



Price Increase What to Know

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History of Microsoft 365

Exchange Hosted Services (2006)

➤ Business Productivity Online Suite (2008)

➤ Office 365 (2010)

➤ Microsoft 365 (2018)





New Microsoft Features Last 10 Years

Communication & Collaboration

• Microsoft Teams - with 300+ new features, including dial-in

Security & Compliance

• Data Loss Prevention, message encryption, Mobile Device Management, and more

Artificial Intelligence & Automation

 Al-powered innovations to help users be better writers, designers, and presenters

And Lots More!

 Power BI, Stream, Planner, OneDrive, Yammer, Whiteboard, To Do... the list goes on and on



Price Increases Are Inevitable

- Lots of new added features
- **Extreme** inflation
- ► Labor Costs exploding
- And it's been a
 LOOOONG
 time since Microsoft had
 a price increase

Microsoft 365 Price Increases



Pricing changes:

- Microsoft is raising its prices for the first time in 10 years
- Prices are subject to increase up to 25% on Business & Enterprise Licenses
- Price increase comes into effect March 1, 2022



Agreement changes:

- 12-month commitment is now the standard agreement term
- Monthly agreement is still available but costs an extra 20% above the price increases listed on the right

Note: No notice to date on any Non-Profit price increase

Microsoft's updated pricing will go into effect on March 1st, 2022:

Per User:

- Microsoft 365 Business Basic (from \$5 to \$6)
- Microsoft 365 Business Standard (no increase)
- Microsoft 365 Business
 Premium (from \$20 to \$22)
- Office 365 E1 (from \$8 to \$10)
- Office 365 E3 (from \$20 to \$23)
- Office 365 E5 (from \$35 to \$38)
- Microsoft 365 E3 (from \$32 to \$36)

Gotchas to Consider

- You can move from Monthly to Annual billing, but not vice versa
- You can have Annual or 3 Year commit, but still be billed monthly
- Monthly billing no contract is 20% higher than annual commit contracts
- You can increase the number of subscriptions, but you can't decrease until the end of the annual term
- You can move up (M365 Business Standard to Premium for example), but you can't move down
- When you add licenses, they are co-termed with your original commit
- You cannot move your subscriptions from one reseller to another until the end of your annual term
- > 72 Hour Cancellation policy once subscriptions are ordered (or auto-renewed), your reseller only has 72 hours to cancel
- Your reseller can suspend your Microsoft 365 services for nonpayment





What Should You Do?

- Get a complete list of your current Microsoft 365 subscriptions and any contract expirations
- Decide if you want to stay with your current reseller or move to a new reseller
- Order your new subscriptions and make sure they show up in your tenant prior to canceling your old subscriptions
- Make sure to document your new subscriptions and contract expirations

