning or if I need customer support immediately)?

A. If you need assistance you can contact customer support Monday–Friday 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. EST at 1-866-746-3015.

Q. How big is the PRS, and is it travel sized?

A. The PRS is small and easy to travel with. The PRS receiver and up to thirty participant remotes fit in the easy-to-carry PRS tote.

Q. What courses require a classroom training kit?

A. Influencer and Change Anything require a classroom training kit. Currently, Change Anything is only compatible with the H-ITT PRS system. Influencer is compatible with both the H-ITT and Turning Technologies PRS.

