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Microsoft Price Increase July 2026

Starting 1 July 2026, Microsoft will implement price increases across [select Microsoft 365 SKUs](#). Please note that prices may vary by country and currency.

These updates reflect the continued investment in enhanced security, management, and productivity capabilities across the Microsoft portfolio. The pricing changes will apply globally, with local market adjustments where applicable. You will see these changes reflected in your August Pax8 invoice.

Partners should plan accordingly:

- New purchases and renewals on or after 1 July 2026, will be subject to the updated pricing.
- If you are currently in the middle of a subscription commitment, pricing will not change mid-term and will instead take effect at the next renewal following 1 July 2026.
- If you have any scheduled orders in the Pax8 Marketplace queue, please note that while they display in UTC, they provision in your local date and time.
- Review customer subscription terms and identify renewals occurring on or after 1 July 2026.
- Partners may utilize or opt-in to the automatic price adjustment feature in the Pax8 Marketplace, which will automatically update MSRP on Microsoft subscriptions when pricing changes.
- Partners should review any existing price overrides that are set in the Pax8 Marketplace to ensure they align with the July price increase.

If you have questions or require assistance, the best way to reach us is [by submitting a support ticket](#).

New Agent 365 Licensing Requirements – What SMB Partners Need to Know

Microsoft has introduced new licensing requirements for Agent 365, effective 1 June, to ensure customers can fully take advantage of AI-powered capabilities. For SMB customers, this means Business Premium is now required to unlock Agent 365 functionality.

Why this matters: Agent 365 relies on built-in security, compliance, and identity features. Without the right licensing foundation, key AI capabilities may not be available or fully functional.

What this means for Pax8 partners:

- Now is a great time to review your SMB customers' licensing
- Ensure Business Premium is in place before positioning Agent 365
- Use this moment to drive security-led conversations that support AI adoption

Bottom line: Getting the licensing right helps your SMB customers deploy AI confidently, securely, and with maximum value.



Read more on the [Microsoft Blog](#)

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[SC-730 / Cybersecurity Business Professional \(beta\)](#): Align cybersecurity strategy with business priorities, helping organizations manage risk while driving secure, business-focused outcomes.

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- Stay up to date with AI and Microsoft Copilot
- Global Microsoft need-to-know dates and deadlines
- Microsoft solution area updates (Azure, Dynamics, and Modern Workplace)
- Pax8 and Microsoft partner action items (key takeaways)

Register for your region below!

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- UK& I: <https://attend.pax8.com/event/uki-msft-update-2026/summary>
- BENELUX: <https://attend.pax8.com/event/benelux-msft-update-2026>
- Nordics/Baltics: <https://attend.pax8.com/nordics-virtual-msft-update-2026/>





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Microsoft Agent 365 and Microsoft 365 E7 the new Frontier Worker Suite

On 9 March 2026, Microsoft announced **Microsoft 365 E7: The Frontier Suite, including Agent 365**, generally available on 1 May 2026. Partners that will win in today's era equip their employees with AI embedded in the flow of work, custom agents, and full control with definable governance, security, and compliance solutions. The new M365 E7 suite delivers AI, security and identity in a single platform, empowering partners to build monetizable practices for Frontier Firm enablement.

Microsoft Agent 365

- Positioned as the control plane for agents
- Core capabilities include the ability to observe, govern, and secure AI agents at scale
- Designed for agents that act on behalf of users, offering premium observability, security, and governance for agents when users are licensed and interacting with them.
- Pricing: \$15 per user/month
- General Availability: 1 May 2026

Microsoft 365 E7 – The Frontier Worker Suite

- New enterprise SKU combining:
 - Microsoft 365 E5
 - Entra Suite
 - Microsoft 365 Copilot Enterprise
 - Agent 365
- Designed as a single platform for AI, security, and identity
- Microsoft 365 E7 bundle price: \$99 per month
 - \$18 savings (15% discount) compared to the component costs
- General Availability: 1 May 2026

Introductory Promotions

- Microsoft 365 E7
 - 10% off for 10+ seats
 - 15% off for 100+ seats

* Local currency pricing will be reflected in the Pax8 Marketplace once generally available.

