13.3.1 Obtaining an encryption license

You must purchase an encryption license before you activate encryption. If you did not purchase a license, contact an IBM marketing representative or IBM Business Partner to purchase an encryption license.

When you purchase a license, you receive a function authorization document that includes an authorization code printed. This code allows you to proceed using the automatic activation process.

If the automatic activation process fails or if you prefer using the manual activation process, see this web page to retrieve your license keys.

Ensure that you have the following information:

► Machine type (MT)
► Serial number (S/N)
► Machine signature
► Authorization code

For more information about how to retrieve the machine signature of a node, see 13.3.5, "Activating the license manually" on page 740.

13.3.2 Start activation process during initial system setup

One of the steps in the initial setup enables encryption license activation. The system asks "Was the encryption feature purchased for this system?".