

Windows 10 End of Life Readiness Checklist



With Windows 10 reaching End of Support on 14 October 2025, this checklist is designed to help IT teams assess readiness, identify risk, and execute a secure, compliant migration strategy.

Inventory



- Perform an audit of all Windows 10 endpoints across the estate, incl. hardware specifications
- Group devices by OS edition, user role, and criticality of function
- Identify legacy applications, custom configurations, and known compatibility constraints

Risk Assessment



- Assess security exposure due to lack of future patching (vulnerability risk post-EOL)
- Map dependencies between endpoints, on-prem systems, and legacy line-of-business apps
- Evaluate compliance impact against frameworks like ISO27001, Cyber Essentials, and GDPR

Strategy



- Determine upgrade path per use case: Windows 11, ESU, AVD, or Windows 365 Cloud PC
- Define licensing strategy, hardware refresh implications, and budgetary impact
- Align key internal stakeholders across IT, security, governance, and procurement

Timeline



- Develop a migration schedule incl. business priority, technical risk, and resource availability
- Establish owners to validate images, application packaging, and group policy adjustments
- Communicate timelines, rollback plans, and escalation processes to impacted teams

Execution



- Execute readiness assessment, image deployment, and automated provisioning workflows
- Migrate users in phases with staged application deployment and user data preservation
- Provide Tier 1–3 support during rollout, with detailed adoption and incident tracking

Post-Migration



- Retire, reimage, or repurpose unsupported hardware
- Verify all endpoint compliance via Intune, Defender for Endpoint, and M365 Security baselines
- Update the Configuration Management Database and refresh endpoint lifecycle plans

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