

Constraints that may prevent you from switching to Windows 11



Some examples of constraints that may prevent you from switching to Windows 11:

- **Architecture:** there will no longer be a 32-bit version of Windows 11, so if your CPU is a 32-bit, it is definitely incompatible with Windows 11.
- **Boot method and Secure Boot:** the computer will first boot to a BIOS or UEFI. Very old PCs have only an old generation BIOS and this is definitely incompatible with Windows 11. But this concerns computers that were not already running Windows 10.
- **CPU compatibility, number of cores, frequency:** the processor should theoretically be in the official list. However, any 64-bit processor, with a "disable bit" function already required for Windows 10, at least 2 cores and a frequency of at least 1 GHz could run Windows 11. If you have a red checkmark here in the list, it is definitely incompatible with Windows 11. On the other hand, quite often there is an orange checkmark, this means that the processor seems to meet the requirements but is not (yet) on the list.
- **Direct X + WDDM:** This is related to the graphics card. If you have a laptop or an all-in-one and a red checkmark here, it is definitely incompatible with Windows 11. If you have a desktop or tower PC, you can probably replace your graphics card with a newer compatible model.
- **Partition type:** your disk partitions are either **GPT** or MBR (old standard). Don't panic, there are many ways to convert from MBR to GPT.
- **Amount of RAM:** you need at least 4GB of RAM. Most of the time you can increase your RAM if you have less than 4GB. If your PC cannot reach 4GB, it is definitely incompatible with Windows 11.
- **Available storage:** this is just the disk space available to install Windows 11. If it is insufficient, chances are you can easily increase it.
- **TPM version:** this is a hardware **security chip**. This will be the most common cause of incompatibility.

If unfortunately, the conclusion is that your PC is definitely incompatible with Windows 11, know that Windows 10 will be maintained and supported until **October 2025**.