

## Updating from Windows 7 or 8 to Windows 10

These are the basic requirements for installing Windows 10 on a PC. If your device does not meet these requirements, you may not have the great experience intended with Windows 10 and might want to consider purchasing a new PC.

<b>Processor:</b>	1 gigahertz (GHz) or faster compatible processor
<b>RAM:</b>	1 gigabyte (GB) for 32-bit or 2 GB for 64-bit
<b>Hard drive size:</b>	32GB or larger hard disk
<b>Graphics card:</b>	Compatible with DirectX 9 or later WDDM 1.0 driver
<b>Display:</b>	800x600
<b>Internet Connection:</b>	Internet connectivity is necessary to perform updates, downloads, and take advantage of some features.

Windows 10 Home operating system costs \$139 to download. However, you don't necessarily have to shell out the cash: A free upgrade offer from Microsoft that technically ended in 2016 still works. If you're Windows 7 or 8 computer meets the Windows 10 minimum specs, Insure Windows Updating is current, and verify Bios and Drivers are also the most current from the manufactures website.

Here's how to get Windows 10 for free, if you're currently running a licensed and activated copy of Windows 7, Windows 8 or Windows 8.1, Home or Pro:

1. Go to the [Download Windows 10](#) website.
2. Under **Create Windows 10 installation media**, click **Download tool now** and **Run**.
3. Choose **Upgrade this PC now**, assuming this is the only PC you're upgrading. (If you're upgrading a different machine, choose **Create installation media for another PC**, and save the installation files.)
4. Follow the prompts.
5. When the upgrade is complete, go to **Settings Update & Security > Activation**, and you should see a digital license for Windows 10.

It should be noted that if you have a Windows 7 or 8 Home license, you can only update to Windows 10 Home, while Windows 7 or 8 Pro can only be updated to Windows 10 Pro (the upgrade is not available for Windows Enterprise. Other users may experience blocks as well, depending on your machine). This upgrade using the media creation tool isn't meant for the general consumer, but it works for many nonetheless.