The information which follows shows my experience enrolling in the Windows 10 Extended Security Updates program. I've been checking periodically and was able to enroll on 09/19/2025.

If your computer isn't linked to your Microsoft Account, at some point, you will be asked to sign in to your Microsoft Account so the ESU subscription can be attached to the account. You can have a total of 10 devices on the subscription.

One of the options to pay for the subscription is using the system backup option. I don't remember enabling the backup, but Windows indicated that my system was backed up and I qualified for a free subscription.

I don't want to be on the system backup program so I selected the "Go back" button to turn off the system backup before continuing. (The steps I used are with the image.) You can skip turning off the backup if you wish.
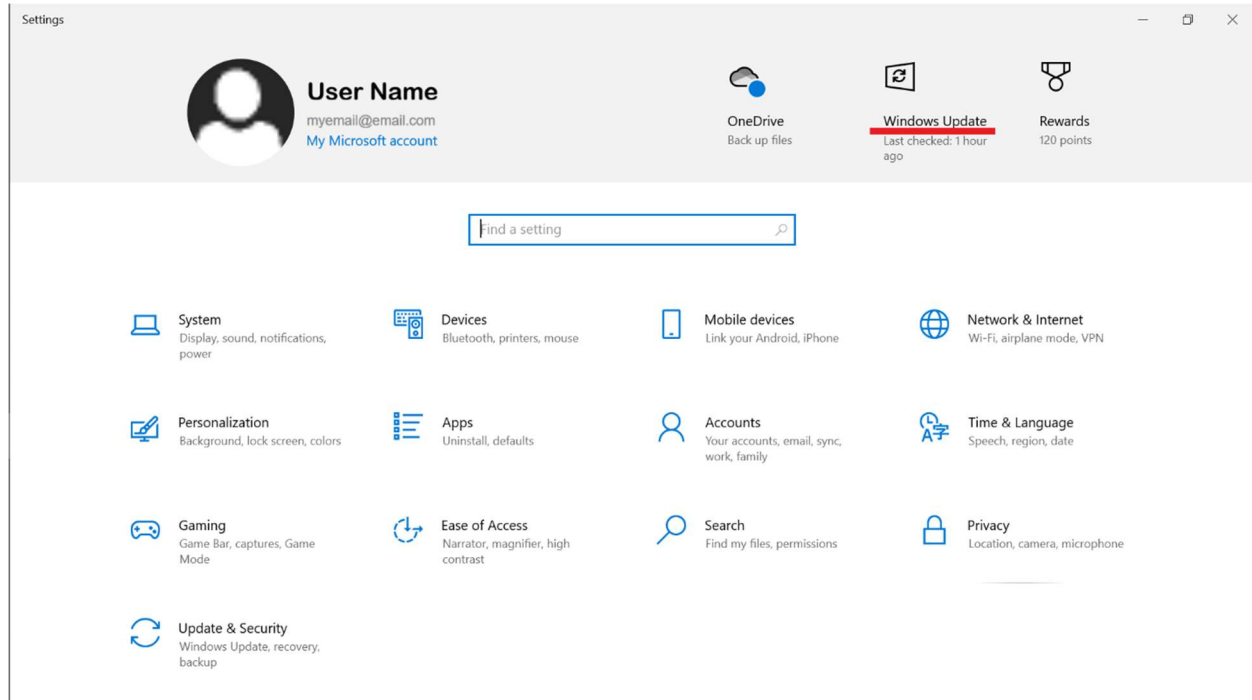
If you pay by credit card or debit card, since you've logged into your Microsoft Account, page 2 may be filled in. Check to make sure the information is current.

