

Windows Server 2012 Extended Security Updates

End of Support for Windows
2012 is October 10, 2023

WHAT ARE EXTENDED SECURITY UPDATES (ESU)?

For customers who can't upgrade their servers and workloads by the end-of-support date, Microsoft provides options for continued security updates to help protect data and applications.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR END OF SUPPORT?

New options launched in August 2023:

- Connect with Azure Arc-enabled servers. If your servers are on-premises or in a hosted environment, you can enroll your Windows Server 2012 for ESUs via the Azure portal by connecting through Azure Arc. You will be billed monthly through your Azure subscription. With Azure Arc there are also no keys needed. The new Azure service performs all the authentication required and replaces the need for acquisition, deployment and management of keys.
- With Microsoft's approval, you can purchase ESUs under your Enterprise Agreement, Server and Cloud Enrollment, or Enterprise Subscription Agreement. This option has transitioned from the traditional general Enterprise Agreement sku to a "Lead status" sku which requires Microsoft's involvement and approval. You must have active Software Assurance on the Servers you are looking to cover. This is still an annual sku and you will be provided a Multiple Activation Key.
- Move your workloads to Azure. You will receive free security updates for three years of support. Customers do not need Software Assurance to receive ESUs in Azure. Eligible customers can use the Azure Hybrid Use Benefit (available to customers with active Software Assurance or Server Subscriptions) to obtain discounts where no license fees for running Windows Server on Azure Virtual Machines or Azure SQL Managed Instance are required — just the compute, storage and bandwidth costs specific to running the virtual machine.

WHAT IF I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED A CDW QUOTE FOR EXTENDED SUPPORT ON MY ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT?

Unfortunately, they are no longer valid. With the change Microsoft made to being generally available for Enterprise Agreement customers to now a "lead status" sku, you will need to work with CDW and your Microsoft team to get an official Microsoft quote.

For more information, call your CDW account manager.

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