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FAQs and Discussion

Education Edition FAQ

1. What is Windows 10 Education edition?

Education edition is an upgrade license that includes simplified upgrade and deployment from Windows 10 Home and all of the Enterprise edition features

2. What are the differences between the Education edition and the Enterprise edition?

Education edition is the most inclusive version of Windows offered. It has all of the functionality of the Enterprise edition as well as an ability to do an in-place upgrade from Home to Education edition.

3. What is the upgrade path to get to Education edition?

An in-place upgrade from Windows 10 Home or Pro to Education edition is available in addition to managed deployment options.

4. Can public sector and education customers also use Windows Update for Business?

Yes, they can.

5. Which editions will include an LTSB option?

LTSBs will be available for Windows 10 Enterprise edition only. Education edition customers are entitled to Enterprise LTSB in case of the end of the subscription.

6. What are the qualifying Operating Systems to upgrade to Education edition?

Windows XP, 7, 8, 10 (all editions) and MacOS are qualifying OSes.

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Student use benefit FAQ

1. Which licensing programs offer a student use benefit?

EES, School, and OVS-ES offer student use benefits for Office 365 ProPlus, Intune and now Windows 10.

2. When will this be available for Windows?

Benefits will become available after the availability of Windows 10 for purchase.

3. What are the eligibility requirements?

The student use benefit requires organization-wide paid coverage of faculty and staff in OVS-ES, School, or EES.

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Education Deployment FAQ

1. My education organization currently has Windows 7 Enterprise / Windows 8 Enterprise deployed, should I deploy Windows 10 Enterprise or Windows 10 Education?

As you move your existing devices running Windows Enterprise to Windows 10, consider moving them to Windows 10 Education. Similar to Windows 10 Enterprise, Windows 10 Education includes the Enterprise features you may already be using in your deployment. Windows 10 Education was built to simplify deployment in the education space, providing a path for many devices with Windows 10 Home and Windows 10 Pro to upgrade to Windows 10 Education, without the need to wipe and replace the image.

2. Is there any reason to deploy Windows 10 Enterprise versus Windows 10 Education on any of my devices, or any caveats I should consider?

With Windows 10, Enterprise and Education customers will also have access to the [Long Term Servicing Branch](#) as a deployment option for their mission critical devices and environments. The Windows 10 Enterprise edition would need to be deployed to use this deployment option.

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