Core Microsoft 365 Licensing Comparison

Quickly view the key inclusions of Business Premium, E3 and E5 side by side.

The Most Common Microsoft 365 Add Ons

When consolidating licenses businesses are often still add back specific features or apps.

Copilot

Enterprise ready AI assistant that helps draft content, summarise information, and generate insight securely inside O365 apps.

Teams Premium

Enhances user teams experience with AI recaps, branded meetings and advanced webinar and event controls.

Azure AD

Adds stronger identity security with risk based access controls and privileged identity management.

Power BI Pro

Delivers self-service data visualisation, dashboards and enterprise level reporting tools.

Defender (Advanced plans)

Provides advanced endpoint detection, threat analytics and automated attack investigation.

Microsoft Purview

Offers advanced compliance, audit and data governance, including insider risk and information protection.

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	Business Premium	E3	E5
Microsoft Office Apps (Word, Excel, Outlook, etc.)	✓ Full desktop + mobile apps	✓ Full desktop + mobile apps	✓ Full desktop + mobile apps
SharePoint	✓ Full features	✓ Full features	✓ Full features
OneDrive	✓ 1 TB storage	✓ 1 TB storage	✓ 1 TB storage
Exchange Online	✓ 50GB mailbox + Exchange features	✓ 100GB mailbox + Exchange features	✓ 100GB mailbox + Exchange features
Microsoft Intune	✓ Full Intune MDM/MAM	✓ Full Intune MDM/MAM	✓ Full Intune MDM/MAM
Advanced Security & Compliance	Partial, fewer compliance tools than E3/E5	✓ Full compliance suite	✓ Full compliance suite
Azure AD Premium P1	✓ Included	✓ Included	✓ Included
Azure AD Premium P2	✗ Not included	✗ Not included	✓ Included
Defender for Office 365	Plan 1 only	Plan 1 only	Plan 2, advanced protection
Defender for Endpoint	Defender for Business, strong EDR but no advanced threat hunting/IoT/long retention	Defender for Endpoint Plan 1, core prevention and response	Defender for Endpoint Plan 2, full features incl. threat hunting, IoT, extended retention
Power BI Pro	✗ Not included	✗ Not included	✓ Included
Microsoft Viva	Partial ✓ core Viva modules only	Partial core Viva modules only	✓ Full Viva suite
Advanced Threat Protection	Partial ATP features	✓ Full ATP	✓ Full ATP
Information Protection & Governance	Partial, basic sensitivity labels, limited governance	✓ Full information protection suite	✓ Full information protection suite
Litigation Hold & eDiscovery	✓ Included	✓ Included	✓ Included

Turning insight into action
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Book Your Free 365 Licensing Review

A 30-minute, low-intrusion session with a Microsoft Specialist and a Licensing Consultant. We'll review your Microsoft 365 environment, assess license usage, and identify opportunities for cost-effective optimisation.

- Validate your current licensing strategy.
- Identify cost-saving opportunities.
- Receive tailored recommendations from our experts.

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What Success Could Look Like

- <38% reduced bill moving from E3 to Business Premium

- 60% less feature waste by optimising user licenses

- 100% mismatch elimination standardising licensing

FAQ:

Q: Can we mix Microsoft 365 licenses?
Yes, mixing Business Premium, E3, and E5 is common. The key is managing them strategically to avoid waste.

Q: Are there Microsoft 365 nonprofit discounts?
Yes, eligible NFPs can receive significant discounts. We can confirm eligibility and design the best license mix for your needs.

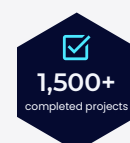**Q: Is transferring license management to AVTech complex?**
No, it's a quick, digital process with no downtime. We handle the transition in Microsoft's Partner Portal.

Q: Does moving to Business Premium mean losing advanced features?
Not necessarily, most advanced capabilities can be added for specific users through Microsoft 365 add-ons.

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