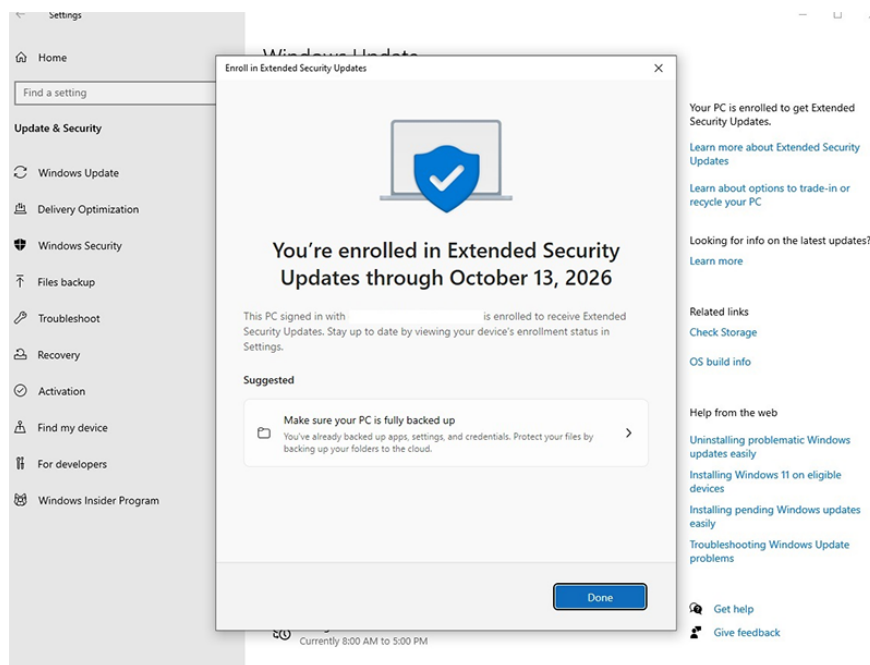


Microsoft: Windows 10 ESU works even if Windows 11 is not supported

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Microsoft has confirmed that you don't need to meet the Windows 11 requirements to be eligible for free Extended Security Updates (ESUs) for Windows 10. All PCs are eligible for the Windows 10 ESU program, but it's important to note that the program requires a genuine/activated license of the operating system. According to Microsoft's documentation, PCs that aren't eligible to upgrade to Windows 11 can still receive Extended Security Updates.

