

Virtual Private Network

Billing

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1 Overview of VPN Billing

In this document, you will learn about how the Virtual Private Network (VPN) service is billed, how you can renew subscriptions and manage costs, and what will happen if your account goes into arrears.

- **Billing modes**

VPN supports the yearly/monthly and pay-per-use billing modes. You can select one according to your requirements.

- Yearly/Monthly billing is a prepaid billing mode. You pay in advance for a subscription term. Before purchasing yearly/monthly resources, make sure you have a top-up account with a sufficient balance.
- Pay-per-use billing is a postpaid billing mode. You pay for the amount of time you use VPN resources or for the amount of traffic you generate.

You can change the billing mode if it no longer meets your needs. Only S2C VPN supports billing mode change. For details, see [Billing Mode Changes in S2C Enterprise Edition VPN](#).

 **NOTE**

The billing modes available for a region are subject to those displayed on the page.

- **Billing items**

- S2C VPN
 - Enterprise Edition VPN: The billing items include VPN gateways, VPN connections, elastic IP address (EIP) bandwidth, and enterprise routers.
 - Classic VPN: The billing items include VPN connections and bandwidth.
- P2C VPN: The billing items include VPN gateways, VPN connections, and EIP bandwidth.

For details about the billing factors and formulas for each billing item, see [Billing Items of S2C Enterprise Edition VPN](#), [Billing Items of S2C Classic VPN](#), and [Billing Items of P2C VPN](#).

For details about a billing example and the billing of each item in different billing modes, see [Billing Example for S2C Enterprise Edition VPN](#).

- **Renewal**

Yearly/monthly VPN is unavailable after the subscription expires. To continue using the VPN service, renew the subscription before it expires. Otherwise, VPN resources will be automatically released, and your data may be lost. You can renew your subscription manually or automatically. For more information, see [Renewal Overview](#).

- **Bills**

You can choose **Billing Center** > **Billing** to check VPN transactions and bills. For details, see [Bills](#).

- **Arrears**

If there is not a sufficient account balance to pay for your bill and there is no other payment method configured, your account will go into arrears. If you want to continue using VPN resources, top up your account in a timely manner. For details, see [Arrears](#).

- **Stopping billing**

If you no longer need to use your VPN resources, you can unsubscribe from or delete them to stop the billing. For details, see [Billing Termination](#).

Product Pricing

To quickly learn about pricing of the VPN service, see [VPN Pricing Details](#).

2 S2C Enterprise Edition VPN

2.1 Billing Modes

2.1.1 Overview

VPN supports the yearly/monthly and pay-per-use billing modes. You can select one according to your requirements. To quickly learn about pricing of the VPN service in different billing modes, see [VPN Pricing Details](#).

S2C Enterprise Edition VPN supports the yearly/monthly and pay-per-use billing modes.

NOTE

The billing modes available for a region are subject to those displayed on the page.

- Yearly/Monthly is a prepaid billing mode. You pay in advance for a subscription term, and in exchange, you get a discounted rate. The longer the subscription term, the bigger the discount. Yearly/Monthly billing is a good option for long-term, stable services.
- Pay-per-use is a postpaid billing mode. You pay for the amount of time you use VPN resources or for the amount of traffic you generate. This allows you to adjust resource usage easily. You neither need to prepare for resources in advance, nor end up with excess or insufficient preset resources. This billing mode is a good option for scenarios where there are traffic bursts.

[Table 2-1](#) lists the differences between the two billing modes.

Table 2-1 Billing modes of S2C Enterprise Edition VPN

Billing Mode	Yearly/Monthly	Pay-per-use (billed by bandwidth)	Pay-per-use (billed by traffic)

Pay men t	Prepaid Settled by the subscription term you purchase	Postpaid Billed based on your specified EIP bandwidth and usage duration (there is no limit on how much traffic you can use.)	Postpaid Billed based on your specified EIP type and your total amount of traffic leaving the cloud
Billin g Cycle	Billed by the subscription term you purchase	Billed by the second and settled every hour	Billed by the second and settled every hour

<p>Billing Item</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPN gateway: You need to make a one-off payment for using gateway instances in a selected period of time. • VPN connection: Two connections of the same customer gateway to the cloud form a connection group. By default, 10 VPN connection groups are included free of charge with the purchase of a VPN gateway. You can purchase additional VPN connection groups (sold in units of 10) as required. • EIP bandwidth: You need to purchase EIP bandwidth only in public network scenarios. You need to make a one-off payment for the EIP bandwidth you specify in a certain period of time. There is no limit on how much traffic you can use. • Enterprise router: You will be charged for using an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPN gateway: You are charged for using gateway instances in the period of time you use them. • VPN connection: You can purchase connection groups (sold in units of 1) as required. • EIP bandwidth: refers to the outbound bandwidth for traffic sent from a VPC on the cloud to a customer gateway in an on-premises data center. You need to purchase EIP bandwidth only when the network type is public network. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the purchased bandwidth is 10 Mbit/s or less, the inbound bandwidth is limited to 10 Mbit/s. - If the purchased bandwidth is greater than 10 Mbit/s, the inbound bandwidth is the same as the purchased bandwidth. • Enterprise router: You will be charged for using an enterprise router only when you attach a VPN gateway to it. The enterprise router fee consists of the enterprise router connection fee and enterprise router traffic fee. For details, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPN gateway: You are charged for using gateway instances in the period of time you use them. • VPN connection: You can purchase connection groups (sold in units of 1) as required. • EIP traffic: You need to purchase EIP traffic only in public network scenarios. You are charged for the traffic generated in every hour, with the billing unit being 1 GB. If less than 1 GB is generated, the fee is calculated based on the actually generated traffic volume. Adjusting the bandwidth does not change the public network traffic price per GB. Only traffic leaving the cloud is billed. • Enterprise router: You will be charged for using an enterprise router only when you attach a VPN gateway to it. The enterprise router fee consists of the enterprise router connection fee and enterprise router traffic fee. For details, see Billing of the enterprise router service.
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Changing the Billing Mode	The billing mode cannot be changed.	Pay-per-use can be changed to yearly/monthly. The change takes effect immediately. Enterprise Edition VPN: Refer to 2.4.2 Changing the Billing Mode of a Pay-Per-Use VPN Gateway to Yearly/Monthly .	Pay-per-use can be changed to yearly/monthly. The change takes effect immediately. Enterprise Edition VPN: Refer to 2.4.2 Changing the Billing Mode of a Pay-Per-Use VPN Gateway to Yearly/Monthly .
Changing the Quotas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIP bandwidth can be increased or decreased. The number of VPN connection groups can be increased or decreased. The specification of a VPN gateway can be upgraded. 	The EIP bandwidth can be increased or decreased.	The EIP bandwidth can be increased or decreased. NOTE The bandwidth is used only for rate limiting, so the bandwidth setting does not affect the fee incurred.
Application Scenarios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for scenarios with predictable usage period Long-term use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for scenarios with heavy or stable traffic Fluctuating demand for resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for scenarios with light or sharply fluctuating traffic Fluctuating demand for resources

2.1.2 Yearly/Monthly Billing

If you expect to use resources for a long period, you can save money by selecting yearly/monthly billing. This section describes the billing rules for yearly/monthly VPN resources.

Application Scenarios

If you want to ensure resource stability over a certain period of time, yearly/monthly billing is a good choice for the following types of workloads:

- Long-term workloads with stable resource requirements, such as official websites, online malls, and blog websites
- Long-term projects, such as scientific research projects and large-scale events
- Workloads with predictable traffic bursts, for example, e-commerce promotions or festivals
- Workloads with high data security requirements

Billing Items

Yearly/Monthly VPN is billed based on your purchased duration, bandwidth, and number of VPN connections (or connection groups).

Billing Cycle

Yearly/Monthly VPN is billed for the purchased duration (UTC+08:00). The billing starts when you activate or renew the subscription (accurate to the second), and ends at 23:59:59 of the expiry date.

For example, if you purchased a one-month Enterprise Edition VPN gateway at 15:50:04 on March 08, 2025, the billing cycle is from 15:50:04 on March 08, 2025 to 23:59:59 on April 08, 2025.

Billing Example

Suppose you purchased a one-month Enterprise Edition VPN gateway (associated with an enterprise router; specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connection groups: 20; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) at 15:50:04 on March 08, 2025, and renewed the subscription for one more month before the initial subscription expired. The following usage periods will be billed:

- 15:50:04 on March 08, 2025 to 23:59:59 on April 08, 2025
- 23:59:59 on April 08, 2025 to 23:59:59 on May 08, 2025

You will be billed for both usage periods. VPN resources of different types are billed individually, as described in [Table 2-2](#).

Table 2-2 Billing formulas

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN gateway	USD/month per VPN gateway	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN connection group	USD/month per 10 VPN connection groups	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
EIP	USD/month per Mbit/s	Refer to EIP Pricing Details .
Enterprise router	Enterprise router connection fee (USD/hour) + Enterprise router traffic fee (USD/GB)	Refer to Enterprise Router Pricing Details .

Price Change After Quota Change

If the quotas of yearly/monthly VPN resources no longer meet your needs, you can change the quotas on the management console. The system will recalculate the price and either bill or refund you the difference.

NOTE

In yearly/monthly billing mode, S2C Enterprise Edition VPN supports specification change.

- Quota increase: You will be billed the difference.
 - If you increase the EIP bandwidth, the new bandwidth takes effect immediately in the current billing cycle.
 - If you increase the number of VPN connections or VPN connection groups, the new quota takes effect immediately in the current billing cycle.
 - If you upgrade the specification of a VPN gateway, access via non-fixed IP addresses takes effect immediately in the current billing cycle.
- Quota decrease: We will refund you the difference.
 - If you decrease the EIP bandwidth, the new bandwidth does not take effect in the current billing cycle. You need to select a renewal duration and will be billed based on the new bandwidth. The change will take effect from the next billing cycle.
 - If you decrease the number of VPN connection groups, the new number of VPN connection groups takes effect immediately.

