

Claude Code's \$250 cloud credit: the claim window has closed

Anthropic's one-off cloud-session credit — \$250 on Max, \$100 on Pro — closed to new claims at 11:59pm PDT on 7 October 2026. If you claimed it, you have until 4 November to spend it. Here is what it covered and what happens next.

WHAT THIS ADDS

This offer is over for anyone who did not claim it. The part still worth reading is what the credit actually paid for, because the same limit applies to the balance people are now sitting on: cloud sessions only, and it vanishes on 4 November whether or not it is used.

This offer has closed

The claim deadline was 11:59pm PDT on 7 October 2026 and it has passed. New claims are no longer possible. If you did claim the credit, it is on your account until **4 November 2026**, after which any unused balance disappears and cloud sessions go back to counting against your plan's normal limits.

The rest of this page is kept as a record of what the offer was, and because the spending rules below still apply to anyone holding a balance.

What the credit is

On 23 September 2026 Anthropic took Claude Code **cloud sessions** out of research preview. A cloud session runs in Anthropic's own environment instead of on your machine, so you can close your laptop and come back to a pull request to review.

To get people to try it, Anthropic is giving existing subscribers a one-off promotional credit: **\$250 on Max** and **\$100 on Pro**. It sits on top of your normal plan limits rather than coming out of them.

It is limited to individual Pro and Max subscribers whose subscription was active on 23 September 2026. Team and Enterprise plans are not included.

How it was claimed

While it was open there were two routes, and they did the same thing:

1. Open Claude Code and run `/claim-credit`.
2. Or open Anthropic's claim link while signed in — in the desktop app the offer also appears as a **Claim credit** button.

Either way you need a **GitHub account connected**, because cloud sessions work on GitHub repositories. There is no promo code to type: once claimed, the credit is applied automatically the moment a cloud session starts.

The two dates

What	When
Claim the credit by	11:59pm PDT, 7 October 2026
Unused credit expires	4 November 2026

The first date has passed. The second has not: a claimed balance is still live until 4 November, after which whatever is left disappears.

What it does not cover

This is the part worth reading twice. The credit pays for **cloud sessions only**. It does not cover:

- Claude Code running locally on your own machine
- The Claude chat app
- The Claude API
- Projects and Routines

So if your whole workflow is local Claude Code, claiming the credit costs you nothing but it will not reduce a single bill unless you actually move some work into a cloud session.

DO THIS

If you claimed the credit, spend it before 4 November — it does not roll over and it does not reduce a local Claude Code bill. If you did not claim it, there is nothing left to claim; the window shut on 7 October.

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Credits with a deadline are the same problem as a lead with a follow-up date — easy to claim, easy to forget, gone if nobody chases it. Fynl.io is where that chase lives for the rest of your business: the enquiry, the quote and the reminder in one place, running on your own AI key.

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