Support option timeline.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	2025	2025	2026	
Windows Server 2008/2008R2		Extended security updates Start: 14 January 2020 End: 10 January 2023				1-year free extended security updates on Azure End: 14 January 2024					
Windows Server 2012	Extended support Start: 9 Oct 2018 End: 10 October 2023					3 years' free extended security updates on Azure. Save with Azure Hybrid Benefit End: 10 October 2026 Alternative: Paid extended support licences on-prem with software assurance End: 10 October 2026					
SQL Server 2008/2008R2		Extended security updates Start: 7 July 2019 End: 12 July 2022									
SQL Server 2012	Extended support Start: 12 July 2017 End: 12 July 2022				3 years' free extended security updates on Azure. Save with Azure Hybrid Benefit End: 12 July 2025 Alternative: Paid extended support licences on-prem with software assurance End: 12 July 2025						

Free extended security updates will be available for customers on Azure, including Azure Virtual Machines, SQL Server on Azure Virtual Machines, Azure Dedicated Host, Azure VMWare Solution, Azure Nutanix Solution and Azure Stack HCI.



