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## Windows 10 End of Life (EoL) is 10/14/25!

Microsoft has officially announced that it will **retire support for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025**. This means that any computer running Windows 10 will be completely exposed to serious hacker attacks designed to steal your data, crash your system and compromise your business in ways you do NOT want to deal with.

This is such a severe risk that organizations handling sensitive financial or medical information are required by law to upgrade from unsupported operating systems like Windows 10 because firewalls and anti-virus software alone will not be sufficient to protect them (or you).

If you don't want cybercriminals running rampant on your network, you **MUST** upgrade any systems running Windows 10. And while October 14, 2025, may seem distant, updating your IT infrastructure takes considerable time, so you need to act NOW.

### **OPTIONS**

You have some options for your existing Windows 10 PCs.

1. **Free Upgrade in Place for PCs under 5 years old.** Most PCs should be able to receive a free upgrade to Windows 11. However, note that Windows 11 requires the presence of a security chip on your PCs' motherboard called a Trusted Platform



Module (TPM). The TPM has been installed in most computers made since 2018. Now let's put some caveats on that! Here at AlphaNet we recommend retiring PCs sometime after 5 and no more than 7 years of service. Any systems made in that timeframe **SHOULD** have a TPM. We also don't recommend running Windows 11 on PCs with a processor less than an i5, and with a minimum of 8gb of RAM (16 preferred).

- 2. **Extended warranty.** There's an option to extend your security patch support for 1 additional year, to 10/14/26, so you can keep using your Windows 10 system securely. This costs \$61/pc for business systems or \$30/pc for home computers. This **ONLY** buys you one more year to really address this.
- 3. **Replace your PC.** For older systems, you will eventually need to replace those PCs, either before 10/14/25, or before 10/14/26 if you pay for the extended support.

- 1. Do all upgrades in place now.
- 2. Replace half of the older PCs between now and 10/14/25.
- 3. Pay for extended support for the remaining PCs and replace them by 10/14/26.

Fill out and return the form below if you'd like to discuss this with us, or email us at [info@alphanetsolutions.com](mailto:info@alphanetsolutions.com).

Those are the options in a nutshell. But there are permutations of these options for companies with larger numbers of computers. Here's a common plan for some of our larger accounts.



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