[For more information, read Microsoft's Announcement Blog](#)

Copilot Cowork

On 9 March 2026, Microsoft announced Copilot Cowork, a new execution-first capability in Microsoft 365 that helps turn intent into action. Copilot Cowork allows users to delegate real work—like calendar cleanup,



meeting preparation, research, and multi-step project coordination—and have Copilot carry it forward across Outlook, Teams, Excel, and files. Powered by Work IQ, Cowork stays grounded in a customer’s real work context while providing checkpoints and approvals, so partners and customers remain fully in control. This marks a shift from AI that responds to prompts to AI that actively helps get work done

Copilot Cowork is **available now through the Microsoft 365 [Frontier program](#)**, but there’s **no public GA date yet** for all partners with M365 Copilot licenses.

[For more information, read Microsoft’s Announcement Blog](#)

Become a Microsoft Copilot Frontier Partner

The **Copilot Frontier Program** is for partners ready to lead with AI. Frontier Partners get early access to new Copilot and agent capabilities, allowing them to experiment, build solutions, and guide customers before features reach general availability.

Frontier Partners position themselves as AI leaders—co-innovating with Microsoft and helping customers work faster and smarter.

[Learn more about Frontier](#)

Microsoft Price Increase July 2026

Microsoft Announced on 4 December 2025, the following list price changes that will go into effect on 1 July 2026. Please note the changes will apply globally with local market adjustments for our commercial products and nonprofit pricing will be adjusted in line with commercial pricing. Nonprofit pricing will be adjusted in line with commercial pricing, as it is tied to commercial rates through a fixed percentage discount.

Category	SKU	Old price	% Increase	\$ Increase	New price
Microsoft 365 Enterprise	ME3	\$36	8%	\$3	\$39
	ME5	\$57	5%	\$3	\$60
Microsoft 365 E3 components	OE3	\$23	13%	\$3	\$26
	EMS E3	\$10.60	13%	\$1.40	\$12
	Windows E3	\$6.63	15%	\$1	\$7.63
	Entra P1	\$6	16%	\$1	\$7
	M365 Apps	\$12	20%	\$2	\$14
Microsoft 365 E5 components	OE5	\$38	8%	\$3	\$41
	Defender Suite	\$12	-	-	\$12
	Purview Suite	\$12	-	-	\$12
	EMS E5	\$16.40	10%	\$1.60	\$18



	Windows E5	\$11.80	9%	\$1	\$12.80
	Entra P2	\$9	11%	\$1	\$10
Per device SKUs	Windows Enterprise	\$5.84	31%	\$1.79	\$7.63
	M365 Apps	\$36	17%	\$6	\$42
SMB	Business Basic	\$6	16%	\$1	\$7
	Business Standard	\$12.50	12%	\$1.50	\$14
	Business Premium	\$22	-	-	\$22
	Apps for Business	\$8.25	21%	\$1.75	\$10
FLW	MF1	\$2.25	33%	\$0.75	\$3
	MF3	\$8	25%	\$2	\$10
US Gov	Various	Various	Maintain uplift	Maintain uplift	Various

For more information read the Microsoft Blog [here](#).

Microsoft 365 Copilot Updates

Microsoft has introduced new promotions, extended offers, and added billing flexibility for Microsoft 365 Copilot, making it easier for partners to sell Copilot across SMB and mid-market customers.

Key Updates This

- New Copilot promotions
- Copilot Business promotional offers extended through 30 June 2026
- Removal of the “new-to-offer” restriction for Copilot Business promotions
- Month-to-Month billing option now available for Copilot Business and bundles beginning 1 March 2026

Microsoft 365 Copilot Business

Designed for small and medium sized businesses with up to 300 users and no seat minimum, Microsoft 365 Copilot Business delivers the same AI-powered experience as Enterprise Copilot at an SMB-friendly price.

Pricing

- Annual Annual: \$21 per user per month
- Annual Annual Promotional: \$18 per user per month available through 30 June 2026
- Annual Monthly: \$22.05 per user per month
- Monthly Monthly: \$25.20 per user per month available 1 March 2026

* Local currency pricing will be reflected in the Marketplace.

Partners who lock in annual commitments can save up to 20 percent compared to monthly billing. Customers who purchase before 30 June 2026, can take advantage of the promotional rate of \$18 per user per month.



Microsoft 365 Business plus Copilot Bundles

These bundles combine Microsoft 365 Business plans with Copilot into a single purchase, making AI adoption seamless for SMB customers. Promotional pricing is available for customers committing to 10 to 300 seats.

