

Product: Skype
Manufacturer: Microsoft
Product Category: Desktop System – Application based
Pricing:

Basic Free
Premium Premium - Starting at \$10.99 AUD inc GST per/month



Pricing Includes:
Basic Unlimited videoconference calls (no multipoint calls or phone calls, advertising)
Premium Unlimited videoconference calls (up to 10 multipoint participants and screen sharing (with video), no advertising)

Trial: Free to use Basic Skype, 7 day free trial available for Premium Skype
Description: Skype is an IP telephony service provider that offers free calling between subscribers and low-cost calling to people who don't use the service. In addition to standard telephone calls, Skype enables file transfers, texting, video chat and videoconferencing. Skype premium allows multipoint calls, screen sharing with webcam video and no advertising banners.

Features: High-Quality video conferencing (currently not consistently guaranteed)

Basic Compatible with Mac, PC, iPad, Android and Linux
Premium Unlimited video calls with up to 1 participant
 Unlimited video calls up to 10 participants
 Combined video, audio
 Screen sharing (Limitations on basic)
 Share files
 Text chatting
 Resizable viewer and layouts
 No proprietary hardware configuration
 Secure 256-bit AES encryption
 Bandwidth optimisation (Unable to prioritise audio or video)

Premium Firewall traversal
 Live chat support
Limitations: Highly inconsistent video and audio quality
 Frequent line connection dropouts
 Limited technical support

Compatibility:

PC-Based Software Hardware	Yes Free from Skype website (Compatible with Windows XP-SP3+) 1GHz processor or higher 256 MB of RAM or higher Web Camera Microphone, headset or speakers Minimum 128kbps Broadband (1500 Kbps of Internet bandwidth or higher is recommended)
Mac Software Hardware	Yes Free from Skype website (Compatible with OS X 10.5 (Leopard) or higher) 1GHz Intel processor (Core 2 Duo) or higher 1Gb RAM or more Web Camera Microphone, headset or speakers Minimum 128kbps Broadband (1500 Kbps of Internet bandwidth or higher is recommended)
iPad OS Requirements Application Hardware	Yes – (Certain features not available) iOS 5 or later Skype (from Apple app store) All iPad's (Recommended iPad 2 and newer) Wi-Fi (Recommended) or 3G or higher
iPhone OS Requirements Application Hardware	Yes – (Certain features not available) iOS 5 or later Skype (from Apple app store) iPhone 3GS and newer Wi-Fi (Recommended) or 3G or higher
Android OS Requirements Application Hardware	Yes – (Certain features not available) 2.2 and newer Skype (from Google Play) Devices vary Wi-Fi (Recommended) or 3G or higher

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