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End-of-life for Office 2007: An opportunity, not an obstacle.

End-of-life for Office 2007 is fast approaching. If your business uses this version of Microsoft's flagship productivity suite, then the time has come to plan your migration to a current version.

It is an ideal opportunity to review your current ICT strategy to reduce costs, optimise operations and drive fast adoption across your business.

What's happening?

From 10 October 2017, Microsoft will no longer release security updates or provide support for Office 2007. You will no longer be able to access:

- Security fixes for vulnerabilities
- Bug fixes for issues
- Technical support

What's more, if you are an Outlook 2007 client using Office 365, you will no longer be able to send or receive emails from 31 October 2017. It's estimated that some 1,500 Australian businesses will be affected.

What are the risks if you don't migrate?

When software reaches its used-by date, it immediately exposes your business to a number of risks. These may include:

- Flawed security – your company computers are more vulnerable to malware and cyber attacks
- Sub-optimal performance – you no longer benefit from the latest updates
- Compliance issues – in some industries, the use of end-of-life software may lead to non-compliance

Plus, for those on Outlook 2007 using Office 365, you will lose the ability to use email within your business.

Why upgrade?

As well as mitigating the risks mentioned above, upgrading to the latest version of Microsoft Office is a cost-effective way to give your team access to the latest productivity tools.

Office 365 now offers organisations a new range of applications and services including:

- Full versions of the latest productivity tools including Skype for Business, Teams and OneNote
- Latest version of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneDrive for Business, Publisher
- The ability for each user to access the latest version of Office on up to five devices
- Enhanced security and compliance tools

How to plan your migration

Moving your productivity tools to the cloud can be a big step. You don't have to go it alone.

Brennan IT can help you identify the most appropriate upgrade path for your business. Our dedicated, multi-disciplinary team can also help with:

- Design the right solution for your business
- Migrating your users to the new platform (and manage the change and risk during the migration)
- Managed desktop support services, including end user support. Your team can access 24x7x365 support from a dedicated technical team
- Ensure that all your licenses are kept up to date and compliant

We are fully certified for the job, too. Brennan IT is a Microsoft Gold Cloud Productivity Partner, a Microsoft Gold Midmarket Solution Provider, a Microsoft Gold Hosting Partner and a Microsoft Gold Collaboration and Content partner. We have worked with thousands of mid-market companies around Australia to provide them with smart solutions and dedicated support.

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