Windows 10 and Windows 11 ESU Update

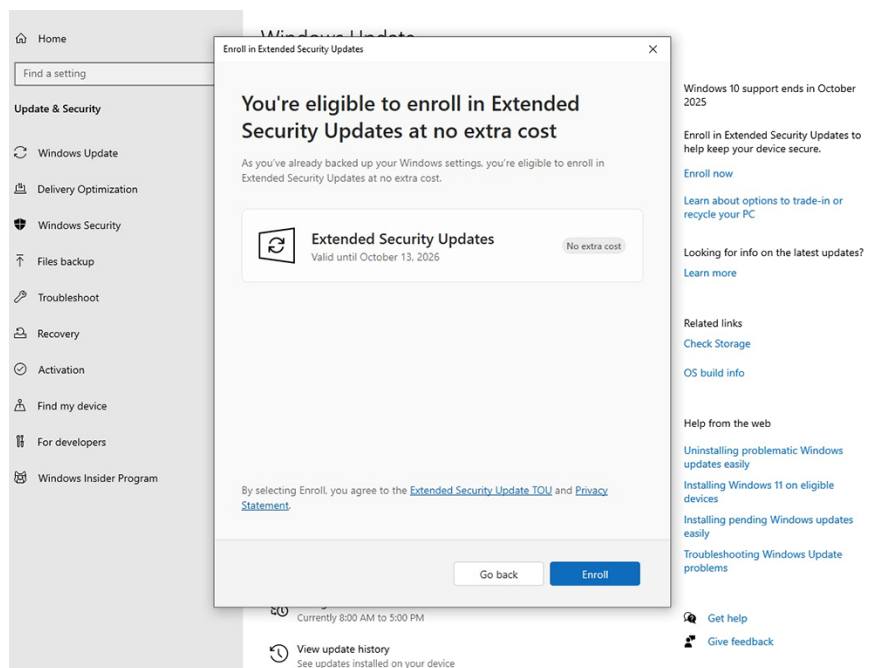


Once you've used up a year of Windows 10 extended updates, you'll need to buy a new PC or upgrade to Windows 11 via one of the various tricks, which will continue to work unless Microsoft blocks methods that bypass Windows 11's requirements.

Currently, individual users have three options:

1. Link your PC to your Microsoft account and sync local settings to the cloud.
Use Microsoft Rewards points to redeem one year of support.
2. Pay \$30 to continue using Windows locally. (This third option doesn't work for me yet, but I assume it will be rolled out soon.)
3. Sign up for Windows 10 Extended Security Updates

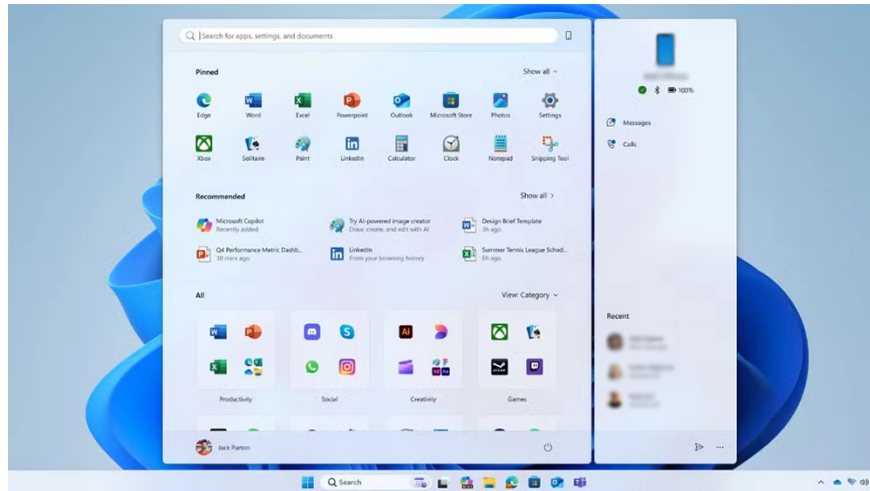
Businesses, on the other hand, don't have the first two options. Instead, they need to sign up for a paid Windows 10 ESU plan and activate the operating system with a new ESU key.



First, you need to install Windows 10 version 22H2 with cumulative update KB5046613. This is mandatory for everyone. After installing this update, consumers can purchase ESU for \$30, while business customers can pay up to \$61.

For businesses, this is mandatory, but individual users must also pay \$30 if they don't want to link a Microsoft account or don't have enough Rewards points.

These features aren't rolling out to everyone yet as Microsoft is still testing the integration.



How to check if Windows 10 ESU is installed?

You can verify both your Windows license and your ESU key in two simple steps. Open PowerShell or Command Prompt with administrative privileges and run the command:

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slmgr.vbs /dlv
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1. If you see **License Status: Licensed**, your Windows 10 installation is properly activated.
2. Select the Activation ID that corresponds to your ESU year:
 1. Year 1: f520e45e-7413-4a34-a497-d2765967d094
 2. Year 2: 1043add5-23b1-4afb-9a0f-64343c8f3f8d
 3. Year 3: 83d49986-add3-41d7-ba33-87c7bfb5c0fb

Then run the command:

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If that license also shows a Licensed status, your ESU key is installed and activated. This process does not involve Windows 11 hardware checks, and you can also do this on your personal PC when the ESU is applied.

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