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ProtonVPN Pricing

Evaluating ProtonVPN subscription tiers including Free, VPN Plus, Proton Unlimited, multi-year discounts, pro-rata refund calculations, and payment methods.

PROTONVPN PRICING LEARNING OVERVIEW

LEARNER

STUDENT STATUS

Network Defender Track

SECURE

CONNECTION STATUS

Shielding data packets

100%

LEAK DEFENSE

DNS & IPv6 leak protection

Welcome! This activity packet guides you through Proton VPN's pricing structure. You will explore Free, VPN Plus, and Unlimited plans, pro-rata refund calculations, and multi-year discounts.

WORKSHEET CHECKPOINTS

- ☐ **Part 1-4:** Master VPN and network security configurations.
- ☐ **Part 5-7:** Solve crossword & word search puzzles.
- ☐ **Part 8-9:** Solve case studies & cipher challenge.
- ☐ **Part 10:** Review basic & advanced FAQ pages.
- ☐ **Part 11:** Explore 10 interesting real-world facts.

Open the VPN.com Best VPNs Guide

URL: <https://www.vpn.com/vpn/protonvpn-pricing/>

Your ProtonVPN Pricing Learning Roadmap

- Analyze the technical architecture and configuration rules of ProtonVPN Pricing.
- Configure client settings to prevent IP, DNS, and WebRTC traffic leaks.
- Compare custom pricing, trial, and performance features against standard models.

PROTONVPN PRICING GUIDE INSTRUCTIONS

Answer the multiple choice and true/false questions, complete the fill-in-the-blank sentences using the word bank, match definitions, and solve the crossword and word search puzzles. Apply your knowledge to subscription tiers and pro-rata refund policies.

SUBSCRIPTION TIERS & PRO-RATA REFUND MODELS (INTRODUCTION)

Proton VPN structures pricing across Free, VPN Plus, and Proton Unlimited plans, offering steep discounts for 2-year commitments. Subscriptions are protected by a 30-day money-back guarantee processed on a fair pro-rata calculation.

READ EACH CHECKPOINT CAREFULLY AND SELECT OR WRITE THE CORRECT RESPONSE.

Checkpoint 1: Multiple Choice Challenge

1 What is Proton VPN's primary entry-level paid plan?

- ☐ A) VPN Free
- ☐ B) VPN Plus
- ☐ C) Proton Unlimited
- ☐ D) Proton Family

2 How many devices can connect on a single VPN Plus plan?

- ☐ A) 1 Device
- ☐ B) 5 Devices
- ☐ C) 10 Devices
- ☐ D) Unlimited Devices

3 What calculation model does Proton use for refund processing?

- ☐ A) Fixed Flat Fee
- ☐ B) Pro-rata Refund
- ☐ C) No Refunds
- ☐ D) Store Credits Only

4 Which comprehensive plan includes Proton Mail, Drive & Pass?

- ☐ A) VPN Basic
- ☐ B) Proton Unlimited
- ☐ C) VPN Plus Monthly
- ☐ D) Secure Core Plan

5 Which billing cycle provides the lowest effective monthly rate?

- ☐ A) 1-Month Plan
- ☐ B) 1-Year Plan
- ☐ C) 2-Year Plan
- ☐ D) Quarterly Plan

Checkpoint 2: True or False Challenge

6 Question 6

Proton VPN offers a permanent free tier with unlimited bandwidth.

☐ True ☐ False

7 Question 7

The 30-day money-back guarantee covers full 100% refunds regardless of days used.

☐ True ☐ False

8 Question 8

Proton Unlimited includes encrypted cloud storage and password management.

☐ True ☐ False

9 Question 9

Proton VPN accepts Bitcoin payments for anonymous plan subscriptions.

☐ True ☐ False

10 Question 10

Subscribing to a 2-year plan charges the user on a monthly recurring basis.

☐ True ☐ False

Checkpoint 3: Key Term Insertion

Read each sentence below and fill in the blank with the correct term from the Word Bank.

1. The entry-level paid subscription that unlocks 10 Gbps servers is called _____ tier.
2. Users seeking full suite privacy choose the comprehensive _____ plan bundle.
3. Committing to a two-year subscription unlocks the highest percentage _____ savings.
4. Refund requests within thirty days are calculated on a fair _____ basis.
5. Anonymous subscription checkouts can be completed using decentralized _____ transfers.
6. Subscription terms automatically renew unless disabled inside account _____ settings.