Let me know if any of this need more clarification and I will try to improve it for non-techie people.
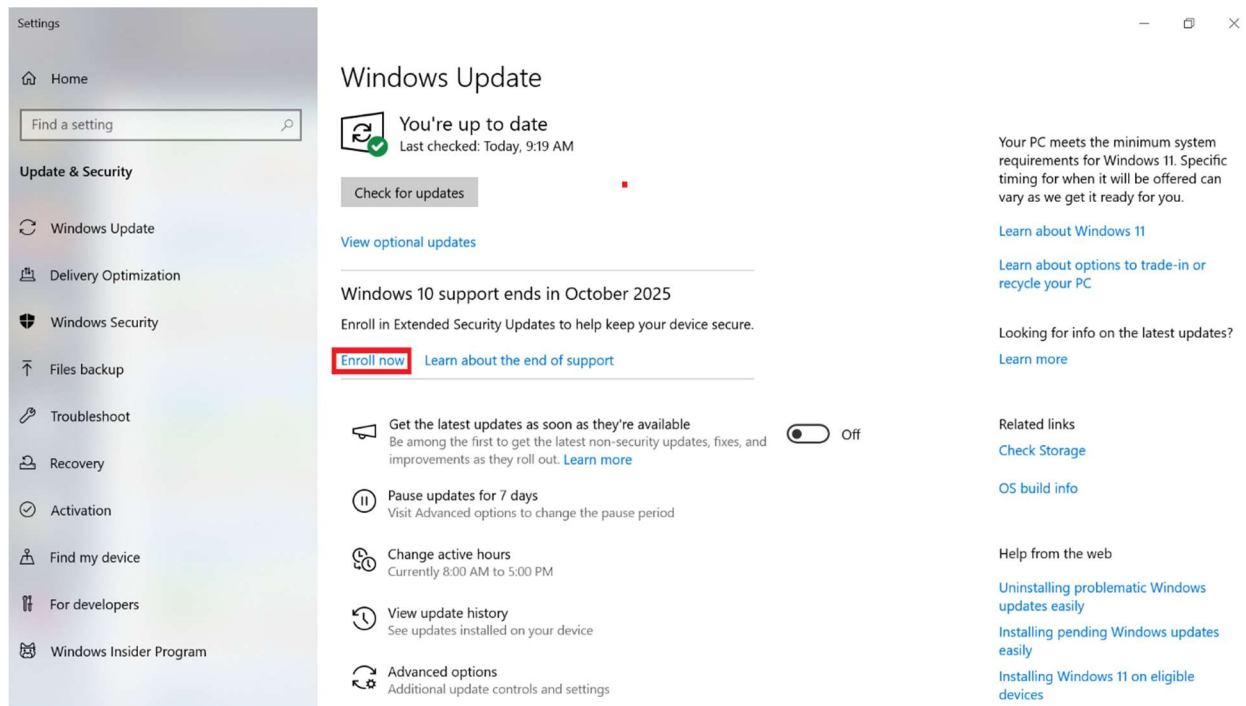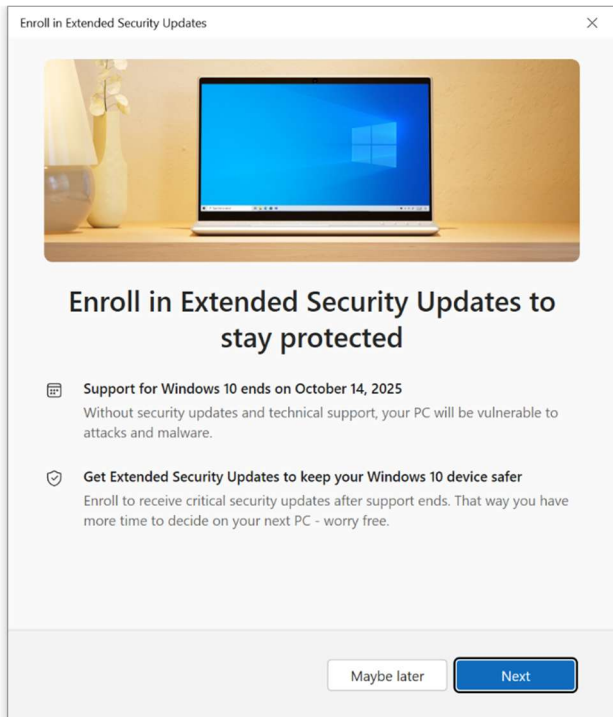
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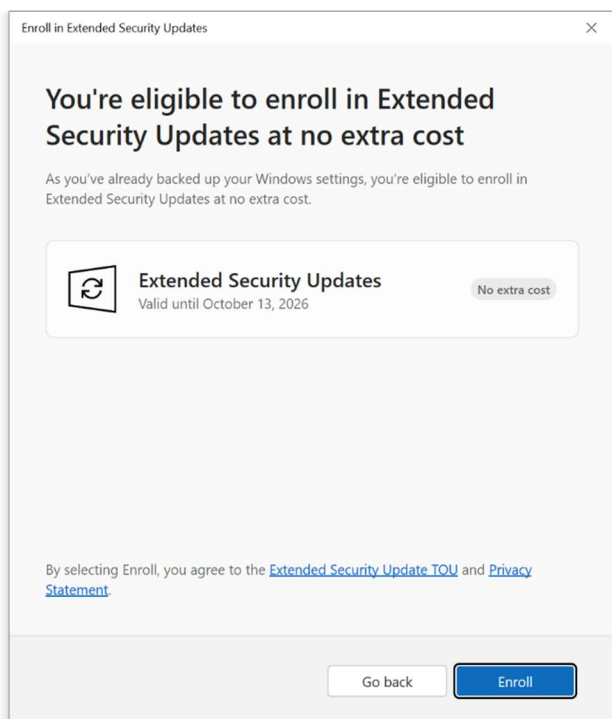
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Open Settings and select "Windows Update"

