

How to Apply for One Year \$30 Support for Windows 10

If you're looking to extend security updates for Windows 10 beyond its October 14, 2025 end-of-support date, here's what you need to know—especially regarding the \$30, one-year Consumer Extended Security Updates (ESU) option:

What Is the \$30 Windows 10 ESU Option?

- **Windows 10 Consumer ESU** allows individuals and Windows 10 Home users to receive critical security updates for one additional year, through **October 13, 2026**, for a **one-time payment of \$30 (USD)**. [Microsoft Support](#)[The Verge](#)[Wikipedia](#)
- This offer is only for consumers; organizations/businesses pay per-device and can extend up to three years. [Microsoft Learn](#)[TechRadar](#)[Wikipedia](#)

How to Enroll—Step by Step

1. **Prerequisite:** Make sure your PC is running **Windows 10 version 22H2**. [Microsoft Learn](#)
2. Go to **Settings → Update & Security → Windows Update**. If eligible, you'll see an “Enroll now” link. [Microsoft Support](#)[Windows Central](#)
3. Click “Enroll now”:
 - If using a **local account**, you'll be prompted to sign in with or create a **Microsoft account**. [Microsoft Support](#)[Windows Central](#)[TechRadar](#)
 - You can choose one of three enrollment methods:
 - **Sync your PC settings** via OneDrive (no cost).
 - **Redeem 1,000 Microsoft Rewards points** (if available).
 - **Pay \$30 USD** (or equivalent in your local currency). (Regardless of which option you pick, a **Microsoft account is required**.) [Microsoft Support](#)[TechRadar](#)
4. After enrolling, your device is covered with security updates through **October 13, 2026**. [Microsoft Support](#)[The Verge](#)[Wikipedia](#)
5. One ESU license tied to your Microsoft account can cover **up to 10 devices**. [Windows Central](#)[TechRadar](#)

Comparison Table

Enrollment Option	Cost	Microsoft Account Required?	Coverage Duration	Notes
Sync PC settings (OneDrive)	Free	Yes	Through October 13, 2026	Must use Microsoft account
Microsoft Rewards points	1,000 points	Yes	Through October 13, 2026	Rewards orders are final
One-time purchase	\$30 USD	Yes	Through October 13, 2026	Covers up to 10 devices via MS account

Important Notes & Considerations

- **Microsoft account is essential:** Even if you pay the \$30, a Microsoft account is required to enroll—contrary to earlier assumptions. [TechRadarWindows Central](#)
- **Only security updates:** ESU provides *critical and important security updates only*. It does **not** include technical, feature, non-security, or general support. [Microsoft LearnThe VergeWindows Central](#)
- **Beyond security:** Starting **August 2026**, Microsoft will **stop releasing new Office features** for Windows 10 users—even those with Microsoft 365. Only security updates will continue until 2028, but no new features will be delivered. [Windows Central](#)
- **Long-term alternatives:**
 - Windows 10 LTSC (Long-Term Servicing Channel), such as IoT Enterprise LTSC 2021, will receive support until **2032**. However, it's intended for specialized systems and requires volume licensing. [Laptop Mag](#)
 - Eventually, migrating to **Windows 11** is the most forward-looking choice for ongoing updates, new features, and broader app compatibility. [The VergeLifewireWindows Central](#)

TL;DR - Here's What to Do

1. Verify you're on **Windows 10 version 22H2**.
2. Go to **Settings** → **Update & Security** → **Windows Update**.
3. Click **Enroll now** (rollout is gradual; it may not appear immediately).
4. Sign in with a **Microsoft account** if not already signed in.
5. Choose to:
 - Sync your settings (free),
 - Use 1,000 Microsoft Rewards points, or
 - **Pay \$30 USD for the one-year ESU.**
6. Enjoy extended security updates through **October 13, 2026**, on up to **10 devices** linked to your Microsoft account.

Bottom Line

- The \$30 one-year ESU option for Windows 10 Home or consumer PCs is now available—but *must* be tied to a Microsoft account and only includes critical security updates.
- It's a handy short-term solution if you need extra time to upgrade, but not a substitute for moving to Windows 11 or another long-term platform.

You can use your existing ESU license on up to 10 devices once you enroll in ESU. Does that mean more than one PC

ChatGPT said:

Yes — it does mean more than one PC.

When you purchase or redeem the **Windows 10 Consumer ESU license**, it's **linked to your Microsoft account**, not just to a single machine. Microsoft's documentation states that a **single ESU license can cover up to 10 devices** under the same account.

So, for example:

- If you have **3 Windows 10 PCs at home**, one \$30 ESU enrollment will keep all three of them updated through October 13, 2026.
- If you have **8 PCs** (say, family members' laptops), they can all be covered as long as they're linked to the same Microsoft account.
- If you have **11+ PCs**, you'd need a second ESU license tied to another Microsoft account (since the cap is 10 devices per license).

⇒ In short: **Yes, one ESU license extends to multiple PCs (up to 10), not just one.**