VOCABULARY WORD BANK

VPNPLUSX
BITCOINX

UNLIMITD
BILLINGX

DISCOUNT
RENEWALS

PRORATAX
CASHMAIL

Write your answers here:

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| 3. | <input type="text"/> | 4. | <input type="text"/> |
| 5. | <input type="text"/> | 6. | <input type="text"/> |

Checkpoint 4: VPN & Network Concept Match

DEFINITION MATCHING

Match each vocabulary term on the left with its correct definition on the right by writing the corresponding letter (A-H) in the fillable input box.

VPNPLUSX

H An anonymous payment method allowing users to send cash payments via postal mail.

UNLIMITD

C Promotional reduction applied when subscribing for long-term multi-year terms.

DISCOUNT

G Automatic subscription extensions charged at the end of each billing cycle.

PRORATAX

B The complete all-in-one privacy bundle with encrypted email, cloud, and VPN.

BITCOINX

A The standard premium plan offering full server access and 10 devices.

BILLINGX

D A refund method calculating reimbursements based strictly on unused service days.

RENEWALS

F The account management portal where payment methods and invoices are updated.

CASHMAIL

E A decentralized digital currency accepted by Proton for pseudonymous payments.

Checkpoint 5: Crossword Puzzle

Solve the crossword puzzle by typing letters into the active white boxes. The numbers correspond to the clues below.

[illegible]

ACROSS

- 1. Premium subscription tier unlocking highest speeds. (8 letters)**
- 3. All-in-one bundle with Mail, Drive, and VPN. (8 letters)**
- 5. Cost reduction applied on two-year plans. (8 letters)**
- 7. Refund calculation based on unused days. (8 letters)**

DOWN

2. Cryptocurrency accepted for anonymous checkout. (8 letters)
4. Account section managing subscriptions and cards. (8 letters)
6. Automatic recurring charge at end of term. (8 letters)
8. Offline cash payment sent through postal service. (8 letters)

Checkpoint 5 Alternative: Accessible Crossword Clues

Screen-reader and keyboard users can type the crossword answers directly in the text fields below.

ACROSS CLUES

1 Across: Premium subscription tier unlocking highest speeds. (8 letters):

3 Across: All-in-one bundle with Mail, Drive, and VPN. (8 letters):

5 Across: Cost reduction applied on two-year plans. (8 letters):

7 Across: Refund calculation based on unused days. (8 letters):

DOWN CLUES

2 Down: Cryptocurrency accepted for anonymous checkout. (8 letters):

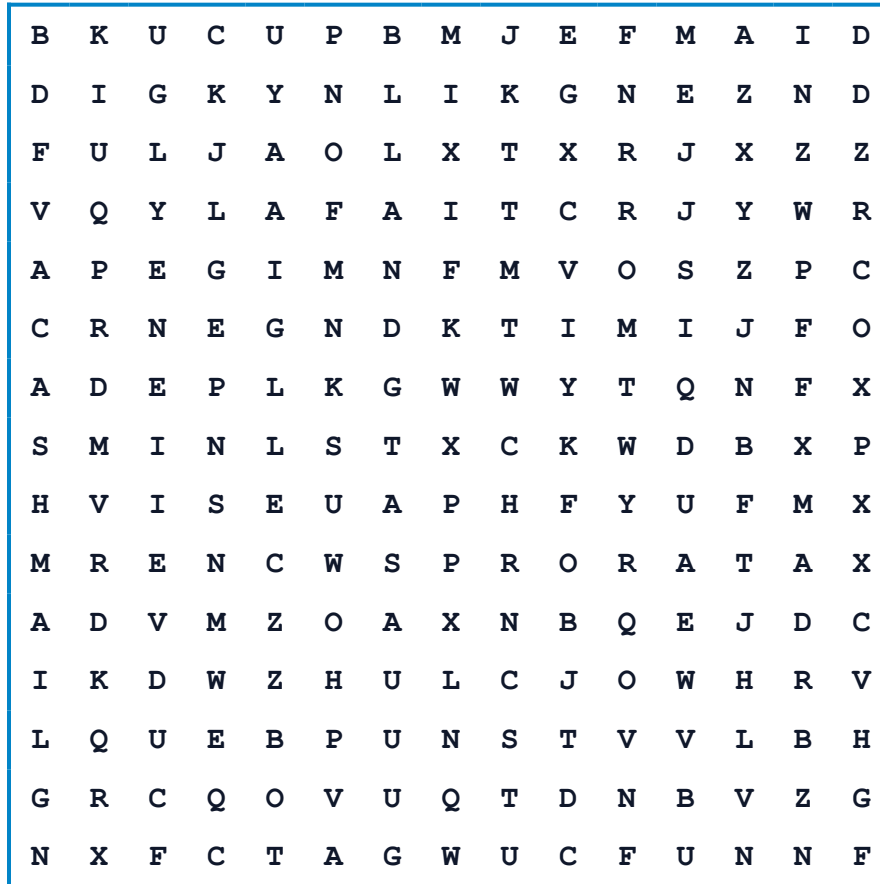
4 Down: Account section managing subscriptions and cards. (8 letters):

