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What is the AWS Free Tier?

- A program to help you get hands-on experience with AWS services without an initial financial commitment.
- It's designed for students, developers, startups, and anyone curious about the cloud.
- The Goal: Lower the barrier to entry for innovation and experimentation.

What has changed?

Legacy Free Tier	New Free Tier (After July 15, 2025)
12-month access to specific services	Up to 6-month Free Plan, or 12 months of credits
Fixed usage limits (e.g., 750 EC2 hours)	Up to \$200 in flexible credits
Usage tracked per service	Credits can be used across most AWS services
Can lead to unexpected bills if limits are exceeded	Clear credit balance, easier cost management

Big change!

- **Up to \$200 in AWS Credits** for new accounts.
- **\$100 in credits** automatically applied on sign-up.
- **Earn an additional \$100** by completing simple tasks in key services.

Additional \$100?

- **\$20 per service**
- **Amazon EC2:** Launch and terminate an instance.
- **Amazon RDS:** Create a database instance.
- **AWS Lambda:** Create and invoke a function.
- **Amazon Bedrock:** Experiment with a generative AI model.
- **AWS Budgets:** Set up a budget to monitor your costs.

Two plans: Free & Paid

Sign up for AWS

Choose your account plan



Free (6 months)

Learn, experiment, and build prototypes

- ✓ Receive up to \$200 in credits
- ✓ Includes free usage of select services
- ✗ Workloads scale beyond credit thresholds
- ✗ Access to all AWS services and features

ⓘ After the 6 month free period or when all credits are used, you can choose to upgrade to a paid plan. Otherwise, your account closes automatically.

Choose free plan



Paid

Develop production-ready workloads

- ✓ Receive up to \$200 in credits
- ✓ Includes free usage of select services
- ✓ Workloads scale beyond credit thresholds
- ✓ Access to all AWS services and features

ⓘ After all of your credits are used, you are charged using pay-as-you-go pricing.

Choose paid plan

Don't Forget the "Always Free" Services!

- **AWS Lambda:** 1 million free requests per month.
- **Amazon DynamoDB:** 25 GB of storage.
- **Amazon S3:** 5 GB of standard storage.
- **Amazon CloudWatch:** 10 custom metrics and 1 million API requests.
- **AWS CodeCommit:** 5 active users, 50 GB-month of storage.

Tips for getting the most out of AWS Free tier

- **Use AWS Budgets!** It's one of the tasks to earn credits, and it's essential for tracking your usage and avoiding surprises.
- **Plan your projects.** Think about what you want to learn or build, and choose the right services for the job.
- **Clean up your resources.** Don't leave services running that you're not using. Terminate EC2 instances, delete RDS databases, etc.
- **Explore the "Always Free" services** for long-running, low-traffic applications.
- **Don't be afraid to experiment!** The credits are there for you to learn and explore.



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