

# Security Improvements for Microsoft 365

## Multifactor Authentication and StarID Password Requirement Changes

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### More Secure MFA Options

*More protection with fewer routine password changes.*

- Text message (SMS) and phone call (voice) MFA options will no longer be available by Feb. 1, 2027.
- Those who rely on SMS/voice MFA should move to supported methods as soon as possible.
- Individuals are encouraged to set up more than one MFA method when possible.

[CHECK / UPDATE YOUR MFA SETTINGS NOW](#)

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### More Secure StarID Passwords

*Safer ways to verify it is really you when you sign in.*

- New passwords will be at least 15 characters long.
- Your current password will keep working until it's current expiration date (180 days since you last changed it.)
- Once your password meets the new standard, you will no longer need to change it on a regular basis.

[CHANGE PASSWORD WHEN PROMPTED](#)

## Important Dates

OCT. 1, 2026



Current passwords remain valid until their current expiration date

SMS/voice MFA users prompted to update settings

JAN. 19, 2027



Limited skips before MFA update is required

FEB. 1, 2027



Text and voice MFA options no longer available

MAR. 30, 2027



All non-compliant passwords should now be expired

### What should I do now?

**MFA:** If you use text (SMS) or phone-call (voice) verification, switch to a supported method and add a backup method.

**Password:** No immediate action needed. Update your password to meet the new requirements when your current password expires.

**Support:** Contact your campus IT help desk with questions or for assistance.