The following provides a quota increase example where no discounts are available. Suppose you purchased a one-month Enterprise Edition VPN gateway (associated with an enterprise router; specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connection groups: 20; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) on April 08, 2025, and increased the quotas to 30 VPN connection groups and 30 Mbit/s bandwidth on April 18, 2025 (with other settings unchanged). The price of the original quotas is \$826 USD per month (excluding the price of the pay-per-use enterprise router), and that of the new quotas is \$1232 USD per month (excluding the price of the pay-per-use enterprise router). The price difference is calculated as follows:

Price difference for the quota increase = (Price of the new quotas x Remaining service period) – (Price of the original quotas x Remaining service period)

The remaining service period is the sum of the remaining days in each calendar month divided by the maximum number of days in the corresponding calendar month. In this example:

Remaining service period = 12 (Remaining days in April)/30 (Maximum number of days in April) + 8 (Remaining days in May)/31 (Maximum number of days in May) = 0.6581

So,

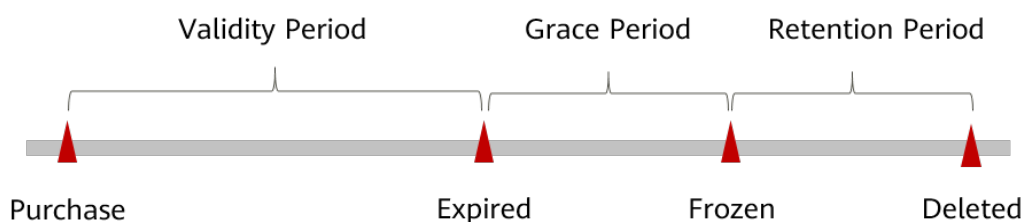
Price difference = (\$1232 USD x 0.6581) – (\$826 USD x 0.6581) = \$267.19 USD

For more information, see [Pricing of a Changed Specification](#).

Impact of Expiration

Figure 2-1 shows the states that yearly/monthly VPN resources can go through throughout the lifecycle. After VPN resources are purchased, they enter the validity period and run normally during this period. If the VPN resources are not renewed before they expire, they first enter a grace period and then a retention period.

Figure 2-1 Lifecycle of yearly/monthly VPN resources



Expiration Reminder

The system will send you reminders by email, SMS, or in-app message before yearly/monthly VPN resources expire to remind you to renew the subscription.

- For yearly resources, reminders are sent 30 days, 15 days, 7 days, 3 days, and 1 day before they expire.
- For monthly resources, reminders are sent 15 days, 7 days, 3 days, and 1 day before they expire.

Impact of Expiration

If your yearly/monthly VPN resources are not renewed before they expire, they will transition to the **Expired** state and enter a grace period upon expiration. During the grace period, you can access VPN resources but cannot:

- Change the number of VPN connection groups.
- Change the bandwidth.
- Change the specification of the VPN gateway.

If yearly/monthly VPN resources are not renewed before the grace period ends, they will transition to the **Frozen** state and enter a retention period. During the retention period, you cannot perform any operations on the VPN resources.

If yearly/monthly VPN resources are not renewed before the retention period ends, the VPN gateway, VPN connection, and EIP will be released and data cannot be restored.

 **NOTE**

- For details about renewal, see [Renewal Overview](#).

2.1.3 Pay-per-Use Billing

Pay-per-use billing means you pay nothing up front and are not tied into any contract or commitment. The billing modes available for a region are subject to those displayed on the page. This section describes the billing rules for pay-per-use VPN resources.

Application Scenarios

Pay-per-use billing is good for short-term, bursty, or unpredictable services that cannot tolerate any interruptions, such as applications for e-commerce flash sales, temporary testing, and scientific computing.

Billing Items

Pay-per-use VPN can be billed by bandwidth or traffic. [Table 2-3](#) lists the billing items in different billing modes.

Table 2-3 Billing items of S2C Enterprise Edition VPN

Billing Mode	Billing Item	Description
Pay-per-use (billed by bandwidth)	Fee of a VPN gateway instance = VPN gateway fee + VPN connection group fee + EIP bandwidth fee + Enterprise router connection fee + Enterprise router traffic fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By default, 10 VPN connection groups are included free of charge with the purchase of a VPN gateway. You can purchase more VPN connection groups as required.• An enterprise router is billed in pay-per-use mode.

Billing Mode	Billing Item	Description
Pay-per-use (billed by traffic)	Fee of a VPN gateway instance = VPN gateway fee + VPN connection group fee + EIP traffic fee + Enterprise router connection fee + Enterprise router traffic fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">By default, 10 VPN connection groups are included free of charge with the purchase of a VPN gateway. You can purchase more VPN connection groups as required.An enterprise router is billed in pay-per-use mode.

Billing Cycle

Pay-per-use VPN resources are billed by the second. Bills are settled hourly on the hour (UTC+08:00). After the settlement is complete, a new billing cycle starts. The billing starts when the gateway instance is launched and ends when the instance is deleted.

For example, if you purchased an S2C Enterprise Edition VPN gateway at 08:45:30 and deleted it at 08:55:30 on the same day, you are billed for the 600 seconds from 08:45:30 to 08:55:30.

Billing Example (Billed by Bandwidth)

Suppose that you purchased a pay-per-use Enterprise Edition VPN gateway (associated with an enterprise router; specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connection groups: 20; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) at 09:59:30 on April 18, 2025, and deleted it at 10:45:46 on the same day. Two usage periods will be billed:

- 30 seconds from 09:59:30 to 10:00:00
- 2746 seconds from 10:00:00 to 10:45:46

The price displayed in the product pricing details is per hour, so you need to divide it by 3600 to obtain the price for each second and then multiply the per-second price by the total number of seconds. VPN resources of different types are billed individually, as described in [Table 2-4](#).

Table 2-4 Billing formulas

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN gateway	Unit price of a VPN gateway x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN connection group	Unit price of a VPN connection group x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
EIP	Tiered pricing based on fixed bandwidth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 Mbit/s to 5 Mbit/s (included): billed at a fixed unit price per Mbit/s Greater than 5 Mbit/s: billed at a different price per Mbit/s 	Refer to EIP Pricing Details .
Enterprise router	Unit price of a connection x Billed duration + Unit price of traffic x Billed traffic	Refer to Enterprise Router Pricing Details .

Billing Example (Billed by Traffic)

Suppose that you purchased a pay-per-use Enterprise Edition VPN gateway (associated with an enterprise router; specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connection groups: 20) at 09:59:30 on April 18, 2025, and deleted it at 10:45:46 on the same day. Two usage periods will be billed:

- 30 seconds from 09:59:30 to 10:00:00
- 2746 seconds from 10:00:00 to 10:45:46

The price displayed in the product pricing details is per hour, so you need to divide it by 3600 to obtain the price for each second and then multiply the per-second price by the total number of seconds. VPN resources of different types are billed individually, as described in [Table 2-5](#).

Table 2-5 Billing formulas for Enterprise Edition VPN

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN gateway	Unit price of a VPN gateway x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
VPN connection group	Unit price of a VPN connection group x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
EIP	Unit price of traffic x Billed traffic	Refer to EIP Pricing Details .

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
Enterprise router	Unit price of a connection x Billed duration + Unit price of traffic x Billed traffic	Refer to Enterprise Router Pricing Details .

Price Change After Quota Change

If you change the quotas of a pay-per-use VPN gateway, the original order will become invalid and a new order will be placed. You will be billed based on the new quotas.

If you change instance quotas within a given hour, multiple records will be generated. Different bills record the billing of different quotas.

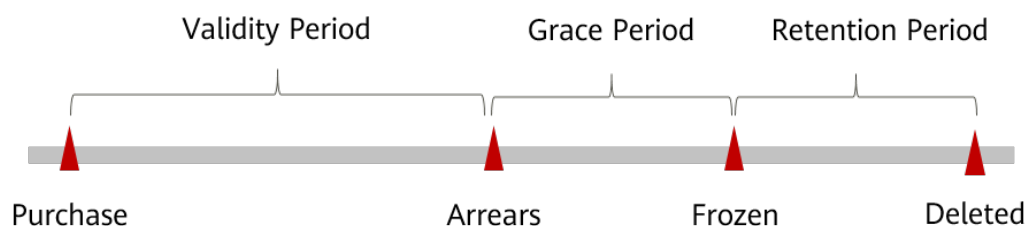
For example, if you purchased an S2C VPN gateway instance (associated with an enterprise router; specification: Professional 1; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) billed by traffic at 09:00:00, and increased the bandwidth to 30 Mbit/s (with other settings unchanged) at 09:30:00 on the same day, the following will be billed:

- Usage of the original quota (associated with an enterprise router; specification: Professional 1; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) from 09:00:00 to 09:30:00
- Usage of the new quota (associated with an enterprise router; specification: Professional 1; bandwidth: 30 Mbit/s) from 09:30:00 to 10:00:00

Impacts of Arrears

[Figure 2-2](#) shows the states that pay-per-use VPN resources can go through throughout the lifecycle. After VPN resources are purchased, they enter the validity period and run normally during this period. If your account goes into arrears, VPN resources enter a grace period and then a retention period.

Figure 2-2 Lifecycle of pay-per-use VPN resources



Arrears Reminder

The system will deduct fees for pay-per-use resources when each billing cycle ends. If your account goes into arrears, we will notify you by email, SMS, or in-app message.

Impacts of Arrears

If your account is insufficient to pay your amount due, your account goes into arrears, and the pay-per-use VPN resources enter a grace period. You are still

responsible for expenditures generated during the grace period. You can view the charges on the **Billing Center > Overview** page and pay any past due balance as needed.

If you do not bring your account balance current before the grace period expires, VPN resources turn to **Frozen** and enter a retention period. You cannot perform any operations on pay-per-use VPN resources in **Frozen** state.

If you do not bring your account balance current before the retention period ends, your resources (including the VPN gateway, VPN connections, and EIPs) will be released and the data cannot be restored.

 **NOTE**

- For details about top-up, see [Topping Up an Account](#).

2.2 Billing Items

Billing

You will be billed for the VPN gateway, VPN connection/VPN connection group, EIP, and enterprise router, as described in [Table 2-6](#).

To quickly learn about pricing of the VPN service, see [VPN Pricing Details](#).