Look for the "Enroll now" option in the "Windows Update" page.

When you Click the "Enroll now" link, you will receive general information about the ESU program.

If you enabled the settings backup, the ESU is free.

I don't remember ever turning on the settings backup. I used Go back and turned off the backup: "Settings" -> "Windows Security" -> "Account Protection -> the "View my Account" link -> Windows Backup and then turned off "Remember my Apps" and "Remember my Preferences".

After turning off the settings backup, I received 3 options to pay for the ESU.

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I selected the One time purchase.
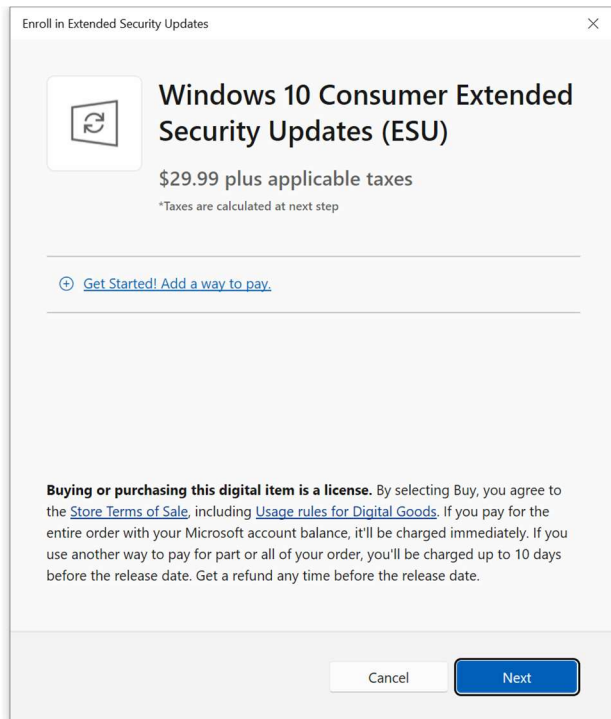
I needed to enter a method of payment.
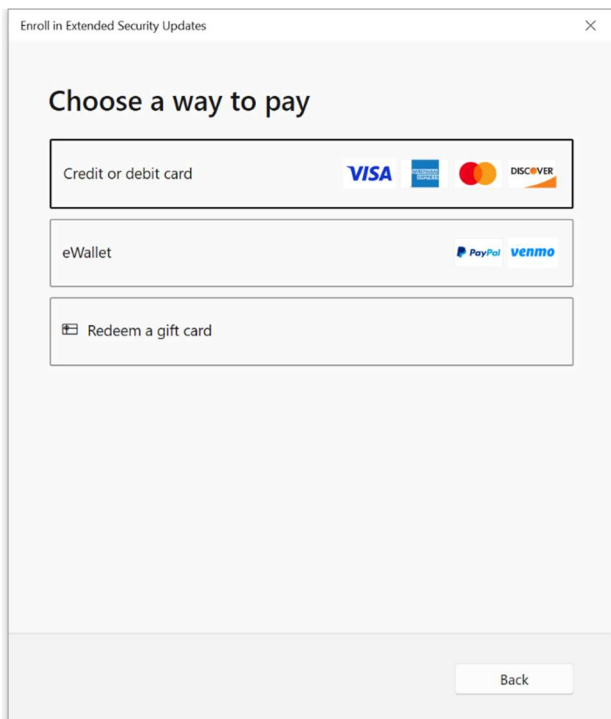
I selected Credit or debit card.

Complete the information on both pages of the "Add a credit card or debit card" form.

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Payment accepted.

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Done

You can check the ECU status from the "Windows Update" page.