

# Virtual Private Cloud

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## Price overview

### VPC

A VPC is a free network container.

At present, the VRouter only provides the basic traffic forwarding function. The base version of the VRouter is free of charge.

The VSwitch is free of charge.

The routing table is free of charge.

The routing entries are free of charge.

The high-availability virtual IP addresses of the private network are free of charge

### EIP

There are two EIP payment methods shown as follows:

PayByTraffic:

The post payment mode is adopted by EIP.

The charging cycle and the billing cycle are both 1 hour.

Modifying the upper bandwidth limit does not change the price.

For the traffic prices, see the [EIP Purchase Page](#).

PayByBandwidth:

The post payment mode is adopted by EIP.

The billing cycle is 1 day and the minimum billing duration is 1 hour.

**Note:** The billing is based on the actual use hours if the billing duration is less than 1 day; the billing is based on 1 hour if the billing duration is less than 1 hour.

Modifying bandwidth will change the price. For each bill, the maximum bandwidth of the corresponding billing cycle (1 day) is used as the billed bandwidth of the billing cycle.

For the bandwidth prices, see the [EIP Purchase Page](#).

## Purchase procedure

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A VPC is a free network container. VPCs can be directly created on the console. After a VPC is created, a router and a routing table will be created automatically.

### Apply for an EIP

Log on to the [Alibaba Cloud Elastic IP Address console](#).

Click **Request Elastic IP** on the top-right corner of the page.

Select the VPC region, Internet bandwidth payment method, peak bandwidth and quantity to purchase, and then click **Buy Now**.

Click **Activate**.

## Modify EIP bandwidth

Log on to the Alibaba Cloud Elastic IP Address console.

On the “Elastic IP list” page, select an EIP and click **More > Modify bandwidth** in the **Action** column.

Modify the value of the “Peak bandwidth” , and then click **Confirm change**.

## Handling of EIP Arrears

- If a user is in arrears with an EIP fee (a bill has been generated but fee collection fails), the user will receive an SMS+email reminder.

If the user is 12 hours in arrears with the EIP fee, the user will receive a second reminder (SMS+email).

If the user is 23 hours in arrears with the EIP fee, the user will receive a third reminder (SMS+email).

If the user is 24 hours in arrears with the EIP fee, the user’s EIP will be suspended, bandwidth will be reduced to 1 Kbps, and the user will receive another reminder (SMS+email).

If the user does not pay off the arrears after the EIP is suspended for six days, the user will receive the reminder (SMS+email) again.

If the user does not pay off the arrears after the EIP is suspended for seven days, the EIP will be automatically released, and the user will receive a notification (SMS+email).

Once the user account is recharged with a sufficient amount within seven days, the system will make payment for the unpaid bill immediately and resume the EIP as long as the user does not release it.