 **NOTE**

In [Table 2-6](#), the billing items marked with asterisks (*) are mandatory.

Table 2-6 VPN billing items

Billing Item	Description	Billing Mode	Billing Formula
* VPN gateway	The unit price varies according to the specification of the gateway instance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yearly / Monthly• Pay-per-use	Unit price of a gateway x Billed duration
* VPN connection or VPN connection group	By default, 10 VPN connection groups are included free of charge with the purchase of a VPN gateway. You can purchase more VPN connection groups as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yearly / Monthly• Pay-per-use	Unit price of a connection or connection group x Billed duration

Billing Item	Description	Billing Mode	Billing Formula
EIP	You need to purchase EIPs only in public network scenarios. For details, see Billed Items of EIPs .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearly / Monthly Pay-per-use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearly/Monthly: You are charged based on the bandwidth you select. Pay-per-use (billed by bandwidth): You are charged based on the bandwidth you select. Pay-per-use (billed by traffic): You are charged based on the traffic you generate.
Enterprise router	You need to purchase an enterprise router only when you associate a VPN gateway with it. For details, see Enterprise Router Billing .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearly / Monthly Pay-per-use 	Unit price of a connection x Billed duration + Unit price of traffic x Billed traffic

Billing Example

Suppose you purchased a one-month Enterprise Edition VPN gateway (associated with an enterprise router; specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connection groups: 20; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) at 15:50:04 on March 08, 2025, and renewed the subscription for one more month before the initial subscription expired. The following usage periods will be billed:

- 15:50:04 on March 08, 2025 to 23:59:59 on April 08, 2025
- 23:59:59 on April 08, 2025 to 23:59:59 on May 08, 2025

You will be billed for both usage periods. VPN resources of different types are billed individually, as described in [Table 2-7](#).

Table 2-7 Billing formulas

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN gateway	USD/month per VPN gateway	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
VPN connection group	USD/month per 10 VPN connection groups	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
EIP	USD/month per Mbit/s	Refer to EIP Pricing Details .
Enterprise router	Enterprise router connection fee (USD/hour) + Enterprise router traffic fee (USD/GB)	Refer to Enterprise Router Pricing Details .

2.3 Billing Example

NOTICE

Unit prices in this example are used for reference only, and the prices calculated here are only estimates. As unit prices change from time to time, the prices shown here may differ from actual prices. For details, see the data released at the Huawei Cloud official website.

Billing Scenario

Assume that a user purchased a pay-per-use Enterprise Edition VPN gateway with the following configuration at 15:30:00 on March 18, 2025:

- Billing mode: pay-per-use
- Network type: public network
- Associated with a VPC
- Specification: Professional 1
- Number of VPN connection groups: 10
- HA mode: active-active
- Bandwidth of the active EIP: 20 Mbit/s
- Bandwidth of active EIP 2: 20 Mbit/s
- Public network bandwidth: billed by bandwidth

The pricing of billing items is as follows:

- Gateway: \$0.33 USD/hour per gateway
- VPN connection group: \$0.035 USD/hour per connection group
- Bandwidth fee (active EIP + active EIP 2): \$1.14 USD/hour

The user purchased one VPN connection group at 16:30:00 on March 18, 2025. After a period of time, the user found that the VPN quotas no longer met service requirements, and increased the bandwidth to 30 Mbit/s at 09:00:00 on March 20, 2025. The new bandwidth price is \$1.82 USD per hour. Since the VPN gateway was intended for long-term use, the user changed the billing mode of the VPN gateway to yearly/monthly and set the renewal duration to one month at 10:30:00 on March 20, 2025. So how much will the user be billed for this VPN gateway in March and April?

Billing Analysis

The total price of the VPN involves both pay-per-use and yearly/monthly usage:

- Pay-per-use usage: 15:30:00 on March 18, 2025 to 10:30:00 on March 20, 2025
- Yearly/Monthly usage: 10:30:00 on March 20, 2025 to 23:59:59 on April 20, 2025

Table 2-8 Price details

Billing Phase	VPN Connection Group	Billed Duration	Price Details (USD)	Total Price (USD)
Pay-per-use usage from 15:30:00 on March 18, 2025 to 10:30:00 on March 20, 2025	Within the quota	60 minutes 2025/03/18 15:30:00 to 2025/03/18 16:30:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPN gateway: $60/60 \times 0.33 \times 1 = 0.33$ • VPN connection group: $60/60 \times 0 \times 10 = 0$ • Bandwidth: $60/60 \times 1.14 = 1.14$ 	65.7
	Exceeding the quota	2430 minutes 2025/03/18 16:30:00 to 2025/03/20 09:00:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPN gateway: $2430/60 \times 0.33 \times 1 = 13.365$ • VPN connection group: $2430/60 \times 0 \times 10 + 2430/60 \times 0.035 \times 1 = 1.4175$ • Bandwidth: $2430/60 \times 1.14 = 46.17$ 	
	Exceeding the quota	90 minutes 2025/03/20 09:00:00 to 2025/03/20 10:30:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPN gateway: $90/60 \times 0.33 \times 1 = 0.495$ • VPN connection group: $90/60 \times 0 \times 10 + 90/60 \times 0.035 \times 1 = 0.0525$ • Bandwidth: $90/60 \times 1.82 = 2.73$ 	

Billing Phase	VPN Connection Group	Billed Duration	Price Details (USD)	Total Price (USD)
Yearly/ Monthly usage from 10:30:00 on March 20, 2025 to 23:59:59 on April 20, 2025	Exceeding the quota	One month 2025/03/20 10:30:00 to 2025/04/20 23:59:59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPN gateway: \$209 USD/month VPN connection group: \$82.5 USD/month (If more than 10 VPN connection groups are required, the user can purchase additional VPN connection groups as required, which are sold in units of 10.) Bandwidth: \$858.60 USD/month 	1150.1

From March to April, the total price of the VPN gateway is \$1215.8 USD (65.7 + 1150.1).

2.4 Billing Mode Changes

2.4.1 Overview

You can change the billing mode if it no longer meets your needs.

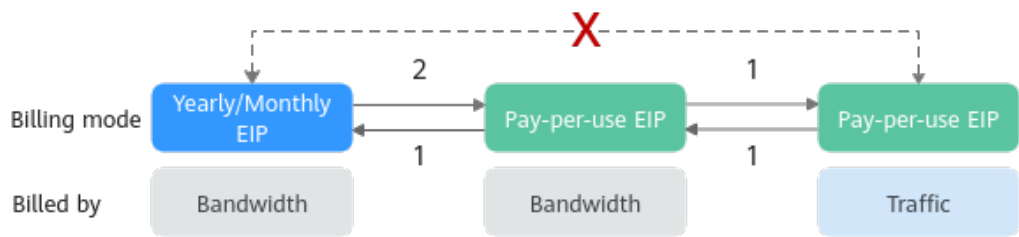
S2C Enterprise Edition VPN supports billing mode change, as described in [Table 2-9](#).

Table 2-9 Billing mode change in Enterprise Edition VPN

Billing Item	Change Scenario	Reference
VPN gateway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change the billing mode of a VPN gateway instance from pay-per-use to yearly/monthly to enjoy lower prices. Upgrade a yearly/monthly Enterprise Edition VPN gateway to support access via non-fixed IP addresses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.4.2 Changing the Billing Mode of a Pay-Per-Use VPN Gateway to Yearly/Monthly 2.4.4 Changing the Specification of a Yearly/Monthly VPN Gateway

Billing Item	Change Scenario	Reference
VPN connection group	Increase or decrease the number of VPN connection groups for a yearly/monthly Enterprise Edition VPN gateway (with the specification not being Basic).	2.4.3 Increasing or Decreasing the Connection Group Quota for a Yearly/Monthly VPN Gateway
EIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change a yearly/monthly EIP to a pay-per-use EIP billed by bandwidth. The change takes effect when the yearly/monthly subscription ends. Change a pay-per-use EIP billed by bandwidth to a yearly/monthly EIP. Change the billing mode of a pay-per-use EIP between billed by bandwidth and billed by traffic. For details, see Figure 2-3 .	Billing Mode Change Overview of EIPs



Figure 2-3 EIP billing mode change



- 1: The change takes effect immediately.
- 2: The change takes effect only after the yearly/monthly subscription expires.
- x: The billing mode change is not supported.

2.4.2 Changing the Billing Mode of a Pay-Per-Use VPN Gateway to Yearly/Monthly

Procedure

- Log in to the management console.
- Click  in the upper left corner and select the desired region and project.
- Click  in the upper left corner, and choose **Networking > Virtual Private Network**.
- In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Virtual Private Network > Enterprise – VPN Gateways**.

5. Click **S2C VPN Gateways**, locate the target pay-per-use VPN gateway, and click **Change Billing Mode**.
 - You can change the billing mode of the VPN gateway and bound EIPs to yearly/monthly simultaneously. Alternatively, you can only change the billing mode of the VPN gateway to yearly/monthly, and retain the billing mode of the bound EIPs as pay-per-use.

Only when the EIPs bound to a VPN gateway are billed by bandwidth in pay-per-use mode, you can change the billing modes of the VPN gateway and EIPs to yearly/monthly simultaneously.
 - Billing formula change

Assume that X VPN connection groups are in use before the billing mode is changed to yearly/monthly. Then, after the billing mode is changed, the billing formula changes to: Fee of the VPN gateway + Fee of $(X - 10)$ VPN connection groups.
6. In the **Change Billing Mode** dialog box, click **OK**.
7. On the **Change Subscription** page that is displayed, confirm information about the VPN gateway and configure the usage duration.
8. Click **Pay**.
9. On the payment page, confirm the order information, select a coupon or discount, and select the payment method.
10. Click **Pay**.

 **NOTE**



Changing the billing mode of a VPN gateway from pay-per-use to yearly/monthly will not affect your services.

2.4.3 Increasing or Decreasing the Connection Group Quota for a Yearly/Monthly VPN Gateway

Scenario

You can increase or decrease the number of connection groups for an Enterprise Edition VPN gateway whose specification is not Basic.

