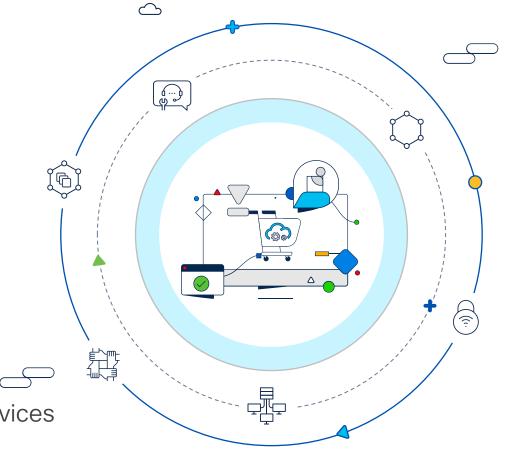


Service Quoting Backdating

SaaS Subscriptions - Technical Services and Combined Services

Last Updated On: December 2025



Overview, Change and Change Impact



Overview

- We are introducing changes to how service contract renewals are handled, specifically focusing on "Service Quoting Backdating." This update aligns with our Global Renewals Policy and is designed to significantly reduce delays between service contract end dates and the completion of renewal transactions.
- These changes will be rolled out in four phases, covering: 1) Software as a Subscription (SaaS), 2) Technical and Combined services, 3) Term and Content (TnC), and 4)Term and Content Plus(Tnc+).



What's Changing

- Effective February 8, 2026, backdating of service contract start dates will only be permitted within the grace period (OVERDUE status). Once the service is expired (EXPIRED status), backdating on the new quote will no longer be allowed.
- To ensure timely renewals, it is crucial to complete (book) all renewals during the contract's active or grace period (OVERDUE status).
- This update is designed to encourage timely renewals and alignment to the original service end dates. The Cisco 360 On-Time Renewal Rate (OTRR)
 Partner Value Index Service metric requires service coverage lines to renew by the actual service coverage end-date (no overdue period is
 considered) to receive the OTRR metrics credit.



Change Impact

- To ensure continuous service for your customers, partners and distributors must complete all renewal transactions either during the contract's active period or within its grace period.
- Important: If a service contract is not renewed within this timeframe, a completely new service contract will be required, which will need to be quoted and ordered from scratch.



Program Roadmap- Late Manual, Auto Renewals, Backdating

	P	Product Type	Contract Type/ Status	As-IS Backdate Logic	To-Be Backdate Logic
Launched	Phase1: Launched Sep7, 2025	SaaS Subscriptions <u>details</u>	NA .	 Billing starts from renewal order/close date. No service disruption during grace period Late renewals not billed for full grace period. These capabilities do not apply in Partner-to-Partner Takeovers. 	 Manual late renewals allowed during the grace period If service continues during grace period, the billing starts the day after previous term ends. Standardized across SaaS Only offers, aligned with TnC+ renewals. Late renewals (manual & auto): Activated within grace period: "No Change" and "Down sell" lines backdated to previous end date +1 Activated after grace period: billing starts from activation date. These capabilities do not apply to Partner-to-Partner Takeovers
		Services (Technical Services and Combined Services) excluding CX services details	Status: OVERDUE and		AS-IS Adhere to the SAGPE process to mitigate any Backdating needs, where applicable
	2: Pl		Type: Uncovered Status: EXPIRED but previously covered		No changes to AS-IS Point #1 to 2. Change: Order Submission: The start date auto-adjusts to current date and appears on the order line, except when: Flexible invoicing is enabled A Purchase Order Line Reference (POLR) or End Customer PO Number is entered The product is a Last Day Of Service (LDOS) offering The quote is an automated Non-standard deal Backdating is not permitted after the grace period(OVERDUE Status) for both Internal and External Partner Sellers. If additional time is needed during the grace period (overdue status), please reach out to your Renewal Manager to request approval for an extension through the Service Agreement Grace Period Extension (SAGPE) process.
Upcoming Go-Live Feb 2026	Phase 7 Feb 8, 20			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	No changes to AS-IS Point #1 to 2. Change: Order Submission: The start date auto-adjusts to current date and appears on the order line, except when: Flexible invoicing is enabled A Purchase Order Line Reference (POLR) or End Customer PO Number is entered The product is a Last Day Of Service (LDOS) offering The quote is an automated Non-standard deal Backdating is not permitted after the grace period(OVERDUE Status) for both Internal and External Partner Sellers. If additional time is needed during the grace period (overdue status), please reach out to your Renewal Manager to request approval for an extension through the Service Agreement Grace Period Extension (SAGPE) process.
Upcor				Default to current date. No backdating allowed	 Default to current date. No backdating allowed
	ase-3 026 Release	TnC	OVERDUE/GRACE PERIOD (0-30 Days)		TnC will now have Grace Period of 30 days
	Ph Feb 8 th , 2		WITHIN 180 DAYS LAPSE WINDOW) (31-180 Days)	date + 1", and only within 180 days. If services were down, no backdating allowed - the system uses the current date	Default to Curren Date - No Backdating allowed beyond the Grace Period (Prior Coverage End Date + 30 Days)
				Install Base to be Inactive after 180 days. No further renewal allowed, if the user must create a new TnC sale transaction.	Install Base to be Inactive after 180 days. No further renewal allowed, if the user must create a new TnC sale transaction.
Future	Phase 4: Mar 8, 202 (Uncovered/ Never Covered, Lapse Window/	Backdating allowed to up to prior coverage end date + 1	TBD

