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Proxmox Subscription: Worth It? Decision Guide

What the subscription buys, what stays free, and who should pay.

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> Proxmox VE is fully functional without a subscription. Paying gets you the enterprise repository with more thoroughly tested packages, official support and no login nag screen. For businesses, it is probably worth it. For homelabs, the no-subscription repository is stable enough for most people, and the per-socket price is the main complaint.

€0
per year for the no-subscription repository

€115+
per socket per year for the Enterprise repository

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things a subscription adds: tested repo, support, no nag

€25–50
supporter license price some users suggested

Free versus subscription

	No-subscription	Enterprise repository
Price	€0/year	€115+/socket/year
Proxmox VE features	Full	Full
Packages	Community repository, may be less tested	Enterprise-tested, stable pipeline
Support	Community forum	Official technical support, tiered by plan
Login nag screen	Every login	None

Should you pay?

Tick what applies. More ticks in the first group means pay.

- ☐ Production or mission-critical workloads.
- ☐ You want tested updates before they reach your hypervisor.
- ☐ You need official vendor support.
- ☐ Standard IT budgeting covers a few hundred euros a year.
- ☐ Homelab or non-critical use: the free repository is usually enough.
- ☐ You are comfortable with a less battle-tested update stream.

The cost issue

Priced per CPU socket
At €115 per socket per year, a dual-socket board doubles the cost.

Cluster growth
Add a few nodes and the cost reaches hundreds of euros a year.

Homelab view

Many users say they would pay, but not that much, to remove a prompt.

What users suggest

A €25 to 50 supporter license, tiered pricing or merchandise.

Stability trade-off

- Enterprise repository packages are more thoroughly tested before release.
- Free users get packages faster, with a slightly higher risk of bugs slipping through.
- In effect, free-repository users help test packages for the enterprise repository.
- Core virtualization, clustering, backups and containers are the same either way.
- The nag screen can be removed manually with some CLI tweaking, per the page.

Sources and notes: Proxmox VE subscription tiers, as shown on the page · Community discussion summarized on the page