

ApsaraDB for RDS

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Billing items and billing methods

Billing items

When you use RDS instances, in addition to the RDS instance fees, you must pay extra for certain functions. The following table lists the billing items and standards.

Item name	Billing standard
Master instance	- After an instance is created, it may produce the following additional billing items: Backup space: You are charged hourly for the amount of backup space you use in excess of the free amount. Hourly billing amount = Data backup volume (OSS
Read-only instance	
SQL audit	
Backup space	
Performance monitoring	
Public network (Internet) traffic fees	

Billing methods

RDS supports the following two billing methods.

Billing method	Description	Considerations
Subscription	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You can select the yearly or monthly subscription billing method.- If you select prepayment, you need to make the payment when creating an instance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- During the contract period, Subscription instances can only be upgraded, but cannot be downgraded or released.- If you cancel your Subscription instance during the contract period, you must pay the appropriate processing fees.- Subscription instances cannot be converted to Pay-As-You-Go instances.
Pay-As-You-Go	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You are billed by hour.- Billing is based on the instance configuration when a billing order is generated.- In post-payment mode, the system generates a billing order every hour and deducts the corresponding amount from your	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You must perform real-name verification for your account before purchasing a Pay-As-You-Go instance.- A Pay-As-You-Go instance can be released at any time.- A Pay-As-You-Go instance can be converted into a Subscription instance. After the

	account balance.	billing method is successfully changed, the instance is billed in Subscription mode. For more information on changing the billing method, see Change instance billing method .
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Billing details for configuration change

You can change the configuration of your instance based on business requirements. The following table describes the configuration change and associated billing details.

Billing method	Configuration change description	Billing description
Subscription	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can only upgrade the instance configuration during the contract period. - You can choose to upgrade or downgrade the instance configuration when you renew the instance upon expiration. 	<p>- You can change the instance configuration in real time within the contract period. However, configuration change is not allowed when the same account has an unpaid renewal order.</p> <p>Upgrade costs = (Daily price of the instance after upgrade – Daily price of the instance before upgrade) ×</p>

		<p>Number of days from the upgrade date to the expiration date</p> <p>If the number of days from the upgrade date to the expiration date is less than 365, the daily price of the instance after upgrade is equal to the monthly price. If the number of days is equal to or more than 365, the daily price of the instance after upgrade is equal to the annual price. For more information on the billing standard, see Pricing.</p> <p>- The configuration change you select upon renewal within the contract period takes effect during the new billing cycle, and your instance is billed based on the new configuration and length of service time. For example, if a monthly subscription instance expires on June 20, 2017, and you renew the instance and</p>
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		<p>upgrade the instance configuration on May 10, 2017, then the instance is renewed and upgraded on June 20, 2017.</p> <p>- If you upgrade or downgrade the instance configuration when you renew the instance upon expiration, the instance is billed based on the new configuration and subscription period.</p>
Pay-As-You-Go	The instance configuration can be upgraded or downgraded at any time.	<p>- Billing is based on the instance configuration used when a billing order is generated. For more information on the billing standard, see Pricing.</p> <p>- For more information on the configuration change procedure, see Change configuration.</p>

Renewal

The following table provides billing information for RDS instance renewal.

Billing method	Renewal description
Subscription	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- To avoid data loss in case you miss the renewal time, you can activate automatic renewal when you buy an instance.- You can renew the instance within the contract period or within 15 days after contract expiration.- The renewed instance is billed based on the new configuration and length of service time you select during renewal. For more information about the billing standard, see Pricing.- For more information about the renewal procedure, see Renewal.
Pay-As-You-Go	A Pay-As-You-Go instance is billed according to the actual usage time, so no renewal is required.

Expiration and overdue payment

The following table lists the retention policies of RDS instance and data when the Subscription instance expires or when the payment of the Pay-As-You-Go instance is overdue.

Billing method	Retention policies of instance and data
Subscription	When the instance expires for 15 days, it is locked. When the instance is locked for 15 days, it is released, and all the data stored in the instance is deleted and cannot be recovered.

Pay-As-You-Go	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- If you exceed the credit limit of your credit card to which your Alibaba Cloud account is bound, all the instances under this account will be in the status of overdue payment.- When the payment of the instance is overdue, the instance will continuously run for 15 days and then be locked. When the instance is locked for 15 days and is still in the status of overdue payment , it will be released and all the data stored in the instance will also be deleted and cannot be recovered.
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Note: When the RDS instance is locked, the application cannot access the instance and you cannot do any operation to the instance either. We recommend that you renew your Subscription instance in time and make sure not to exceed your credit limit to avoid the effects on your business.