Business Basic plus Copilot

- Annual Annual: \$27 per user per month
- Annual Monthly: \$29.10 per user per month
- Monthly Monthly: \$32.40 per user per month available 1 March 2026

Business Standard plus Copilot

- Annual Annual: \$33.50 per user per month
- Annual Annual Promotional: \$22 per user per month available through 30 June 2026
- Annual Monthly: \$36.10 per user per month
- Monthly Monthly: \$40.20 per user per month available 1 March 2026

Business Premium plus Copilot

- Annual Annual: \$43 per user per month
- Annual Annual Promotional: \$32 per user per month available through 30 June 2026
- Annual Monthly: \$46.30 per user per month
- Monthly Monthly: \$51.60 per user per month available 1 March 2026

* Local currency pricing will be reflected in the Marketplace.

Annual commitments offer up to 20 percent savings. Promotional pricing for Business Standard and Business Premium requires a minimum of 10 seats.

Purview Suite for Business Premium Promotion

- \$5 per user per month reduced from \$10
- Promotion runs 1 December 2025 through 30 June 2026
- Discounted pricing locks in for a full year

* Local currency pricing will be reflected in the Marketplace.

Copilot Promotions Available Now

[Copilot for All 30 Percent Promotion](#)

- This promotion applies to Copilot deals with 300 to 1,499 seats. Customers must reach at least 80 percent Information Worker coverage, with remaining users covered via Copilot Chat.
- Promotion runs 19 February through 30 June 2026.

Scale Up 20% Promotion Expanded

- All customers purchasing 100 or more Microsoft 365 Copilot seats via CSP are now eligible.
- Promotion dates: 19 February - 30 June 2026

[Copilot Business and Copilot Business Bundle Offer Extension](#)

- Promotional pricing for Microsoft 365 Copilot Business and Copilot Business bundles has been extended through 30 June 2026. Customers can upgrade now and renew at the same promotional price. As of February 5th, the redemption limit of once per customer tenant has been removed. A



customer may now use the promotion more than once so long as it occurs during the active promotional period.

Month-to-Month Billing Option

Beginning 1 March 2026, Copilot Business and Copilot Business bundles offer a Month-to-Month billing option with a 20% price uplift.

Monthly billing is not available for Microsoft 365 Copilot and does not qualify for promotional pricing.

For more information, read the [Pax8 blog!](#)

Copilot Customer Enablement Zensai Promotion

Pax8 is offering a limited-time promotion to support customer enablement with Copilot. Partners who purchase 10 or more licenses on a net new subscription of *Copilot Business*, *M365 Copilot Nonprofit*, or the *Copilot Business + Business Premium Bundle* will receive an equal number of Zensai licenses at no cost. Zensai is an annual commitment billed monthly, and the benefit will appear as a credit memo on the partner invoice. The promotion runs until June 30 or while funds last.

Eligibility Process

To qualify for the promotion, partners must complete these steps in order:

1. Purchase a net new subscription of eligible Microsoft licenses (Copilot Business, M365 Copilot Nonprofit, or Copilot Business + Business Premium Bundle).
2. Enroll in the promotion by submitting the enrollment form.
3. Match the Microsoft license count by purchasing the same number of Zensai licenses within 30 days of the initial Microsoft purchase.

Review the [FAQ](#) or [Enroll Today!](#)

Microsoft Extended Service Terms

Announced on 1 November 2025, in [Partner Center](#), Microsoft will remove the free grace period for non-renewed subscriptions starting 4 May 2026. Please note that this timeline has been pushed back from 1 April 2026 to 4 May 2026. Through this change, Microsoft will launch the Extended Service Term (EST) and supporting features, which will apply to license-based services across all channels

*Eligible subscriptions are defined as:

- Purchased or renewed on or after 1 April 2025, AND
- With an expiration date on or after 4 May 2026, AND
- Are set to Auto renew off



Pax8 will not be offering EST at this time. As a reminder, by default, Pax8 has auto renew set to *on* for every purchase. If Pax8 partners do not want to renew they can schedule a cancellation for time of renewal or cancel in the 7-day window post renewal.

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Free Instructor Led Microsoft AI New Certification Courses

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These courses help partners accelerate their journey from **MSP to MIP**, building practical, business-ready AI expertise backed by Microsoft certifications. Each course includes **two live, three-hour sessions**. **Attendance on both days is required** to receive an exam voucher.