PHASE 2

Technical Services and Combined Services Phase 2 – Planned Feb 08, 2026

a.k.a: Retrofit Backdating Grace Period Policy Change for CCWR



Additional Commerce Process

Order Submission Process

• To ensure consistent service duration without repricing, order start and end dates will automatically adjust upon submission. Please note that if orders are delayed or dates shift, the Quote End Date for end customers may be impacted.

• For Co-Term scenario, the Quote End Date will be honored, but the Price and Term will be impacted. If a quote errors out due to these adjustments, you will need to re-open the quote and update the start date to the current date or future date. This action may result in a change from a Standard to a Non-Standard deal, requiring the appropriate designation.

Optimizing Renewal Order Accuracy and Efficiency

Ordering Readiness Check: An error is reported if the start date is in the past. To avoid invalid quotes and potential price changes, please ensure renewal orders are submitted before the start date.

Renewal Ordering Enhancement: Renewal orders now auto-adjust start and end dates—keeping duration and price unchanged—improving B2B efficiency, though coterming may not apply. No repricing occurs.

Renewal Non- Standard Deal: Partner quotes for non-standard renewal deals with past start dates will fail, partners must correct, and RM must manually resubmit the deal for approval.

Sample Invoice and Magic Key Handling

• For our Two-Tier (2T) Route to Market partners, if ordering dates auto-adjust, any previously generated sample invoice or magic key will be invalidated, and a new one will be generated. Distributors are required to always use the latest invoice and magic key provided.

Flexible Invoicing / PO Line Referencing Handling

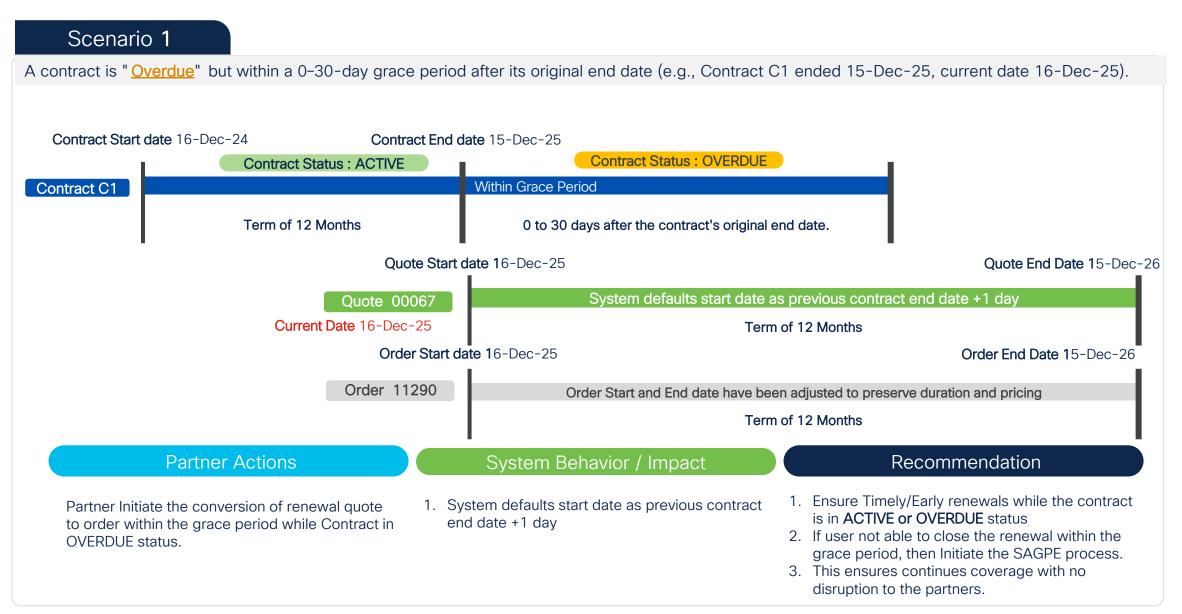
Please be aware that start and end dates will not automatically adjust during ordering under the following conditions:

- If the quote has flexible invoicing enabled.
- If a user-entered Purchase Order Line Reference (POLR) or End Customer Purchase Order(PO) Number is present.
- If the product is a Last Day Of Service(LDOS) offering.
- If the quote is an automated nonstandard deal.
- B2B Integration: For late renewals in B2B API and 3A4, an additional message "The Start and End dates have been auto adjusted for line(s) renewed outside the grace period. Sample invoice/POLR has been re-generated accordingly" will be added to existing response description.
- (6) SAGPE (Service Agreement Grace Period Extension): The Service Agreement Grace Period Extension (SAGPE) can be utilized to provide additional time for renewals.
- Partner Takeovers: We understand that some partners may choose to wait until incumbent contracts expire before quoting a takeover. Please be assured that there is no additional impact to takeover processes, whether they are Midterm, Ontime, or Late.

Key Impact Scenarios



Scenario1: Renewal within the Grace Period (0 to 30 days after contract End Date)



Scenario 2. Renewal after the Contract has been Expired (31 to 90 days from the previous Contract End Date)

Scenario 2 A contract is "EXPIRED" and within a 31-90 day after its original end date Contract End date 10-Nov-25 Contract Start date 11-Nov-24 Contract Status: OVERDUE Contract Status : ACTIVE Contract Status: EXPIRED Within Grace Period Contract is expired as it is beyond the Grace Period Contract C2 Term of 12 Months 0 to 30 days after the contract's original end date. Quote Start date 12-Dec-25 Quote End Date 11-Dec-26 Quote 00067 System default to the current date and does not allow to back date Term of 12 Months Order Start date 16-Dec-25 Order End Date 15-Dec-26 Current Date 16-Dec-25 Order Start and End date have been adjusted to preserve duration Order 11290 and pricing Term of 12 Months **Partner Actions** System Behavior / Impact Recommendation 1. Partner Initiate the conversion of renewal 1. System defaults order start date to current 1. User needs to go with current date for the quote to order after the contract has **Quote Start Date.** date and does not allow and backdating, EXPIRED but within the 90 days from End date is adjusted to current date + previous contract End date. quoted duration

Scenario 3. Renewal after the Contract has been Expired (31 to 90 days from the previous Contract End Date) with Co-Term

Scenario 3

A contract is "EXPIRED" and within a 31-90 day after its original end date with Co-Term. Contract End date 10-Nov-25 Contract Start date 11-Nov-24 Contract Status : OVERDUE Contract Status : ACTIVE Contract Status: EXPIRED Contract C3 Within Grace Period Contract is expired as it is beyond the Grace Period Term of 12 Months 0 to 30 days after the contract's original end date. Ouote Start date 12-Dec-25 Quote End Date 11-Oct-26 Quote 00067 System default to the current date and does not allow to back date Term of 10 Months Current Date 16-Dec-25 Order Start date 16-Dec-25 Order End Date 11-Oct-26 User get error "The Start Date cannot be prior to today's date. Consider changing the Start Date to the planned order submission_date in order to avoid frequent Start Date modifications " User must adjust the Start Date to Current Date or Future Order 11290 Date at time of ordering Term of 9.86 Months **Partner Actions** System Behavior / Impact Recommendation 1. Partner Initiate the conversion 1. Likely results in an error" The Start Date cannot be prior to today's date. 1. Avoid accepting the system suggested Consider changing the Start Date to the planned order submission date in order of renewal quote to order start date during the Expired status, to avoid frequent Start Date modifications" after the contract has when co-terming, use future start date EXPIRED. 2. Automatically adjusts the quote's start date to preserve the co-term end date to complete the renewal and will not 2. Partner must adjust the start 3. Contract term and pricing are re-adjusted for the shorter duration. require a backdate. date to current date or future 4. Leads to a non-standard deal process and potentially a minimal contract 2. This prevents errors, delays, pricing date during ordering issues, and non-standard processes. duration.

Enablement Strategy for Backdating Restriction

Effective February 8, 2026, backdating of service contract start dates will only be permitted within the grace period (OVERDUE status). Once the service is expired (EXPIRED status), backdating on the new quote will no longer be allowed.

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Timely or Early Renewal: To ensure timely renewals, it is crucial to complete (book) all renewals during the contract's active or grace period (OVERDUE status).

Submit your Inflight Quotes before Feb 08,2026.

Applicable Pre and Post Release

2

If additional time is needed during the grace period (OVERDUE status), reach out to your Renewal Manager to request an extension through the Service Agreement Grace Period Extension (SAGPE) process.

