

# Microsoft Offers Paid Windows 7 Extended Security Updates to Larger Businesses Only



I mentioned in a [previous post](#) that Microsoft will be ending extended support for the Windows 7 operating system on January 14, 2020, after which time security updates and bug fixes will no longer be issued.

While Microsoft strongly recommends all users switch over to Windows 10 to continue receiving security and quality updates, they are offering paid Extended Security Updates (ESU) through January 2023, only to larger organizations who purchased Windows 7 Professional or Enterprise licenses using a volume licensing agreement.

Unfortunately this option will be unavailable for consumers and small businesses.

The Windows 7 ESU will be sold on a per-device basis and the price will increase each year. For pricing and details, Microsoft suggests calling your authorized Microsoft partner or Microsoft account team.

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