AB-731: Microsoft AI Transformation Leader

Focus: Driving AI transformation across organizations

Course Dates (both days required):

- EDT: May 12 & May 14 | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- CET: May 12 & May 14 | 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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Microsoft Agent 365 and Microsoft 365 E7 the new Frontier Worker Suite

On 9 March 2026, Microsoft announced **Microsoft 365 E7: The Frontier Suite, including Agent 365**, generally available on 1 May 2026. Partners that will win in today's era equip their employees with AI embedded in the flow of work, custom agents, and full control with definable governance, security, and compliance solutions. The new M365 E7 suite delivers AI, security and identity in a single platform, empowering partners to build monetizable practices for Frontier Firm enablement.

Microsoft Agent 365

- Positioned as the control plane for agents
- Core capabilities include the ability to observe, govern, and secure AI agents at scale
- Designed for agents that act on behalf of users, offering premium observability, security, and governance for agents when users are licensed and interacting with them.
- Pricing: \$15 per user/month*
- General Availability: 1 May 2026

Microsoft 365 E7 – The Frontier Worker Suite

- New enterprise SKU combining:
 - Microsoft 365 E5
 - Entra Suite
 - Microsoft 365 Copilot Enterprise
 - Agent 365
- Designed as a single platform for AI, security, and identity
- Microsoft 365 E7 bundle price: \$99 per month*
 - \$18 savings (15% discount) compared to the component costs*
- General Availability: 1 May 2026

Introductory Promotions

- Microsoft 365 E7
 - 10% off for 10+ seats
 - 15% off for 100+ seats

* Local currency pricing will be reflected in the Pax8 Marketplace once generally available.

[For more information, read Microsoft's Announcement Blog](#)



Copilot Cowork

On 9 March 2026, Microsoft announced Copilot Cowork, a new execution-first capability in Microsoft 365 that helps turn intent into action. Copilot Cowork allows users to delegate real work—like calendar cleanup, meeting preparation, research, and multi-step project coordination—and have Copilot carry it forward across Outlook, Teams, Excel, and files. Powered by Work IQ, Cowork stays grounded in a customer’s real work context while providing checkpoints and approvals, so partners and customers remain fully in control. This marks a shift from AI that responds to prompts to AI that actively helps get work done

Copilot Cowork is **available now through the Microsoft 365 [Frontier program](#)**, but there’s **no public general availability date yet** for all partners with M365 Copilot licenses.

[For more information, read Microsoft’s Announcement Blog](#)

Microsoft Price Increase July 2026

Microsoft Announced on 4 December 2025, the following list price changes that will go into effect on 1 July 2026. Please note the changes will apply globally with local market adjustments for our commercial products. Nonprofit pricing will be adjusted in line with commercial pricing, as it is tied to commercial rates through a fixed percentage discount.

Category	SKU	Old price	% Increase	\$ Increase	New price
Microsoft 365 Enterprise	ME3	\$36	8%	\$3	\$39
	ME5	\$57	5%	\$3	\$60
Microsoft 365 E3 components	OE3	\$23	13%	\$3	\$26
	EMS E3	\$10.60	13%	\$1.40	\$12
	Windows E3	\$6.63	15%	\$1	\$7.63
	Entra P1	\$6	16%	\$1	\$7
	M365 Apps	\$12	20%	\$2	\$14
Microsoft 365 E5 components	OE5	\$38	8%	\$3	\$41
	Defender Suite	\$12	-	-	\$12
	Purview Suite	\$12	-	-	\$12
	EMS E5	\$16.40	10%	\$1.60	\$18
	Windows E5	\$11.80	9%	\$1	\$12.80
	Entra P2	\$9	11%	\$1	\$10
Per device SKUs	Windows Enterprise	\$5.84	31%	\$1.79	\$7.63
	M365 Apps	\$36	17%	\$6	\$42
SMB	Business Basic	\$6	16%	\$1	\$7



	Business Standard	\$12.50	12%	\$1.50	\$14
	Business Premium	\$22	-	-	\$22
	Apps for Business	\$8.25	21%	\$1.75	\$10
FLW	MF1	\$2.25	33%	\$0.75	\$3
	MF3	\$8	25%	\$2	\$10
US Gov	Various	Various	Maintain uplift	Maintain uplift	Various

For more information read the Microsoft Blog [here](#).