Procedure

1. Log in to the management console.
2. Click  in the upper left corner and select the desired region and project.
3. Click  in the upper left corner, and choose **Networking > Virtual Private Network**.
4. In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Virtual Private Network > Enterprise – VPN Gateways**.
5. Click **S2C VPN Gateways**, locate the target VPN gateway, and choose **More > Change VPN Connection Group Quota** in the **Operation** column.
6. On the **Change VPN Connection Group Quota** page, set a new number of VPN connection groups and click **Next**.

7. If you increase the quota, click **Pay Now** to pay the price difference. If you decrease the quota, click **OK**.



The new quota of VPN connection groups takes effect immediately, and you are billed or refunded the difference.

2.4.4 Changing the Specification of a Yearly/Monthly VPN Gateway

Scenario

If the specification of a yearly/monthly VPN gateway of the public network type is **Professional 1** or **Professional 2**, you can upgrade the specification to enable the VPN gateway to support access via non-fixed IP addresses.

Procedure

1. Log in to the management console.
2. Click  in the upper left corner and select the desired region and project.
3. Click  in the upper left corner, and choose **Networking > Virtual Private Network**.
4. In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Virtual Private Network > Enterprise - VPN Gateways**.
5. Click **S2C VPN Gateways**, locate the target VPN gateway, and choose **More > Modify Specifications** in the **Operation** column.
6. Change the gateway specification as prompted.

3 S2C Classic VPN

3.1 Billing Modes

3.1.1 Overview

VPN supports the yearly/monthly and pay-per-use billing modes. You can select one according to your requirements. To quickly learn about pricing of the VPN service in different billing modes, see [VPN Pricing Details](#).

S2C Classic VPN supports the yearly/monthly and pay-per-use billing modes.

NOTE

The billing modes available for a region are subject to those displayed on the page.

- Yearly/Monthly is a prepaid billing mode. You pay in advance for a subscription term, and in exchange, you get a discounted rate. The longer the subscription term, the bigger the discount. Yearly/Monthly billing is a good option for long-term, stable services.
- Pay-per-use is a postpaid billing mode. You pay for the amount of time you use VPN resources or for the amount of traffic you generate. This allows you to adjust resource usage easily. You neither need to prepare for resources in advance, nor end up with excess or insufficient preset resources. This billing mode is a good option for scenarios where there are traffic bursts.

[Table 3-1](#) lists the differences between the two billing modes.

Table 3-1 Billing modes of S2C Classic VPN

Billing Mode	Pay-per-use (billed by bandwidth)	Pay-per-use (billed by traffic)
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Payment	Postpaid Billed based on your specified EIP bandwidth and usage duration (there is no limit on how much traffic you can use.)	Postpaid Billed based on your specified EIP type and your total amount of traffic leaving the cloud
Billing Cycle	Billed by the second and settled every hour	Billed by the second and settled every hour
Billing Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPN connection: You need to pay for VPN connections in a selected period of time. You can purchase connections (sold in units of 1) as required. • Bandwidth: You are charged for the outbound bandwidth, that is, bandwidth for traffic sent from a VPC on the cloud to a customer gateway in your on-premises data center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If the purchased bandwidth is 10 Mbit/s or less, the inbound bandwidth is limited to 10 Mbit/s. – If the purchased bandwidth is greater than 10 Mbit/s, the inbound bandwidth is the same as the purchased bandwidth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPN connection: You need to pay for VPN connections in a selected period of time. You can purchase connection groups (sold in units of 1) as required. • Traffic: You are charged for the traffic generated in every hour, with the billing unit being 1 GB. If less than 1 GB is generated, the fee is calculated based on the actually generated traffic volume. Adjusting the bandwidth does not change the traffic price per GB. Only traffic leaving the cloud is billed.
Changing the Billing Mode	The billing mode cannot be changed.	
Changing the Quotas	The public network bandwidth can be increased or decreased.	The public network bandwidth can be increased or decreased. NOTE The bandwidth is used only for rate limiting, so the bandwidth setting does not affect the fee incurred.
Application Scenarios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended for scenarios with heavy or stable traffic • Fluctuating demand for resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended for scenarios with light or sharply fluctuating traffic • Fluctuating demand for resources

3.1.2 Pay-per-Use Billing

Pay-per-use billing means you pay nothing up front and are not tied into any contract or commitment. This section describes the billing rules for pay-per-use VPN resources.

Application Scenarios

Pay-per-use billing is good for short-term, bursty, or unpredictable services that cannot tolerate any interruptions, such as applications for e-commerce flash sales, temporary testing, and scientific computing.

S2C Classic VPN supports the pay-per-use billing mode.

NOTE

The billing modes available for a region are subject to those displayed on the page.

Billing Items

Pay-per-use VPN can be billed by bandwidth or traffic. The billing items vary according to the billing mode, as described in [Table 3-2](#).

Table 3-2 Billing items of S2C Classic VPN

Billing Mode	Billing Item	Description
Pay-per-use (billed by bandwidth)	Fee of a VPN gateway instance = VPN connection fee + Bandwidth fee	By default, 10 VPN connections are free of charge for a VPN gateway. You can purchase more VPN connections as required.
Pay-per-use (billed by traffic)	Fee of a VPN gateway instance = VPN connection fee + Traffic fee	By default, 10 VPN connections are free of charge for a VPN gateway. You can purchase more VPN connections as required.

Billing Cycle

Pay-per-use VPN resources are billed by the second. Bills are settled hourly on the hour (UTC+08:00). After the settlement is complete, a new billing cycle starts. The billing starts when the gateway instance is launched and ends when the instance is deleted.

Billing Example (Billed by Bandwidth)

NOTE

Classic VPN (billed by bandwidth) does not support association with an enterprise router, and is billed based on the number of connections instead of the number of connection groups.

Suppose that you purchased a pay-per-use Classic VPN gateway (specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connections: 20; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) at 09:59:30 on April 18, 2024, and deleted it at 10:45:46 on the same day. Two usage periods will be billed:

- 30 seconds from 09:59:30 to 10:00:00
- 2746 seconds from 10:00:00 to 10:45:46

The price displayed in the product pricing details is per hour, so you need to divide it by 3600 to obtain the price for each second and then multiply the per-second price by the total number of seconds. VPN resources of different types are billed individually, as described in [Table 3-3](#).

Table 3-3 Billing formulas

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN gateway	Unit price of a VPN gateway x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
VPN connection	Unit price of a VPN connection x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .

Billing Example (Billed by Traffic)

NOTE

Classic VPN (billed by traffic) does not support association with an enterprise router, and is billed based on the number of connections instead of the number of connection groups.

Suppose that you purchased a pay-per-use S2C Classic VPN gateway (specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connections: 20) at 09:59:30 on April 18, 2024, and deleted it at 10:45:46 on the same day. Two usage periods will be billed:

- 30 seconds from 09:59:30 to 10:00:00
- 2746 seconds from 10:00:00 to 10:45:46

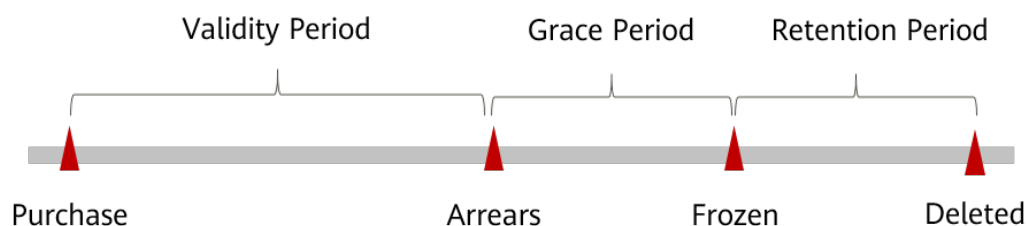
The price displayed in the product pricing details is per hour, so you need to divide it by 3600 to obtain the price for each second and then multiply the per-second price by the total number of seconds. VPN resources of different types are billed individually, as described in [Table 3-4](#).

Table 3-4 Billing formulas

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN gateway	Unit price of a VPN gateway x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
VPN connection	Unit price of a VPN connection x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .

Impacts of Arrears

Figure 3-1 shows the states that pay-per-use VPN resources can go through throughout the lifecycle. After VPN resources are purchased, they enter the validity period and run normally during this period. If your account goes into arrears, VPN resources enter a grace period and then a retention period.

Figure 3-1 Lifecycle of pay-per-use VPN resources

Arrears Reminder

The system will deduct fees for pay-per-use resources when each billing cycle ends. If your account goes into arrears, we will notify you by email, SMS, or in-app message.

Impacts of Arrears

If your account is insufficient to pay your amount due, your account goes into arrears, and the pay-per-use VPN resources enter a grace period. You are still responsible for expenditures generated during the grace period. You can view the charges on the **Billing Center > Overview** page and pay any past due balance as needed.

If you do not bring your account balance current before the grace period expires, VPN resources turn to **Frozen** and enter a retention period. You cannot perform any operations on pay-per-use VPN resources in **Frozen** state.

If you do not bring your account balance current before the retention period ends, your resources (including the VPN gateway, VPN connections, and EIPs) will be released and the data cannot be restored.

 NOTE

- For details about top-up, see [Topping Up an Account](#).

3.2 Billing Items

Billing

You will be billed for the VPN gateway and VPN connection, as described in [Table 3-5](#).

To quickly learn about pricing of the VPN service, see [VPN Pricing Details](#).

 NOTE

In [Table 3-5](#), the billing items marked with asterisks (*) are mandatory.

Table 3-5 Billing items of S2C Classic VPN

Billing Item	Description	Billing Mode	Billing Formula
* VPN connection	By default, 10 VPN connections are free of charge for a VPN gateway. You can purchase more VPN connections as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pay-per-use	Unit price of a connection x Billed duration

4 P2C VPN

4.1 Billing Modes

4.1.1 Overview

P2C VPN supports the yearly/monthly and pay-per-use billing modes.

- Yearly/Monthly is a prepaid billing mode. You pay in advance for a subscription term, and in exchange, you get a discounted rate. The longer the subscription term, the bigger the discount. Yearly/Monthly billing is a good option for long-term, stable services.
- Pay-per-use is a postpaid billing mode. You pay for the amount of time you use VPN resources or for the amount of traffic you generate. This allows you to adjust resource usage easily. You neither need to prepare for resources in advance, nor end up with excess or insufficient preset resources. This billing mode is a good option for scenarios where there are traffic bursts.