6 Down: Automatic recurring charge at end of term. (8 letters):

8 Down: Offline cash payment sent through postal service. (8 letters):

Checkpoint 6: Hidden Word Search

Find the 8 key vocabulary terms hidden in the grid below. Words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.



VOCABULARY WORD LIST

VPNPLUSX

BITCOINX

UNLIMITD

BILLINGX

DISCOUNT

RENEWALS

PRORATAX

CASHMAIL

Checkpoint 6 Alternative: Accessible Vocabulary Matching

Match each of the 8 vocabulary terms from the Word Search to its correct definition by writing the letter (A-H) in the blank space.

VOCABULARY TERMS

- A. VPNPLUSX
- B. UNLIMITD
- C. DISCOUNT
- D. PRORATAX
- E. BITCOINX
- F. BILLINGX
- G. RENEWALS
- H. CASHMAIL

DEFINITIONS & MATCH FIELDS

- ☐ 1. The standard premium plan offering full server access and 10 devices.
- ☐ 2. The complete all-in-one privacy bundle with encrypted email, cloud, and VPN.
- ☐ 3. Promotional reduction applied when subscribing for long-term multi-year terms.
- ☐ 4. A refund method calculating reimbursements based strictly on unused service days.
- ☐ 5. A decentralized digital currency accepted by Proton for pseudonymous payments.
- ☐ 6. The account management portal where payment methods and invoices are updated.
- ☐ 7. Automatic subscription extensions charged at the end of each billing cycle.
- ☐ 8. An anonymous payment method allowing users to send cash payments via postal mail.

Checkpoint 7: Scrambled Word Challenge

Unscramble the letters below to reveal key Virtual Private Network (VPN) concepts and terms. Write your answers in the input boxes provided.

1. PNPLUSXV

5. ITCOINXB

2. NLIMITDU

6. ILLINGXB

3. ISCOUNTD

7. ENEWALSR

4. RORATAXP

8. ASHMAILC

Checkpoint 8: VPN & Network Case Studies

Apply the concepts you have learned to solve the real-world scenarios below.



CASE STUDY 1: SELECTING VPN PLUS VS UNLIMITED

Scenario: A freelance designer needs high-speed VPN on 4 devices and already uses another email provider.

Discussion Question: Which Proton subscription plan offers the most cost-effective solution for their needs?



CASE STUDY 2: CALCULATING PRO-RATA REFUND

Scenario: A customer subscribes to a 1-year VPN plan for \$60 but requests cancellation after 15 days of use.

Discussion Question: How will Proton calculate the refund amount for this customer under its policy?

Final Challenge: Decrypting the Cipher

A network engineer secures routing channels and client tunnels. Use the Letter-to-Number key below to decrypt the message by writing the matching letters in the blank spaces.