Microsoft 365 Copilot Updates

Microsoft has introduced new promotions, extended offers, and added billing flexibility for Microsoft 365 Copilot, making it easier for partners to sell Copilot across SMB and mid-market customers.

Key Updates This

- New Copilot promotions
- Copilot Business promotional offers extended through 30 June 2026
- Removal of the “new-to-offer” restriction for Copilot Business promotions
- Month-to-Month billing option now available for Copilot Business and bundles beginning 1 March 2026

Microsoft 365 Copilot Business

Designed for small and medium sized businesses with up to 300 users and no seat minimum, Microsoft 365 Copilot Business delivers the same AI-powered experience as Enterprise Copilot at an SMB-friendly price.

Pricing

- Annual Annual: \$21 per user per month
- Annual Annual Promotional: \$18 per user per month available through 30 June 2026
- Annual Monthly: \$22.05 per user per month
- Monthly Monthly: \$25.20 per user per month available 1 March 2026

* Local currency pricing will be reflected in the Marketplace.

Partners who lock in annual commitments can save up to 20 percent compared to monthly billing. Customers who purchase before 30 June 2026, can take advantage of the promotional rate of \$18 per user per month.

Microsoft 365 Business plus Copilot Bundles

These bundles combine Microsoft 365 Business plans with Copilot into a single purchase, making AI adoption seamless for SMB customers. Promotional pricing is available for customers committing to 10 to 300 seats.



Business Basic plus Copilot

- Annual Annual: \$27 per user per month
- Annual Monthly: \$29.10 per user per month
- Monthly Monthly: \$32.40 per user per month available 1 March 2026

Business Standard plus Copilot

- Annual Annual: \$33.50 per user per month
- Annual Annual Promotional: \$22 per user per month available through 30 June 2026
- Annual Monthly: \$36.10 per user per month
- Monthly Monthly: \$40.20 per user per month available 1 March 2026

Business Premium plus Copilot

- Annual Annual: \$43 per user per month
- Annual Annual Promotional: \$32 per user per month available through 30 June 2026
- Annual Monthly: \$46.30 per user per monthly
- Monthly Monthly: \$51.60 per user per month available 1 March 2026

* Local currency pricing will be reflected in the Marketplace.

Annual commitments offer up to 20 percent savings. Promotional pricing for Business Standard and Business Premium requires a minimum of 10 seats.

Purview Suite for Business Premium Promotion

- \$5 per user per month reduced from \$10
- Promotion runs 1 December 2025, through 30 June 2026
- Discounted pricing locks in for a full year

* Local currency pricing will be reflected in the Marketplace.

Copilot Promotions Available Now

Copilot for All 30 Percent Promotion

- This promotion applies to Copilot deals with 300 to 1,499 seats. Customers must reach at least 80 percent Information Worker coverage, with remaining users covered via Copilot Chat.
- Promotion runs February 19 through 30 June 2026.

Scale Up 20 Percent Promotion Expanded

- All customers purchasing 100 or more Microsoft 365 Copilot seats via CSP are now eligible.
- Promotion dates: February 19th - 30 June 2026

Copilot Business and Copilot Business Bundle Offer Extension

Promotional pricing for Microsoft 365 Copilot Business and Copilot Business bundles has been extended through 30 June 2026. Customers can upgrade now and renew at the same promotional price. As of February



5th, the redemption limit of once per customer tenant has been removed. A customer may now use the promotion more than once so long as it occurs during the active promotional period.

Month to Month Billing Option

Beginning 1 March 2026, Copilot Business and Copilot Business bundles offer a Month-to-Month billing option with a 20 percent price uplift.

Monthly billing is not available for Microsoft 365 Copilot and does not qualify for promotional pricing.

For more information, read the [Pax8 blog!](#)

Copilot Customer Enablement Zensai Promotion

Pax8 is offering a limited-time promotion to support customer enablement with Copilot. Partners who purchase 10 or more licenses on a net new subscription of *Copilot Business*, *M365 Copilot Nonprofit*, or the *Copilot Business + Business Premium Bundle* will receive an equal number of Zensai licenses at no cost. Zensai is an annual commitment billed monthly, and the benefit will appear as a credit memo on the partner invoice. The promotion runs until March 31 or while funds last.

Eligibility Process

To qualify for the promotion, partners must complete these steps in order:

1. Purchase a net new subscription of eligible Microsoft licenses (*Copilot Business*, *M365 Copilot Nonprofit*, or *Copilot Business + Business Premium Bundle*).
2. Enroll in the promotion by submitting the enrollment form.
3. Match the Microsoft license count by purchasing the same number of Zensai licenses within 30 days of the initial Microsoft purchase.

