

Stay Ahead of Microsoft's Basic Authentication Deprecation

Future-proof your fax and email workflows with Fenestrae Faxination

MICROSOFT'S UPDATED TIMELINE

Microsoft is retiring Basic Authentication (Basic Auth) for Exchange Online's SMTP AUTH.

- March 1, 2026: Phased deactivation begins
- April 30, 2026: Full deactivation complete

This update gives organizations a limited window to transition to more secure authentication methods before Basic Auth is permanently disabled.

WHY BASIC AUTH IS GOING AWAY

Basic Authentication transmits usernames and passwords in plain text, making it highly vulnerable to:

- ▶ Credential theft
- ▶ Brute-force and phishing attacks
- ▶ Unauthorized system access

Microsoft is replacing Basic Auth with Modern Authentication (OAuth 2.0), a more secure, token-based method already required for most cloud services.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

If you still use Basic Auth for SMTP AUTH, prepare now to avoid service disruption.

Recommended next steps:



Transition to OAuth 2.0 for supported devices and applications



Consider alternatives such as Microsoft 365 High Volume Email or Azure Communication Services Email



Assess your hybrid or on-premises Exchange setup

HOW FENESTRAE CAN HELP

Fenestrae Faxination server 2024 supports Modern Authentication (OAuth 2.0) for Microsoft 365 and Exchange Online and Exchange on-premises, keeping your fax and document workflows secure, compliant, and uninterrupted.

With Fenestrae, you can:

- Switch from using Basic Auth to Modern Authentication - OAuth
- Maintain compliance across Microsoft 365, Azure, and on-premises Exchange
- Enhance message security and streamline digital communications

SECURE YOUR FUTURE WITH FENESTRAE

Microsoft's deprecation timeline is your opportunity to modernize.

Let Fenestrae help you make the transition smoothly, protecting your data, ensuring business continuity, and strengthening your security posture.

Contact our team today to prepare your organization for the 2026 change.