LETTER-TO-NUMBER ENCRYPTION KEY

A=1	B=2	C=3	D=4	E=5	F=6	G=7	H=8	I=9	J=10	K=11	L=12	M=13
N=14	O=15	P=16	Q=17	R=18	S=19	T=20	U=21	V=22	W=23	X=24	Y=25	Z=26

16	18	15	20	15	14	15	6	6	5	18	19	16	18	15	13	16	20
16	18	15	18	1	20	1	18	5	6	21	14	4					
7	21	1	18	1	14	20	5	5									

Decrypted Message Solution (Full Decoded Sentence):

TIP: EACH NUMBER REPRESENTS THE POSITION OF THAT LETTER IN THE ALPHABET (E.G. 1 = A, 2 = B, 26 = Z).

Checkpoint 10: Basic VPN FAQs (Part A)

Review the most common questions and answers regarding Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) and tunneling.

Q1: What plans does Proton VPN offer?

Proton VPN offers a Free plan, VPN Plus (standalone VPN), and Proton Unlimited (full privacy suite).

Q2: How much does Proton VPN Plus cost?

VPN Plus costs approximately \$9.99 monthly, or roughly \$4.99/month on a 2-year commitment.

Q3: Does Proton VPN have a free plan?

Yes, Proton VPN offers a permanent free tier with unlimited bandwidth and zero ads.

Q4: How many devices are included on VPN Plus?

Proton VPN Plus supports up to 10 simultaneous device connections.

Q5: What is the Proton Unlimited plan?

Proton Unlimited bundles VPN Plus, Proton Mail (500GB), Proton Drive, Calendar, and Proton Pass.

Checkpoint 10: Basic VPN FAQs (Part B)

Review the most common questions and answers regarding Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) and tunneling.

Q6: How does the 30-day money-back guarantee work?

You can request a refund within 30 days, which is calculated pro-rata for unused days.

Q7: Which payment methods are accepted?

Proton accepts Credit/Debit cards, PayPal, Bitcoin, and cash sent by postal mail.

Q8: Can I pay for Proton VPN with cash?

Yes, Proton AG accepts cash payments in EUR, USD, and CHF sent to their Geneva office.

Q9: Do long-term plans renew at regular prices?

Plans auto-renew at the standard recurring rate unless canceled in the dashboard.

Q10: Is there a student discount for Proton VPN?

Proton occasionally offers educational promotions and student discount pricing through partners.

Checkpoint 11: Advanced VPN FAQs (Part A)

Explore advanced technical aspects of VPN tunneling protocols, mobile client integrations, and enterprise deployment.

Q1: How is pro-rata refund calculated mathematically?

Pro-rata refunds divide plan cost by subscription duration and deduct consumed active days.

Q2: Can I upgrade from VPN Plus to Proton Unlimited?

Yes, you can upgrade at any time, with remaining Plus credit credited toward Unlimited.

Q3: Are taxes included in the displayed plan prices?

Displayed prices may exclude local VAT or sales tax depending on the subscriber country.

Q4: How do enterprise and business plans differ in cost?

Business plans charge per user/seat and include centralized billing and dedicated IP options.

Q5: Can multiple accounts share a family subscription?

The Proton Family plan provides up to 6 independent accounts with 3TB shared encrypted storage.

Checkpoint 11: Advanced VPN FAQs (Part B)

Explore advanced technical aspects of VPN tunneling protocols, mobile client integrations, and enterprise deployment.

Q6: What happens if a subscription renewal fails?

Proton provides a grace period to update payment details before reverting accounts to the free tier.

Q7: Are coupon codes stackable during promotional events?

Coupons cannot be stacked; only the highest applicable discount is applied at checkout.

Q8: Does the free plan ever expire or require billing details?

No, the free plan never expires and does not require credit card or payment registration.

Q9: Can I purchase dedicated IPs on Proton VPN?

Dedicated servers and dedicated IPs are available exclusively on Proton VPN Business plans.

Q10: Where is the billing entity for Proton AG located?

All transactions are billed by Proton AG, located at Route de la Galaise 32, Geneva, Switzerland.

Part 11: 10 Real-World VPN Facts & Insights

Review real-world facts regarding VPN encryption speeds, protocol audits, mobile connectivity, and enterprise remote work.