Review the [FAQ](#) or [Enroll Today!](#)

Microsoft 365 Copilot Chat experience changes

Microsoft is updating the Copilot Chat (free) experience in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. These changes do not impact customers with a paid Microsoft 365 Copilot license.

What's changing

- **Customers with 2,000+ Microsoft 365 seats:** Copilot Chat will no longer be available in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, or OneNote for users without a Microsoft 365 Copilot license.
- **Customers with fewer than 2,000 seats:** Copilot Chat will remain available in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Access may be temporarily limited during periods of high demand.

What's not changing

- Secure, web-grounded chat in the Microsoft 365 Copilot app
- Copilot in Outlook (email and calendar)



- No changes for users with a paid Microsoft 365 Copilot license

Microsoft Extended Service Terms (EST)

As previously announced on 1 November 2025 in [Partner Center](#), Microsoft will remove the free grace period for non-renewed subscriptions starting 4 May 2026. Please note that this timeline has been pushed back from 1 April 2026 to 4 May 2026. Through this change, Microsoft will launch the Extended Service Term (EST) and supporting features, which will apply to license-based services across all channels

*Eligible subscriptions are defined as:

- Purchased or renewed on or after 1 April 2025, AND
- With an expiration date on or after 4 May 2026, AND
- Are set to Auto renew off

Pax8 will not be offering EST at this time. As a reminder, by default, Pax8 has auto renew set to *on* for every purchase. If Pax8 partners do not want to renew they can schedule a cancellation for time of renewal or cancel in the 7-day window post renewal.

Microsoft Skilling

Free Microsoft Certification Training Now Available in Pax8 Academy

Pax8 partners can now access 26 free Microsoft training courses in Pax8 Academy, designed to help you build skills, earn certifications, and grow your Microsoft practice.

What's Included:

- Free, on-demand Microsoft courses exclusively for Pax8 partners
- Certification-aligned training that fully prepares you for Microsoft exams
- Learning paths across Azure, Microsoft 365, Security, Power Platform, AI, Copilot, Power BI, and SMB sales
- Popular certifications include AZ-900, AZ-104, AZ-305, AZ-500, MS-700, SC-900, AI-900, PL-300, PL-900, and more.

Get Started! [Log in to Pax8 Academy](#) to begin your training today and explore available certification opportunities.

Free Microsoft Certification Vouchers!

Stay ahead and keep your credentials active with Microsoft's. Pax8 is offering free Certification Vouchers to our partners. Terms and Conditions apply. Request a voucher here: [Pax8 Microsoft Certification Voucher Request – Fill out form](#)



Microsoft Launches AI New Certification Courses

AI Business Professional

Learn how to apply AI solutions to business challenges and drive innovation.

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Master strategies for leading AI adoption and transformation across organizations.

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As an AI-first solution architect, you lead the transformation of enterprise operations by envisioning and implementing AI-powered architecture.

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Microsoft 365 Certified: Copilot and Agent Administration Fundamentals

Demonstrate how to support, secure, and protect an AI-enabled Microsoft 365 environment

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Microsoft Exams Retiring 31 March 2026

Microsoft is retiring the MS-900: Microsoft 365 Fundamentals exam on 31 March 2026. After this date, the exam will no longer be available to take, though any earned certification will remain on your transcript.

Recommended Replacement:

AB-900: Microsoft Copilot Fundamentals, which Microsoft is positioning as the successor to MS-900.

Please note:

- At present, AB-900 (the guided replacement exam for MS-900) is not counting toward the Modern Work designation.
- Microsoft has confirmed that AB-900 will be added to count towards designation. However, there's no confirmed timeline yet, as some engineering work is still required.
- For partners who earn the certification before retirement, it will continue to count toward Modern Work skilling points through 31 March 2027.
- Partners can choose whether MS-900 or AB-900 is the better fit based on their timeline and progress toward the designation.

Microsoft New Beta Certifications

- [Microsoft Certified: Implementing Data Engineering Solutions Using Azure Databricks \(beta\) - Certifications | Microsoft Learn](#)
- [Microsoft Certified: SQL AI Developer Associate \(beta\) - Certifications | Microsoft Learn](#)

Dynamics 365 Contact Center Promo

A 40% discount is available for Dynamics 365 Contact Center through 30 June 2026.





