**Step 1: Backup and Review Existing Codebase**

1. Create a backup of the existing project to prevent data loss.
2. Identify the key components handling:
   * **User registration and verification**
   * **CV conversion logic (Ensure it's not affected)**
   * **Email sending (Contact form, feedback, reset password, etc.)**
   * **Payment processing for Standard and Pro Plans**
   * **Features available for Pro Plan users**

**Step 2: Implement the Payment Flow for New Standard Plan Users (£5)**

1. Modify the **email verification page** to include a Stripe payment form for £5 after email verification.
   * Locate the existing verification logic and add a payment section to it.
   * Ensure the verification process only marks a user as "verified" once they complete payment.
   * Use **Stripe Price ID**: price\_1QsdBjIPzZXVDbyymTKeUnsC
   * Update the database to record users as **Standard Plan** after successful payment.
2. Update user authentication logic:
   * Ensure users who haven't paid cannot proceed past the verification page.
   * Users who complete payment should be redirected to the CV conversion page.

**Step 3: Improve the Pro Plan Upgrade System**

1. Allow **existing Standard Plan users (£5)** to upgrade to **Pro Plan (£15)** by paying an additional **£10**.
   * Modify the payment link to check if the user is on **Standard Plan**.
   * If so, adjust the payment amount dynamically to **£10 instead of £15**.
   * After successful payment, mark them as **Pro Plan users**.
2. Ensure **Pro Plan users** get access to exclusive features:
   * Locate where **Pro Plan features** are defined (AI Agent for scanning interviewers and organisations).
   * Verify that only Pro Plan users see these features after logging in.

**Step 4: Allow Pro Plan Users to Downgrade to Standard Plan (£5)**

1. Add a **downgrade feature** where **Pro Plan users** can reduce their subscription back to £5.
   * Modify Stripe subscription settings to allow this.
   * Ensure the system marks them back as **Standard Plan** after processing.
   * Prevent users from using **Pro Plan features** once downgraded.

**Step 5: Handle Existing Free Users**

1. Ensure users who **signed up before this change** can continue using the free plan but only for **30 days**.
   * Implement a check that calculates **30 days from their registration date**.
   * Once expired, prompt them to **pay £5** to continue as a **Standard Plan** user.
   * Redirect expired users to the payment page.

**Step 6: Testing & Deployment**

1. **Test the following scenarios** before deploying:
   * New users: Registration → Email verification → £5 payment → Login → Access Standard Plan features.
   * Standard Plan users: Upgrade to Pro Plan (£10 extra) → Get Pro Plan features → Logout/Login → Verify Pro features persist.
   * Pro Plan users: Downgrade to Standard Plan (£5) → Ensure Pro features disappear.
   * Free users (signed up before this change): Continue for 30 days → After 30 days, check if they are forced to pay £5.
   * Ensure email sending, CV conversion, and other critical logic **remain unaffected**.
2. **Deploy the changes** after successful testing.