1. VPN INSIGHT

1. Proton VPN is funded entirely by paid subscriptions and accepts zero advertising revenue.

2. VPN INSIGHT

2. Committing to a 2-year subscription plan reduces effective monthly costs by up to 50%.

3. VPN INSIGHT

3. The 30-day money-back guarantee operates on a pro-rata reimbursement model for fairness.

4. VPN INSIGHT

4. Proton VPN supports 10 simultaneous device connections on every active VPN Plus subscription.

5. VPN INSIGHT

5. Proton Unlimited includes 500 GB of zero-access encrypted cloud storage alongside VPN Plus.

6. VPN INSIGHT

6. Cash payments sent to Geneva headquarters are manually credited to user accounts.

7. VPN INSIGHT

7. Bitcoin subscriptions allow users to sign up without disclosing banking identification.

8. VPN INSIGHT

8. Business plans offer dedicated servers and centralized administration for enterprise teams.

9. VPN INSIGHT

9. Free plan users can utilize unlimited bandwidth indefinitely without subscription fees.

10. VPN INSIGHT

10. All subscription transactions fall under Swiss consumer protection laws and regulations.

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Answer Key: Checkpoint 1 - Multiple Choice

1 Primary Paid Tier

SUBSCRIPTION TIERS

Correct Answer: B

TEACHING NOTE

Proton VPN Plus is the flagship standalone tier, granting full access to 10 Gbps servers, Secure Core architecture, NetShield, and 10 device connections.

Citation: Proton VPN Plus Overview [Ref 1].

2 Simultaneous Connections

DEVICE LIMITS

Correct Answer: C

TEACHING NOTE

A single Proton VPN Plus subscription supports up to 10 concurrent active connections across desktop, mobile, and router clients.

Citation: Proton Plan Specs [Ref 2].

3 Pro-Rata Refund Mechanism

REFUND MODEL

Correct Answer: B

TEACHING NOTE

Proton calculates 30-day refunds based on the exact unused days remaining in the billing period, returning funds via original payment method or credits.

Citation: Proton AG Refund Terms [Ref 3].

4 All-in-One Privacy Suite

PROTON UNLIMITED

Correct Answer: B

TEACHING NOTE

Proton Unlimited bundles Proton VPN Plus with 500 GB encrypted storage on Proton Drive, Proton Mail, Proton Calendar, and Proton Pass.

Citation: Proton Ecosystem Overview [Ref 4].

5 Lowest Monthly Equivalent

BILLING CYCLE

Correct Answer: C

TEACHING NOTE

Subscribing to the 2-year plan offers the deepest promotional discount, reducing the effective monthly cost significantly compared to monthly billing.

Citation: Proton Pricing Schedule [Ref 5].

Answer Key: Checkpoint 2 - True or False

6 Unlimited Free Bandwidth

FREE TIER POLICY

Correct Answer: True

TEACHING NOTE

Proton VPN Free provides permanent, uncapped bandwidth with zero data limits, funded entirely by premium ecosystem subscribers.

Citation: Proton Business Model [Ref 6].

7 Full Guarantee vs Pro-Rata

GUARANTEE WINDOW

Correct Answer: False

TEACHING NOTE

Refunds within the 30-day window are calculated pro-rata based on days used rather than automatically granting a full 100% refund.

Citation: Proton Billing FAQ [Ref 7].

8 Proton Unlimited Suite

ECOSYSTEM BUNDLE

Correct Answer: True

TEACHING NOTE

Proton Unlimited provides comprehensive digital privacy, including end-to-end encrypted email, cloud storage, calendar, and password manager.

Citation: Proton Unlimited Specs [Ref 8].

9 Bitcoin Payment Acceptance

ANONYMOUS CHECKOUT

Correct Answer: True

TEACHING NOTE

Proton accepts Bitcoin and cash sent by post for account upgrades, enabling anonymous subscription procurement without bank records.

Citation: Proton Payment Options [Ref 9].

10 Multi-Year Billing Structure

BILLING SCHEDULE

Correct Answer: False

TEACHING NOTE

Two-year plans are charged upfront as a single lump-sum payment for the full 24-month term, not as recurring monthly installments.

Citation: Proton Subscription Terms [Ref 10].

Vocabulary Keys & Grading Rubric

Instructor Grading Rubric: Award 1 point for each correct matching (8 points total) and context term (6 points total).