Table 4-1 P2C VPN billing modes

Billing Mode	Yearly/Monthly	Pay-per-use (billed by bandwidth)	Pay-per-use (billed by traffic)
Payment	Prepaid Settled by the subscription term you purchase	Postpaid Billed based on your specified EIP bandwidth and usage duration (there is no limit on how much traffic you can use.)	Postpaid Billed based on your specified EIP type and your total amount of traffic leaving the cloud

Billing Cycle	Billed by the subscription term you purchase	Billed by the second and settled every hour	Billed by the second and settled every hour
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Billing Item			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPN gateway: Currently, only the specification Professional 1 is supported. The maximum throughput is 300 Mbit/s, and 10 VPN connections are free of charge with the purchase of a VPN gateway by default. You can purchase more VPN connections as required. VPN connection: You are billed at tiered pricing based on the number of VPN connections: 1–10, 11–50, 51–100, and 101–500. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPN gateway: You are charged for using gateway instances in the period of time you use them. VPN connection: You can purchase connections (sold in units of 1) as required. EIP bandwidth : refers to the outbound bandwidth for traffic sent from a VPC on the cloud to a customer gateway in an on-premises data center. You need to purchase EIP bandwidth only when the network type is public network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPN gateway: You are charged for using gateway instances in the period of time you use them. VPN connection: You can purchase connections (sold in units of 1) as required. EIP traffic: You are charged for the traffic generated in every hour, with the billing unit being 1 GB. If less than 1 GB is generated, the fee is calculated based on the actually generated traffic volume. Adjusting the bandwidth does not change the public network traffic price per GB. Only traffic leaving the cloud is billed. Traffic entering the cloud is not billed.

Changing the Billing Mode	The billing mode cannot be changed.		
Changing the Quotas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIP bandwidth can be increased or decreased. The number of VPN connections can be increased or decreased. The specification of a VPN gateway cannot be changed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIP bandwidth can be increased or decreased. The number of VPN connections cannot be increased or decreased. 	<p>The EIP bandwidth can be increased or decreased.</p> <p>NOTE The bandwidth is used only for rate limiting, so the bandwidth setting does not affect the fee incurred.</p>
Application Scenarios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for scenarios with predictable usage period Long-term use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for scenarios with heavy or stable traffic Fluctuating demand for resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for scenarios with light or sharply fluctuating traffic Fluctuating demand for resources

4.1.2 Yearly/Monthly Billing

If you expect to use resources for a long period, you can save money by selecting yearly/monthly billing. This section describes the billing rules for yearly/monthly VPN resources.

Application Scenarios

If you want to ensure resource stability over a certain period of time, yearly/monthly billing is a good choice for the following types of workloads:

- Long-term workloads with stable resource requirements, such as official websites, online malls, and blog websites
- Long-term projects, such as scientific research projects and large-scale events
- Workloads with predictable traffic bursts, for example, e-commerce promotions or festivals
- Workloads with high data security requirements

Billing Items

Yearly/Monthly VPN is billed based on your purchased duration, bandwidth, and number of VPN connections.

Billing Cycle

Yearly/Monthly VPN is billed for the purchased duration (UTC+08:00). The billing starts when you activate or renew the subscription (accurate to the second), and ends at 23:59:59 of the expiry date.

For example, if you purchased a one-month P2C VPN gateway at 15:50:04 on March 08, 2025, the billing cycle is from 15:50:04 on March 08, 2025 to 23:59:59 on April 08, 2025.

Billing Example (P2C VPN)

Suppose you purchased a one-month P2C VPN gateway (specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connections: 20; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) at 15:50:04 on May 08, 2025, and renewed the subscription for one more month before the initial subscription expired. The following billing cycles are involved:

- 15:50:04 on May 08, 2025 to 23:59:59 on June 08, 2025
- 23:59:59 on June 08, 2025 to 23:59:59 on July 08, 2025

You need to pay for each billing cycle. VPN resources of different types are billed individually, as described in [Table 4-2](#).

Table 4-2 Billing formulas

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN gateway	USD/month per VPN gateway	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
VPN connection	USD/month per VPN connection	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .

Price Change After Quota Change

If the quotas of yearly/monthly VPN resources no longer meet your needs, you can change the quotas on the management console. The system will recalculate the price and either bill or refund you the difference.

NOTE

In yearly/monthly billing mode, the number of P2C VPN connections can be changed.

- Increasing the quota
The VPN connection quota can be increased. The new quota is available immediately and you will be billed accordingly.
- Decreasing the quota

If you decrease the VPN connection quota, you need to set a renewal period and pay for the renewal. The new quota will be available in the new renewal period.

The following provides a quota increase example where no discounts are available. Suppose you purchased a one-month P2C VPN gateway (specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connections: 20; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) on April 08, 2025, and increased the quotas to 30 VPN connections and 30 Mbit/s bandwidth on April 18, 2025 (with other settings unchanged). The price of the original quotas is \$826 USD per month, and that of the new quotas is \$1232 USD per month. The price difference is calculated as follows:

Price difference for the quota increase = (Price of the new quotas x Remaining service period) - (Price of the original quotas x Remaining service period)

The remaining service period is the sum of the remaining days in each calendar month divided by the maximum number of days in the corresponding calendar month. In this example:

Remaining service period = 12 (Remaining days in April)/30 (Maximum number of days in April) + 8 (Remaining days in May)/31 (Maximum number of days in May) = 0.6581

So,

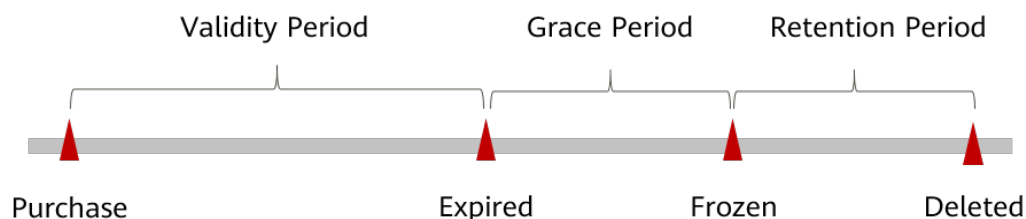
Price difference = (\$1232 USD x 0.6581) - (\$826 USD x 0.6581) = \$267.19 USD

For more information, see [Pricing of a Changed Specification](#).

Impact of Expiration

Figure 4-1 shows the states that yearly/monthly VPN resources can go through throughout the lifecycle. After VPN resources are purchased, they enter the validity period and run normally during this period. If the VPN resources are not renewed before they expire, they first enter a grace period and then a retention period.

Figure 4-1 Lifecycle of yearly/monthly VPN resources



Expiration Reminder

The system will send you reminders by email, SMS, or in-app message before yearly/monthly VPN resources expire to remind you to renew the subscription.

- For yearly resources, reminders are sent 30 days, 15 days, 7 days, 3 days, and 1 day before they expire.
- For monthly resources, reminders are sent 15 days, 7 days, 3 days, and 1 day before they expire.

Impact of Expiration

If your yearly/monthly VPN resources are not renewed before they expire, they will transition to the **Expired** state and enter a grace period upon expiration. During the grace period, you can access VPN resources but cannot:

- Change the number of VPN connections.
- Change the bandwidth.

If yearly/monthly VPN resources are not renewed before the grace period ends, they will transition to the **Frozen** state and enter a retention period. During the retention period, you cannot perform any operations on the VPN resources.

If yearly/monthly VPN resources are not renewed before the retention period ends, the VPN gateway, VPN connection, and EIP will be released and data cannot be restored.

NOTE

- For details about renewal, see [Renewal Overview](#).

4.1.3 Pay-per-Use Billing

Pay-per-use billing means you pay nothing up front and are not tied into any contract or commitment. The billing modes available for a region are subject to those displayed on the page. This section describes the billing rules for pay-per-use VPN resources.

Application Scenarios

Pay-per-use billing is good for short-term, bursty, or unpredictable services that cannot tolerate any interruptions, such as applications for e-commerce flash sales, temporary testing, and scientific computing.

Billing Items

Pay-per-use VPN can be billed by bandwidth or traffic. The billing items vary according to the billing mode, as described in [Table 4-3](#).

Table 4-3 Billing items of P2C Enterprise Edition VPN

Billing Mode	Billing Item	Description
Pay-per-use (billed by bandwidth)	Fee of a VPN gateway instance = VPN gateway fee + VPN connection fee + EIP bandwidth fee	By default, 10 VPN connections are included free of charge with the purchase of a VPN gateway. You can purchase more VPN connections as required.

Billing Mode	Billing Item	Description
Pay-per-use (billed by traffic)	Fee of a VPN gateway instance = VPN gateway fee + VPN connection fee + EIP traffic fee	By default, 10 VPN connections are included free of charge with the purchase of a VPN gateway. You can purchase more VPN connections as required.

Billing Cycle

Pay-per-use VPN resources are billed by the second. Bills are settled hourly on the hour (UTC+08:00). After the settlement is complete, a new billing cycle starts. The billing starts when the gateway instance is launched and ends when the instance is deleted.

For example, if you purchased a pay-per-use P2C VPN gateway at 08:45:30 and deleted it at 08:55:30 on the same day, you are billed for the 600 seconds from 08:45:30 to 08:55:30.

Billing Example (Billed by Bandwidth)

Suppose that you purchased a pay-per-use P2C VPN gateway (specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connections: 20; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) at 09:59:30 on April 18, 2025, and deleted it at 10:45:46 on the same day. The following usage periods were billed:

- 30 seconds from 09:59:30 to 10:00:00
- 2746 seconds from 10:00:00 to 10:45:46

The price displayed in the product pricing details is per hour, so you need to divide it by 3600 to obtain the price for each second and then multiply the per-second price by the total number of seconds. VPN resources of different types are billed individually, as described in [Table 4-4](#).