Key details:

- This is a Commercial CSP promotion.
- There are no seat minimums.
- Government (GOV) and Education (EDU) tenants are excluded.
- This offer cannot be combined with other promotions.

For additional information or clarification, please contact your Pax8 account team.

Retirement of Standalone SharePoint Online and OneDrive for Business Plans

Microsoft is evolving its cloud storage and collaboration portfolio and has announced the retirement of standalone SharePoint Online (SPO) plan 1 and plan 2 and OneDrive for Business (ODB) plan 1 and plan 2 offerings.

Partners should begin identifying impacted customers and preparing transition plans early. Microsoft is expanding storage options and providing an extended runway to support smooth customer migrations. Cloud Ascent will be updated by the end of February to help partners pinpoint affected tenants.

Key Dates to Know

- Retirement announcement: Late January 2026
- End of sale: June 2026 (no new tenants after May 31; renewals only)
- End of life: January 2027 (no renewals).
 - Partners will need to cancel their subscriptions after this date.
- End of service: December 2029 (all standalone plans fully retired)

Please reach out to your Pax8 Account Manager to discuss customer migration options and help assess storage, migration, and data optimization needs to ensure continuity and a smooth transition.

Small and Midsize Business Management Specialization Requirements

For partners holding the Business Applications Solution Partner designation, Microsoft updated the Small and Midsize Business Management Specialization performance requirements effective March 27.

What's changed?

New performance requirements

- 15 new Business Central deployments with 5+ monthly active users (TTM)
- 15% MAU growth
 - Minimum 50 MAU across the customer base within a 23-month period
 - CPOR association is required

Previous performance requirements

- 10 new Business Central deployments with 5+ monthly active users (TTM)



- 35% MAU growth
 - Minimum 50 MAU across the customer base within a 23-month period
 - CPOR association was required

What this means for partners

- Partners who meet both the current and new requirements will see no change at renewal
- Partners who meet the current requirements but not the new ones will receive a six-month extension to meet the updated criteria

If you're tracking progress toward this specialization or have questions about CPOR association or MAU measurement, reach out to your Pax8 Microsoft team for support.

For more information read the [Microsoft Blog](#).

Events and Enablement

Microsoft Monthly Update Webinar

Pax8 and Microsoft are teaming up again in 2026 to help you gain big wins throughout the year by simplifying Microsoft. Each month, we'll review critical updates, share key details, and go over actions you should take to generate success in 2026. Think of this as your all-in-one Microsoft explainer.

Here's What You'll Learn:

- Essential global Microsoft Program updates
- Stay up to date with AI and Microsoft Copilot
- Global Microsoft need-to-know dates and deadlines
- Microsoft solution area updates (Azure, Dynamics, and Modern Workplace)
- Pax8 and Microsoft partner action items (key takeaways)

Register for your region below!

- DACH : <https://attend.pax8.com/event/dach-msft-update-2026/summary>
- UK& I: <https://attend.pax8.com/event/uki-msft-update-2026/summary>
- BENELUX: <https://attend.pax8.com/event/benelux-msft-update-2026>
- Nordics/Baltics: <https://attend.pax8.com/nordics-virtual-msft-update-2026/>

TECHnically Unraveled

Microsoft expert Kristen Fehrenbach demystifies and simplifies complex features and functionality of Microsoft cloud products to help businesses and individuals better utilize these powerful tools to improve productivity and streamline operations. With rotating co-hosts, they discuss Modern Workplace, Azure, Power Platform, and more in this weekly show.



To view previous episodes and to watch live every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. U.S. Mountain Time, click [here](#).

Pax8 Copilot Chronicles – New Video Series

Introducing Pax8 Copilot Chronicles, a new YouTube playlist delivering consistent, bite-sized content to help you sell and support Microsoft Copilot Business and Copilot Chat.

This series includes:

- Practical tips and tricks
- Clear overviews of Copilot Business and Copilot Chat
- Guidance on bringing Copilot to market with customers

Perfect for sharing with your partners or customers to build confidence, spark conversations, and accelerate adoption.

[Watch the Pax8 Copilot Chronicles](#)

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AI doesn't fix broken processes - join Dynamics Decoded on 14 April to learn how strong business foundations are what truly unlock AI's impact

12 May

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26 May

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9 June

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