Claude Enterprise Pricing & Procurement Guide (2026)

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Direct Answer (November 13, 2026): Claude Enterprise starts at **$20/seat/month billed annually** (**20-seat minimum** on self-serve annual terms) for identity governance (SSO, SCIM, audit logs, Compliance API, zero training by default, HIPAA-ready BAA), with model token consumption billed separately at standard API rates — led by current flagship **Fable 5.2 ($8/$40 MTok)** alongside **Opus 5.5 ($4/$20)**, **Sonnet 5.5 ($2/$10)**, and **Haiku 5.5 ($0.10/$0.50 ≤100K)**.

Updated November 13, 2026 — added direct answers on Claude Enterprise pricing and contract structure, sourced from Anthropic's published pricing.

Updated October 28, 2026: Made infographic diagrams clickable to open full-size images.

Claude Enterprise pricing works differently from the individual and Team plans. Instead of a fixed per-seat fee that includes unlimited usage, Enterprise charges a base seat cost of $20/seat with additional usage billed at API rates. This model gives large organizations more flexibility but requires understanding how usage translates to cost. Here's the complete breakdown for decision-makers evaluating Claude Enterprise in 2026.

Last refreshed: November 13, 2026 (Pacific) — verified against claude.com/solutions/enterprise, claude.com/pricing, and platform.claude.com pricing.

How Enterprise Pricing Works

How Claude Enterprise pricing works — recheck this breakdown whenever Anthropic changes seat fees or API rates (last verified October 2026).

The pricing structure has two components. First, a **per-seat fee of $20/month** per user. This covers access to the Claude interface and all Enterprise features. Second, **usage-based charges at API rates** that scale with which model each user interacts with and how much they use it. When an Enterprise user chats with Claude, token costs follow current API rates. Anthropic's current top-tier flagship, **Claude Fable 5.2**, lists at **$8/MTok input and $40/MTok output** (cache read $0.20), **Opus 5.5** lists at **$4/$20** (cache read $0.20), **Sonnet 5.5** lists at **$2/$10** (cache read $0.10), and **Haiku 5.5** lists at **$0.10/$0.50** for prompts ≤100K tokens (**$0.50/$2.50** >100K). Legacy models remain listed for transition: Fable 5.1 ($10/$50), Opus 5 / 4.8 ($5/$25), Sonnet 4.6 ($3/$15), and Haiku 4.5 ($1/$5, 200K context).

This means actual costs per user vary significantly. A light user who sends a few messages per day might cost $20-30/month total. A power user running Claude Code and extended research sessions could cost $150-500+/month. Administrators can set per-user and organizational spending limits to maintain budget predictability.

Two Paths to Enterprise

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Anthropic now offers two ways to get on the Enterprise plan. The **self-serve path** lets organizations sign up directly at claude.ai/create/enterprise without contacting sales. This is designed for teams that want enterprise security features but want to move fast. You get SSO, domain verification, central billing, admin controls, usage analytics, and the ability to add seats on demand. The **sales-assisted path** is for organizations that need custom contracts, MSAs, purchase orders, usage commitments, tiered incentives on committed spend, non-standard terms, trials, or consultation. Contact sales through claude.com/contact-sales.

Enterprise-Only Features

Enterprise includes everything in the Team plan plus several capabilities only available at this tier. **Admin-set spend limits** let administrators control costs at both user and organization levels. **Role-based access** with fine-grained permissioning controls who can access what. **SCIM** (System for Cross-domain Identity Management) automates user provisioning and deprovisioning. **Audit logs** provide detailed records of user activity. **Compliance API** enables observability and monitoring.

Custom data retention controls let you set how long data is stored. **Network-level access control** and **IP allowlisting** restrict where Claude can be accessed from. **HIPAA-ready offering** is available for healthcare and regulated industries. **Claude Security** (currently in beta) provides AI-powered vulnerability scanning.

Enterprise vs Team: When to Upgrade

Enterprise vs Team — when to upgrade.

The Team plan caps at 150 users and uses fixed per-seat pricing ($20-125/seat depending on seat type). Enterprise has no user cap and uses the seat-plus-usage model. Upgrade to Enterprise when you need more than 150 seats, when you require SCIM for automated provisioning, when compliance requirements demand audit logs and a compliance API, when you need custom data retention or HIPAA readiness, or when the usage-based model would actually cost less than Team Premium seats for your usage patterns.

Current Enterprise Promotion

As of June 2026, Anthropic ran a promotion offering $1,000 in Claude Code and Cowork credits (Cowork has since been integrated directly into core Claude) for Enterprise seats activated by July 2, 2026 — that promotional window has closed.

Evaluating Enterprise ROI

To evaluate whether Claude Enterprise justifies the cost, consider time savings per employee (if each user saves 5 hours/week at $50/hour effective cost, that’s $1,000/month in productivity per person), reduction in tool sprawl (replacing multiple SaaS subscriptions), code velocity improvements (engineering teams using Claude Code report 20-40% productivity gains in published case studies), and compliance cost avoidance (audit logs, SCIM, and HIPAA readiness may replace other compliance tools).

What does Claude Enterprise cost?

There is no single published flat rate for Claude Enterprise; total pricing is structured around a base platform seat fee plus variable usage charges and negotiated contract terms. On Anthropic's official published self-serve terms, the Enterprise plan starts at $20 per seat per month (billed annually, with a 20-seat minimum), while all token and model usage is billed separately at standard API rates based on consumption.

For sales-assisted agreements covering larger deployments, seat minimums and volume discounts are established during the enterprise sales conversation rather than fixed by a public rate card. Total enterprise cost is governed by several core commercial factors: total seat count, annual billing commitments, token consumption across models (such as Sonnet and Opus), and organizational requirements for enterprise governance capabilities. These include Single Sign-On (SSO), automated user provisioning via SCIM, comprehensive audit logs, Compliance API observability, custom data retention policies, IP allowlisting, and HIPAA-ready configurations.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does Claude Enterprise cost per user?

$20/seat/month base plus usage at API rates. Actual per-user costs depend on usage — light users might total $25-30/month, while heavy users could reach $200+/month.

Can I start Claude Enterprise without talking to sales?

Yes. Anthropic offers a self-serve Enterprise option at claude.ai/create/enterprise. You can sign up, add seats, and start using Enterprise features immediately.

Is Claude Enterprise HIPAA compliant?

Anthropic offers a HIPAA-ready Enterprise option. Organizations in healthcare and regulated industries should contact sales to discuss specific compliance requirements and BAA arrangements.

What is the minimum number of seats for Enterprise?

Self-serve annual Enterprise carries a 20-seat minimum at $20/seat/month plus usage at API rates. Larger sales-assisted agreements have custom seat minimums and volume commitments.

Related: Claude AI Pricing (2026) — every plan, API rate, and the cost calculator

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