Table 4-4 Billing formulas

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN gateway	Unit price of a VPN gateway x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
VPN connection	Unit price of a VPN connection x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
EIP	Tiered pricing based on fixed bandwidth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 Mbit/s to 5 Mbit/s (included): billed at a fixed unit price per Mbit/s Greater than 5 Mbit/s: billed at a different price per Mbit/s 	Refer to EIP Pricing Details .

Billing Example (Billed by Traffic)

Suppose that you purchased a pay-per-use P2C VPN gateway (specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connections: 20) at 09:59:30 on April 18, 2025, and deleted it at 10:45:46 on the same day. The following usage periods were billed:

- 30 seconds from 09:59:30 to 10:00:00
- 2746 seconds from 10:00:00 to 10:45:46

The price displayed in the product pricing details is per hour, so you need to divide it by 3600 to obtain the price for each second and then multiply the per-second price by the total number of seconds. VPN resources of different types are billed individually, as described in [Table 4-5](#).

Table 4-5 Billing formulas for Enterprise Edition VPN

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN gateway	Unit price of a VPN gateway x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
VPN connection	Unit price of a VPN connection x Billed duration	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
EIP	Unit price of traffic x Billed traffic	Refer to EIP Pricing Details .

Price Change After Quota Change

If you change the quotas of a pay-per-use VPN gateway, the original order will become invalid and a new order will be placed. You will be billed based on the new quotas.

If you change instance quotas within a given hour, multiple records will be generated. Different bills record the billing of different quotas.

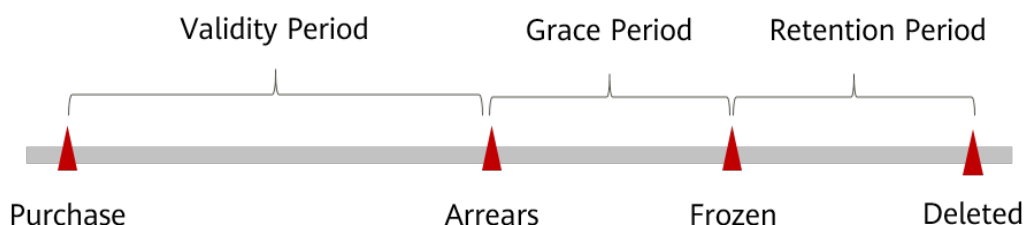
For example, if you purchased a P2C VPN gateway instance (specification: Professional 1; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) billed by traffic at 09:00:00, and increased the bandwidth to 30 Mbit/s (with other settings unchanged) at 09:30:00 on the same day, the following will be billed:

- Usage of the original quota (specification: Professional 1; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) from 09:00:00 to 09:30:00
- Usage of the new quota (specification: Professional 1; bandwidth: 30 Mbit/s) from 09:30:00 to 10:00:00

Impacts of Arrears

Figure 4-2 shows the states that pay-per-use VPN resources can go through throughout the lifecycle. After VPN resources are purchased, they enter the validity period and run normally during this period. If your account goes into arrears, VPN resources enter a grace period and then a retention period.

Figure 4-2 Lifecycle of pay-per-use VPN resources



Arrears Reminder

The system will deduct fees for pay-per-use resources when each billing cycle ends. If your account goes into arrears, we will notify you by email, SMS, or in-app message.

Impacts of Arrears

If your account is insufficient to pay your amount due, your account goes into arrears, and the pay-per-use VPN resources enter a grace period. You are still responsible for expenditures generated during the grace period. You can view the charges on the **Billing Center** > **Overview** page and pay any past due balance as needed.

If you do not bring your account balance current before the grace period expires, VPN resources turn to **Frozen** and enter a retention period. You cannot perform any operations on pay-per-use VPN resources in **Frozen** state.

If you do not bring your account balance current before the retention period ends, your resources (including the VPN gateway, VPN connections, and EIPs) will be released and the data cannot be restored.

NOTE

- For details about top-up, see [Topping Up an Account](#).

4.2 Billing Items

Billing

You will be billed for the VPN gateway and VPN connection, as described in [Table 4-6](#).

To quickly learn about pricing of the VPN service, see [VPN Pricing Details](#).

 **NOTE**

In [Table 4-6](#), the billing items marked with asterisks (*) are mandatory.

Table 4-6 P2C VPN billing items

Billing Item	Description	Billing Mode	Billing Formula
* VPN gateway	The unit price varies according to the specification of the gateway instance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearly / Monthly Pay-per-use 	Unit price of a gateway x Billed duration
* VPN connection	By default, 10 VPN connections are free of charge with the purchase of a VPN gateway. You can purchase more VPN connections as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearly / Monthly Pay-per-use 	Unit price of a connection x Billed duration
EIP	For details, see Billing Items of EIP .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearly / Monthly Pay-per-use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearly/Monthly: You are charged based on the bandwidth you select. Pay-per-use (billed by bandwidth): You are charged based on the bandwidth you select. Pay-per-use (billed by traffic): You are charged based on the traffic you generate.

Billing Example

Suppose you purchased a one-month P2C VPN gateway (specification: Professional 1; number of VPN connections: 20; bandwidth: 20 Mbit/s) at 15:50:04 on August 08, 2025, and renewed the subscription for one more month before the initial subscription expired. The following billing cycles are involved:

- 15:50:04 on August 08, 2025 to 23:59:59 on September 08, 2025
- 23:59:59 on September 08, 2025 to 23:59:59 on October 08, 2025

You need to pay for each billing cycle. VPN resources of different types are billed individually, as described in [Table 4-7](#).

Table 4-7 Billing formulas

Resource	Billing Formula	Unit Price
VPN gateway	USD/month per VPN gateway	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .
VPN connection	USD/month per VPN connection	Refer to VPN Pricing Details .

5 Renewal

5.1 Overview

When to Renew Subscriptions

If a yearly/monthly VPN gateway is about to expire and you want to continue using it, you need to renew the VPN gateway subscription within a specified period; otherwise, VPN resources will be automatically released, and data will be lost and cannot be restored.

Only yearly/monthly VPN gateway subscriptions can be renewed. If you use pay-per-use VPN gateways, just ensure that your account has a valid payment method configured or a top-up account with a sufficient balance.

If you renew a VPN gateway before it expires, resources will be retained and you can continue using VPN resources. For details about the states of VPN resources after they expire and the associated impacts, see [Impact of Expiration](#).

How to Renew Subscriptions

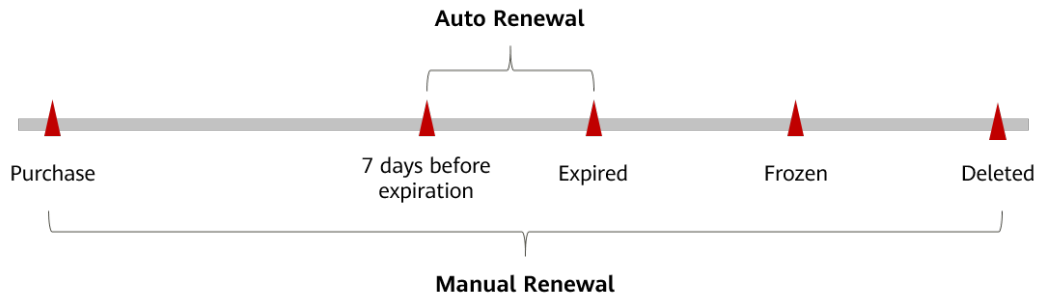
You can renew a yearly/monthly VPN gateway manually or automatically, as described in [Table 5-1](#).

Table 5-1 Renewing a yearly/monthly VPN gateway

Method	Description
5.2 Manually Renewing a Subscription	You can renew a yearly/monthly VPN gateway on the management console anytime before it is automatically deleted.
5.3 Auto-renewing a Subscription	You can enable auto-renewal to automatically renew a VPN gateway before it expires. This prevents resources from being deleted in case you forget to renew a subscription.

You can select a method to renew a yearly/monthly VPN gateway based on the phase the VPN gateway is currently in, as shown in [Figure 5-1](#).

Figure 5-1 Selecting a renewal method based on the VPN gateway's current phase





- A VPN gateway is in **Normal** state after it is provisioned.
- When a VPN gateway subscription expires, the resource status changes from **Normal** to **Expired**.
- If a VPN gateway is not renewed before it expires, it enters a grace period. If it is not renewed before the grace period ends, the VPN gateway is frozen and enters a retention period.
- If the subscription is not renewed before the retention period ends, resources are automatically deleted.

You can enable auto-renewal anytime before a VPN gateway expires. By default, the system will make the first attempt to charge your account for the renewal at 03:00, seven days before the expiry date. If this attempt fails, it will make another attempt at 03:00 every day until the subscription is renewed or expires. You can change the auto-payment date for renewal as required.

5.2 Manually Renewing a Subscription

Renewing a Subscription on the Console

- Step 1** Log in to the management console.
- Step 2** Click  in the upper left corner and select the desired region and project.
- Step 3** Click  in the upper left corner, and choose **Networking > Virtual Private Network**.
- Step 4** In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Virtual Private Network > Enterprise – VPN Gateways**.
- Step 5** Locate the target VPN gateway, and click **Renew** in the **Operation** column.
- Step 6** Select a renewal duration, and optionally select **Renew on the standard renewal date**. For details, see [Setting the Same Renewal Day for Yearly/Monthly Resources](#). Confirm the price and click **Pay**.

Step 7 Select a payment method and make your payment. Once the order is paid, the renewal is complete.

----End

Renewing a Subscription in the Billing Center

Step 1 Choose **Billing > Renewal**.

Step 2 Set search criteria.

On the **Manual Renewals**, **Auto Renewals**, **Pay-per-Use After Expiration**, and **Renewals Canceled** tab pages, you can view the resources to be renewed.

You can move all resources that need to be manually renewed to the **Manual Renewals** tab page. For details, see [Enabling Manual Renewal](#).

Step 3 Manually renew resources.

- Individual renewal: Click **Renew** in the **Operation** column of the desired resource.
- Batch renewal: Check the boxes for the desired resources, and click **Batch Renew** above the list.

Step 4 Select a renewal duration, and optionally select **Renew on the standard renewal date**. For details, see [Setting the Same Renewal Day for Yearly/Monthly Resources](#). Confirm the price and click **Pay**.

