PHP at Kyzoe Hosting – supported versions and lifecycle

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PHP is a server-side programming language that underpins most websites and web applications, including **WordPress**, **WooCommerce** and countless custom solutions. The PHP version you choose has a direct impact on **security**, **stability**, **performance** and **compatibility**.

At **Kyzoe Hosting** you can set the PHP version you want for each website yourself in the hosting panel.

Supported PHP versions at Kyzoe Hosting

Kyzoe Hosting currently supports:

- PHP 7.4
- PHP 8.1
- PHP 8.2
- PHP 8.3
- PHP 8.4
- *PHP 8.5 (available, but not recommended for production)*

Below you will find a clear explanation for each version, including the official support dates of the PHP project.

Explanation per PHP version

PHP 7.4

- **Status:** End of Life (EOL)
- **End of active support:** 28 November 2021
- **End of security updates:** 28 November 2022

PHP 7.4 **no longer receives any updates**, not even security patches.
Using this version poses an **increased security risk**.

➡ Only still permitted for older (legacy) applications that are not yet compatible with PHP 8.x.
➡ Upgrading is **strongly recommended**.

PHP 8.1

- **Status:** End of Security Support
- **End of active support:** 25 November 2023
- **End of security updates:** 31 December 2025

PHP 8.1 introduced important language improvements such as enums, readonly properties and better error handling.
This version no longer receives security updates.

➡ Suitable as long as applications require it, but **not future-proof**.
➡ Upgrading to PHP 8.2 or higher is strongly recommended.

PHP 8.2

- **Status:** Security Support
- **End of active support:** 31 December 2024
- **End of security updates:** 8 December 2026

PHP 8.2 is currently one of the **most stable and widely supported versions**.
Fully compatible with recent WordPress and WooCommerce versions, and offers clear gains in performance and stability.

➡ **Recommended default version** for existing and new websites.

PHP 8.3

- **Status:** Actively supported
- **End of active support:** 31 December 2025
- **End of security updates:** 31 December 2027

PHP 8.3 builds on 8.2 with additional optimisations, improved error messages and internal efficiency.

More and more plugins, themes and frameworks fully support this version.

➡ **Strongly recommended** for new websites and modern applications.

PHP 8.4

- **Status:** Actively supported (very recent)
- **Release:** 21 November 2024
- **End of active support:** 31 December 2026
- **End of security updates:** 31 December 2028

PHP 8.4 is technically available, but is **not yet fully supported** by many CMSs, plugins and themes.
In production use, there is a real risk of compatibility problems.

⚠ **Only recommended for production environments after thorough testing of all plugins and themes**

PHP 8.5

- **Status:** Actively supported (very recent)
- **Release:** 21 November 2025
- **End of active support:** 31 December 2026
- **End of security updates:** 31 December 2029

PHP 8.5 is technically available, but is **not yet fully supported** by many CMSs, plugins and themes.
In production use, there is a real risk of compatibility problems.

⚠ **Not recommended for production environments**
✔ Only suitable for **test, staging or development environments**

Kyzoe Hosting's advice

Situation	Recommended PHP version

New website	PHP 8.3
Existing WordPress site	PHP 8.3
Legacy application	Temporarily PHP 7.4 or 8.1
Test / development	PHP 8.5