CHECKPOINT 4: CONCEPT MATCH KEY

A VPNPLUSX

B UNLIMITD

C DISCOUNT

D PRORATAX

E BITCOINX

F BILLINGX

G RENEWALS

H CASHMAIL

CHECKPOINT 3: KEY TERM KEY

1 VPNPLUSX

2 UNLIMITD

3 DISCOUNT

4 PRORATAX

5 BITCOINX

6 BILLINGX

DISCUSSION NOTES FOR INSTRUCTORS

Protocol Performance:

Verify that students understand how WireGuard, OpenVPN, and proprietary protocols balance cryptographic overhead against throughput latency.

Privacy & Jurisdiction:

Emphasize the importance of independent third-party no-logs audits (Deloitte, Cure53, SEC Consult) and privacy-friendly legal havens.

Infrastructure Security:

Highlight kill-switch protection, RAM-only diskless server fleets, DNS leak prevention, and multi-hop routing configurations.

Puzzles Keys & Instructor Notes

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

B	K	U	C	U	P	B	M	J	E	F	M	A	I	D
D	I	G	K	Y	N	L	I	K	G	N	E	Z	N	D
F	U	L	J	A	O	L	X	T	X	R	J	X	Z	Z
V	Q	Y	L	A	F	A	I	T	C	R	J	Y	W	R
A	P	E	G	I	M	N	F	M	V	O	S	Z	P	C
C	R	N	E	G	N	D	K	T	I	M	I	J	F	O
A	D	E	P	L	K	G	W	W	Y	T	Q	N	F	X
S	M	I	N	L	S	T	X	C	K	W	D	B	X	P
H	V	I	S	E	U	A	P	H	F	Y	U	F	M	X
M	R	E	N	C	W	S	P	R	O	R	A	T	A	X
A	D	V	M	Z	O	A	X	N	B	Q	E	J	D	C
I	K	D	W	Z	H	U	L	C	J	O	W	H	R	V
L	Q	U	E	B	P	U	N	S	T	V	V	L	B	H
G	R	C	Q	O	V	U	Q	T	D	N	B	V	Z	G
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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INSTRUCTOR GUIDE FOR CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS CLUES

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DOWN CLUES

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4 Down: BILLINGX Account section managing subscriptions and cards. (8)

6 Down: **RENEWALS** Automatic recurring charge at end of term. (8)

8 Down: **CASHMAIL** Offline cash payment sent through postal service. (8)

Scrambled Words & Cipher Solution Key

Grading key for the vocabulary word unscramble activity and Secret Cipher Challenge.

WORD UNSCRAMBLE KEY

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VPNPLUSX

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BITCOINX

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SECRET CIPHER CHALLENGE KEY

**"PROTON OFFERS PROMPT PRO RATA REFUND
GUARANTEE"**

VPN & Network Case Studies Solution Key

A CASE STUDY 1: SELECTING VPN PLUS VS UNLIMITED

[Instructor Solution](#)

GRADING RUBRIC & SOLUTION GUIDELINES

Scenario Analysis: A freelance designer needs high-speed VPN on 4 devices and already uses another email provider.

Focus Question: Which Proton subscription plan offers the most cost-effective solution for their needs?

Recommended Strategy & Solution: Proton VPN Plus is the most cost-effective choice since it supports up to 10 devices with full 10 Gbps speeds without paying extra for unused cloud apps.

B CASE STUDY 2: CALCULATING PRO-RATA REFUND

[Instructor Solution](#)

GRADING RUBRIC & SOLUTION GUIDELINES

Scenario Analysis: A customer subscribes to a 1-year VPN plan for \$60 but requests cancellation after 15 days of use.

Focus Question: How will Proton calculate the refund amount for this customer under its policy?

Recommended Strategy & Solution: Proton calculates the daily rate ($\$60 / 365 = \$0.164/\text{day}$), subtracts 15 days used (\$2.46), and refunds the remaining balance of approximately \$57.54.

C CASE STUDY 3: ANONYMOUS SUBSCRIPTION ACQUISITION

[Instructor Solution](#)

GRADING RUBRIC & SOLUTION GUIDELINES

Scenario Analysis: An investigative journalist wants to purchase Proton VPN without leaving a digital credit card trail.

Focus Question: Which payment methods can they utilize to ensure maximum transaction anonymity?

Recommended Strategy & Solution: The journalist can pay with Bitcoin or send cash in an envelope with their Proton username to Proton AG headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.