Step 5 Select a payment method and make your payment. Once the order is paid, the renewal is complete.

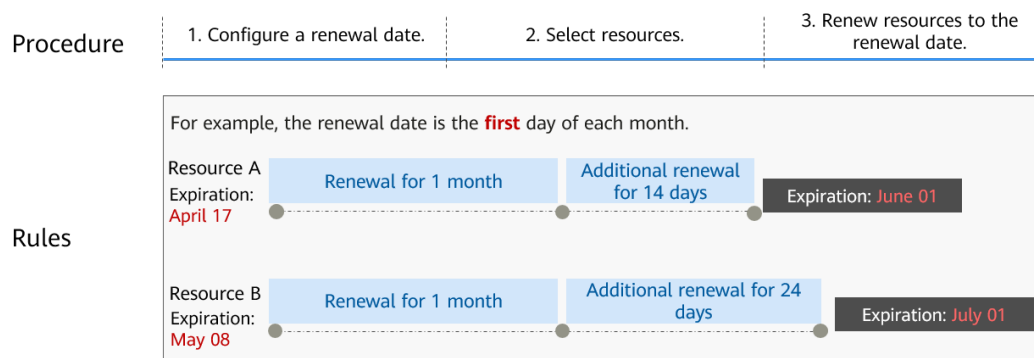
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Setting the Same Renewal Day for Yearly/Monthly Resources

If multiple VPN gateways have different expiry dates or a VPN gateway and bound EIPs have different expiry dates, you can set the same renewal day for them, for example, the first day of each month, which makes it easier to manage renewals.

In [Figure 5-2](#), a user sets the same renewal day for two resources that will expire on different dates.

Figure 5-2 Setting the same renewal day for resources with different expiry dates



For details, see [Setting a Renewal Date](#).

5.3 Auto-renewing a Subscription

Auto-renewal can prevent VPN gateways from being automatically deleted if you forget to manually renew them. The auto-renewal rules are as follows:

- The first auto-renewal date is based on the VPN gateway expiry date and the billing cycle.
- The auto-renewal period of a VPN gateway varies according to how you enable auto-renewal.
- You can enable auto-renewal anytime before a VPN gateway expires. By default, the system will make the first attempt to charge your account for the renewal at 03:00, seven days before the expiry date. If this attempt fails, it will make another attempt at 03:00 every day until the subscription is renewed or expires.
- After auto-renewal is enabled, you can still renew VPN gateways manually if you want to. After a manual renewal is complete, auto-renewal is still valid, and the renewal fee will be deducted from your account seven days before the new expiry date.
- By default, the renewal fee is deducted from your account seven days before the new expiry date. You can change this auto-renewal payment date as required.

For more information about auto-renewal rules, see [Auto-Renewal Rules](#).

Prerequisites

A yearly/monthly VPN gateway has not yet expired.

Enabling Auto-renewal During Purchase

You can enable auto-renewal on the VPN gateway purchase page, as shown in [Figure 5-3](#).

Figure 5-3 Enabling auto-renewal



If you enable auto-renewal when purchasing a VPN gateway, the auto-renewal periods are as follows:

- Monthly billing: Your subscription will be renewed on a monthly basis.
- Yearly billing: Your subscription will be renewed on a yearly basis.

Enabling Auto-renewal on the Renewals Page

Step 1 Choose **Billing > Renewal**.

Step 2 Set search criteria.

- You can view the resources for which auto-renewal has been enabled on the **Auto Renewals** tab page.
- You can enable auto-renewal for resources on the **Manual Renewals**, **Pay-per-Use After Expiration**, and **Renewals Canceled** tab pages.

Step 3 Enable auto-renewal for yearly/monthly resources.

- Enabling auto-renewal for a single resource: Select a VPN gateway for which you want to enable auto-renewal, and click **Enable Auto-Renewal** in the **Operation** column.
- Enabling auto-renewal for multiple resources at a time: Select the VPN gateways for which you want to enable auto-renewal, and click **Enable Auto-Renewal** above the list.

Step 4 Select a renewal period, specify the number of auto-renewals, and click **Pay**.

When auto-renewal is enabled on the **Renewals** page, the auto-renewal period is subject to the selected renewal period and the number of auto-renewals. For example, if you set the renewal period to three months and do not set the number of auto-renewals, your subscription is automatically renewed for three months before each expiration.

----End

6 Bills

You can view the resource usage and bills in different billing cycles on the **Billing** page in the Billing Center.


Bill Generation

The usage of pay-per-use resources is reported to the billing system at a fixed interval. A pay-per-use resource is settled by hour, day, or month, depending on the resource's usage type. For details, see [Bill Run for Pay-per-Use Resources](#). Pay-per-use VPN resources are settled by hour.

You are not charged immediately after a record is generated. For example, if pay-per-use VPN resources (settled by hour) are deleted at 08:30, you will still have expenditures for the 08:00 to 09:00 hour. However, you will not likely be billed for the 08:00 to 09:00 hour until about 10:00. On the **Billing > Transactions and Detailed Bills > Transaction Bills** page in the Billing Center, **Expenditure Time** in each bill indicates the time when pay-per-use resources are used.

Viewing Bills of a Specific Resource


[Example 1: Use an instance ID to search for a bill. The instance ID is the same as the resource ID in the bill.]

- Step 1** Log in to the management console, and choose **Networking > Virtual Private Network**.
- Step 2** In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Virtual Private Network > Enterprise – VPN Gateways**.
- Step 3** Click a gateway name, and copy the resource ID specified by **ID** in the **Basic Information** area.
- Step 4** Choose **Billing > Billing > Transactions and Detailed Bills**.
- Step 5** Click **Bill Details**, select **Resource ID** as a filter criterion, enter the resource ID obtained in [Step 3](#), and click  to search for the bills of the specified resource.

By default, bill details are displayed by usage and billing cycle. You can choose other display options as required. For details, see [Bills](#).

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[Example 2: Use a resource name to search for a bill.]

- Step 1** Log in to the management console, and choose **Networking > Virtual Private Network**.
- Step 2** In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Virtual Private Network > Enterprise – VPN Gateways**.
- Step 3** Click a gateway name, and copy the resource name specified by **Name** in the **Basic Information** area.
- Step 4** Choose **Billing > Billing > Transactions and Detailed Bills**.
- Step 5** Select **Resource Name** as a filter criterion, enter the resource name obtained in [Step 3](#), and click .

For details, see [Bills](#).

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7 Arrears

If there is not a sufficient account balance to pay for your bill and there is no other payment method configured, your account will go into arrears. If you want to continue using VPN resources, top up your account in a timely manner.

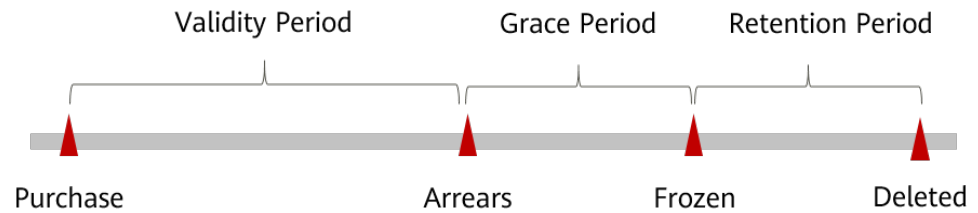
Reason of Arrears

Your account balance is insufficient to pay for the used resources on a pay-per-use basis.

Impacts of Arrears

- Yearly/Monthly
This is a pre-paid billing mode, so you can continue using yearly/monthly VPN resources even if your account is in arrears. However, you cannot perform operations such as modifying the EIP bandwidth, changing the number of VPN connection groups, or renewing subscriptions, because these operations will generate new expenditures.
- Pay-per-use
If your account is insufficient to pay your amount due, your account goes into arrears, and the pay-per-use VPN resources enter a grace period. You are still responsible for expenditures generated during the grace period. You can view the charges on the **Billing Center > Overview** page and pay any past due balance as needed.
If you do not bring your account balance current before the grace period expires, VPN resources turn to **Frozen** and enter a retention period. You cannot perform any operations on pay-per-use VPN resources in **Frozen** state.
If you do not bring your account balance current before the retention period ends, your resources (including the VPN gateway, VPN connections, and EIPs) will be released and the data cannot be restored.

Figure 7-1 Lifecycle of pay-per-use VPN resources



Avoiding and Handling Arrears

Top up your account in a timely manner if your account is in arrears. For details, see [Topping Up an Account \(Prepaid Direct Customers\)](#).

If a VPN gateway or VPN connection is no longer used, you can delete it to avoid generating further expenditures.

To help make sure your account never falls into arrears, you can enable **Balance Alert** on the **Overview** page of the Billing Center. With this function, once an expenditure quota falls below the threshold you specify, the system will automatically notify you by SMS or email.

If your account is in arrears, address the issue in a timely manner.

8 Billing Termination

Yearly/Monthly Resources

When you purchase yearly/monthly VPN resources, you make a one-time up-front payment. By default, the billing automatically stops when the subscription expires.

- If you no longer need resources and the subscription has not yet expired, you can unsubscribe from the resources. Depending on what coupons were used for the purchase, the system may issue you a refund.
- If you have enabled auto-renewal but no longer need to automatically renew the subscription, disable auto-renewal before the auto-renewal date (7 days before the expiry date by default) to avoid unexpected expenditures.

Pay-Per-Use Resources


If pay-per-use VPN resources are no longer used, delete them in a timely manner to stop billing. After VPN connections are deleted, you will still be charged for using the corresponding VPN gateway. As such, you also need to delete the VPN gateway to avoid incurring fees.

Searching for Resources from Bills and Stopping Billing


To delete all unnecessary resources, you can search the billing records by resource ID, and then delete the resources you identify in this way. The detailed operations are as follows.

[Example 1: Use a resource ID in a bill to search for a resource.]

Step 1 Choose **Billing > Billing > Transactions and Detailed Bills**.


Step 2 Click **Bill Details**, and click  shown in the following figure to copy the resource ID.

Step 3 Log in to the management console.

Step 4 Click  in the upper left corner and select the desired region and project.

Step 5 Choose **Networking > Virtual Private Network**.

Step 6 In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Virtual Private Network > Enterprise – VPN Gateways**.




- Step 7** On the **S2C VPN Gateways** tab page, select **ID** as the filter criterion, enter the ID obtained in [Step 2](#), and click the  icon to search for the resource.
- Step 8** Choose **More > Delete** or **More > Unsubscribe** in the **Operation** column to delete or unsubscribe from the VPN gateway. The VPN gateway then is no longer displayed in the list.

 **NOTE**

You are charged one hour after the resource usage is calculated, so a bill may still be generated after a pay-per-use resource is deleted. For example, if you delete a pay-per-use VPN resource at 08:30, the fees incurred between 08:00 and 09:00 are usually deducted at about 10:00.

----End

[Example 2: Use a resource name in a bill to search for a resource.]

- Step 1** Choose **Billing > Billing > Transactions and Detailed Bills**.
- Step 2** Click **Bill Details**, and click  shown in the following figure to copy the resource name.
- Step 3** Log in to the management console.
- Step 4** Click  in the upper left corner and select the desired region and project.
- Step 5** Choose **Networking > Virtual Private Network**.
- Step 6** In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Virtual Private Network > Enterprise - VPN Gateways**.
- Step 7** On the **S2C VPN Gateways** tab page, select **Name** as the filter criterion, enter the name obtained in [Step 2](#), and click the  icon to search for the resource.
- Step 8** Choose **More > Delete** or **More > Unsubscribe** in the **Operation** column to delete or unsubscribe from the VPN gateway. The VPN gateway then is no longer displayed in the list.

 **NOTE**

You are charged one hour after the resource usage is calculated, so a bill may still be generated after a pay-per-use resource is deleted. For example, if you delete a pay-per-use VPN resource at 08:30, the fees incurred between 08:00 and 09:00 are usually deducted at about 10:00.

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9 Billing FAQs

9.1 S2C Enterprise Edition VPN

9.1.1 How Will I Be Charged for My Use of a VPN? Will I Be Charged for VPN Gateway EIPs?

VPNs are billed by the following items on a yearly/monthly or pay-per-use basis.

- VPN gateway
- VPN connection

By default, 10 VPN connection groups are included free of charge with the purchase of a VPN gateway. You can purchase additional VPN connections if required.

- EIP bandwidth of a VPN gateway

The VPN gateway bandwidth can be billed by traffic or bandwidth.

- a. A yearly/monthly VPN gateway can only be billed by bandwidth. The price of a yearly/monthly VPN gateway includes the price of the VPN connections that can be created for the gateway and the bandwidth price.
- b. The billing cycle of the pay-per-use billing mode is 1 hour. When you create a pay-per-use VPN gateway, the system prompts you to create VPN connections. By default, 10 VPN connection groups are included free of charge with the purchase of a VPN gateway. If more connection groups are required, you need to purchase them.

NOTE

A VPN gateway cannot share a bandwidth with an EIP bound to an ECS.

9.1.2 What Are the Differences Between Billing the VPN Gateway EIP Bandwidth by Bandwidth and by Traffic?

The VPN gateway EIP bandwidth can be billed by bandwidth or by traffic.

The differences are as follows:

- Billed by bandwidth: The billing cycle is 1 hour. The generated fee depends on the bandwidth.
- Billed by traffic: The fee is calculated based on the outgoing traffic of a VPC generated every hour, which is not affected by the bandwidth.

If you select the more cost-effective yearly/monthly billing mode, VPN gateways can only be billed by bandwidth.

9.1.3 Can a VPN Billed by Traffic Use a Shared Data Package?

In Enterprise Edition VPN, EIPs can be used as VPN gateway IP addresses.

The VPN service fee includes the EIP fee. An EIP can use a shared data package.

9.1.4 For How Many VPN Connections Will I Be Charged to Connect VPCs in Different Regions of Huawei Cloud?

VPNs can be used to connect VPCs in different regions. The VPN bandwidth and connections of each region will be billed independently. Therefore, when calculating the estimated fees, you need to check the total number of regions and their connection relationships.


For example, assume that Region A needs to establish a VPN connection with Region B and Region C, respectively. The VPN gateway of Region A has two connections; the VPN gateway of Region B has one connection; and the VPN gateway of Region C has one connection.

In this case, you will be charged for four VPN connections.

9.1.5 How Do I Change the Billing Mode of a VPN Gateway from Pay-Per-Use to Yearly/Monthly?

Procedure

Perform the following operations:

1. Log in to the management console.
2. Click  in the upper left corner and select the desired region and project.
3. Click **Service List** and choose **Networking > Virtual Private Network**.
4. In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Virtual Private Network > Enterprise – VPN Gateways**.
5. On the **VPN Gateways** page, locate the row that contains the target VPN gateway, choose **More > Change Billing Mode** in the **Operation** column.
6. In the **Change Billing Mode** dialog box, click **OK**.

NOTE

The billing mode of a VPN gateway cannot be changed from yearly/monthly to pay-per-use. The resource quotas of a yearly/monthly VPN gateway can be decreased upon a renewal.

7. Confirm the VPN gateway information, set a renewal duration, and click **Pay**.

8. On the payment page, confirm the order information, select a coupon or discount, select a payment method, and click **Pay**.

 **NOTE**

Changing the billing mode of a VPN gateway from pay-per-use to yearly/monthly will not affect your services.

9.1.6 Will a Yearly/Monthly VPN Gateway Be Automatically Renewed?

Yes.

Renewal fees will be automatically collected from your balance.

A yearly/monthly VPN gateway needs to be prepaid. To ensure that your connection is normal, top up your account if your balance is not enough.

9.1.7 Can I Unsubscribe from a Yearly/Monthly VPN Gateway?

Yes.

On the **VPN Gateways** page, locate the row that contains the VPN gateway you want to unsubscribe and choose **More > Delete** in the **Operation** column. After you unsubscribe from a yearly/monthly VPN gateway, all VPN connections created for the gateway will also be deleted and cannot be recovered.

After the unsubscription, the remaining prepaid fees will be refunded.

9.1.8 When Will My VPN Resources Be Frozen? How Can I Unfreeze the VPN Resources?

- VPN resources billed on a yearly/monthly basis enter the grace period if they expire and are not renewed. During the grace period, you can access and use the resources. If the grace period ends and you have not renewed the resources, the resources enter the retention period and are frozen. Frozen resources are unavailable and cannot be modified or deleted. If the retention period ends and you still have not renewed your resources, they will be released and cannot be restored. To ensure that resources are available, renew them before they expire.
- If pay-per-use VPN resources are in arrears, the resources enter the grace period, during which you can still access and use the resources. If the grace period ends and you have not paid off the arrears, the resources enter the retention period, during which the resources are frozen. Frozen resources are unavailable and cannot be modified or deleted. If the retention period ends and you still have not topped up your account and paid off the arrears, the resources will be released and cannot be restored. To ensure that resources are available, top up your account and pay off the arrears before the resources expire.
- The impact of shared bandwidth freezing on EIPs is subject to the EIP documentation. For details, see [Why My EIPs Are Frozen? How Do I Unfreeze My EIPs?](#)
- Frozen VPN resources will become available after you renew them or top up your account.

9.2 S2C Classic VPN

9.2.1 What Will I Be Charged for Creating a VPN? Will I Be Charged for VPN Gateway IP Addresses?

VPN support the yearly/monthly and pay-per-use billing modes, and are billed by the gateway bandwidth and VPN connections. The billing modes available for a region are subject to those displayed on the page.

VPN gateways can be billed by traffic or bandwidth.

1. A yearly/monthly VPN gateway can only be billed by bandwidth. The price of a yearly/monthly VPN gateway includes the price of the VPN connections that can be created for the gateway and the bandwidth price.
2. The billing cycle of the pay-per-use billing mode is 1 hour. If you choose a pay-per-use VPN gateway, a VPN connection must be purchased together with the VPN gateway. The price includes the VPN gateway bandwidth or traffic price and the price of the VPN connection created together with the gateway. If you create another connection for the gateway, you will be charged for this connection.

NOTE

- The IP address of a VPN gateway is free of charge. Only the bandwidth of the VPN gateway is billed.
- A VPN gateway cannot share bandwidth with an EIP bound to an ECS.

9.2.2 What Is the Difference Between Billing a VPN Gateway by Bandwidth and by Traffic?

A pay-per-use VPN gateway can be billed by bandwidth or by traffic. Their differences are as follows:

- Billed by bandwidth: The billing cycle is one hour. The generated fee depends on the bandwidth size.
- Billed by traffic: The traffic fees generated each hour will be collected. The billing is based on the generated traffic going out of a VPC. The bandwidth size does not affect the price of the public traffic per GB.

9.2.3 Can a VPN Billed by Traffic Use a Shared Data Package?

No.

The VPN service is billed independently and cannot use shared data packages.

9.2.4 When Will My VPN Resources Be Frozen? How Can I Unfreeze the VPN Resources?

- If pay-per-use VPN resources are in arrears, the resources enter the grace period, during which you can still access and use the resources. If the grace period ends and you have not paid off the arrears, the resources enter the

retention period, during which the resources are frozen. Frozen resources are unavailable and cannot be modified or deleted. If the retention period ends and you still have not topped up your account and paid off the arrears, the resources will be released and cannot be restored. To ensure that resources are available, top up your account and pay off the arrears before the resources expire.

- Frozen VPN resources will become available after you renew them or top up your account. If a VPN connection is in the not connected state, initiate data flows to trigger the VPN connection and let it be in the normal state. For example, you can ping hosts on different subnets to trigger data flows.

9.2.5 How Are VPN Resources Billed and How Do I Use Coupons?

A VPN gateway can be billed on a pay-per-use or yearly/monthly basis. The billing modes available for a region are subject to those displayed on the page.

- Pay-per-use: Fees are deducted from the account balance based on the resource usage.
- Yearly/Monthly: The subscription must be paid for in advance.

If you have a coupon, you can use it to top up your account, as long as the coupon is valid. You can then use the new balance in your account to pay for your resources.

Yearly/monthly resources are cost-effective.

Contract users need to select **Download Contract and Pay** on the console.