Ensure your contract is in ACTIVE or OVERDUE status.

Applicable Pre and Post Release

Reminder:

- If additional time is needed during the grace period (overdue status), reach out to your Renewal Manager to request approval for an extension through the Service Agreement Grace Period Extension (SAGPE) process.
- Ensure your contract is in ACTIVE or OVERDUE status when requesting an extension.
- Note that once the service status reaches EXPIRED, backdated service start dates will no longer be supported.



Enablement Timeline for SaaS, TS / CS

					Comms	Enablement	Release
	FY26 Q1			FY26 Q2	FY26Q3		
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1. SaaS Late Renewals Rollout	Sept-7						
2. Alignment/ Approval on the strategy & Exception process			Nov - 17				
3. Partner Email Communication				Dec- 15			
4. Operational Early Visibility Newsletter - Interna/External			Nov- 20	Dec- 18	Jan- 22		
5.Correction - Partner Email Communication				Dec- 22			
6. Partner Target Comm/ Internal policy/process Alert - Email				Dec- 10		Feb- 2	
7. CO Enablement Forum (POMs , DOMs , Regional Leads , all Internal commerce Operations Teams)						Planned Feb-8 A Go-Live	
8. Partner Early Visibility Webinar(Bundle with C360 & Contract Simplification)				Dec 16	Jan- 27		



PHASE 1

Late SaaS Auto and Manual Renewals Phase 1 September 07, 2025





Rules for SaaS Late Renewal Processing

When These Rules Apply (All conditions must be met for backdating)

- Transaction Type: It's a renewal of an existing subscription (not a new purchase).
- Subscription Status: Original subscription was active (not cancelled) before its end date.
- Offer Type: Applies only to Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) offers.
- Order Timing: Renewal order is placed in our system after the original subscription's end date.
- Grace Period: The renewal start date falls within the defined grace period after the original end date.
 - Billing Note: If a renewal is activated within the grace period, "No Change" and "Downsell" lines are backdated to the day after the previous term ends. If activated after the grace period, billing starts from the activation date.
- Subscription Changes: The renewal involves no changes or a downsell (reduction in services/quantity). Upsells (upgrades/additions) are not Backdated.
- Geographic Scope: Applies to all countries except Russia and Brazil.

When These Rules Do Not Apply (Offers/Transactions excluded from backdating)

- Technical Support (TS) & Terms & Content (TnC/TnC+) offers.
- Nutanix SaaS subscriptions.
- Mid-term Subscription transactions (e.g., "Change" or "Replace" actions).
- CCE (Cisco Commerce Express) subscriptions.
- Any Late Renewals beyond Grace period, backdating does not apply, and no charges are levied.

Saas Renewal - Initial Purchase and Late Renewal Initiated - Upgrade

Scenario	What Happens	Renewal Start Date	Renewal End Date	Backdating Allowed	Key Notes
Late Manual Renewal During Grace Period	SaaS renewal initiated late, within grace period	Day after previous subscription end date	End of new subscription term	True	Applies to both manual and autorenewals
2a. Downsell (fewer licenses)	Quantity reduced at line level	Day after previous end date	End of new subscription term	True	Applies to reduced quantity only
2b. Upsell (more licenses)	Quantity increased at line level	Original qty: Day after previous end date; Upsell qty: Activation date	Original qty: Activation date; Upsell qty: End of new subscription term	Partial (Original : True; Upsell: False)	Split rules for existing vs. upsell qt
2c. Upgrade Tier	Move to higher tier	Activation date	End of new subscription term	False	Applies to upgraded lines only
2d. Downgrade Tier	Move to lower tier	Activation date	End of new subscription term	False	Applies to downgraded lines only
2e. Line Removed	Line is removed	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not included in renewed subscription
2f. New Line Added	New line added	Activation date	End of new subscription term	False	Applies to new lines only
2g. No Line Change	No changes at line level	Day after previous end date	End of new subscription term	True	Standard renewal behavior
3. Partner/Reseller Transfer/Takeover	Partner or reseller changes, renewed within grace period	Day after previous end date	End of new subscription term	True	Same Subscription Reference ID if possible; update billing if Disti changes
4. Cancelled Subscription Renewed in Grace Window	Customer cancelled but renews during grace window	Activation/current date	End of new subscription term	False	Applies to both manual & autorenewals; no backdating
5. Fulfillment/Provisioning	Licenses provisioned for renewed term	Based on above rules	Based on above rules	As per scenario	Always supports next subscription term
6. Subscription Linkage & Metrics	Track late renewals for reporting	N/A	N/A	N/A	Linkage maintained for accurate metrics
7. General Late Renewal Rule	Any late renewal (manual/auto) within grace period, no service break	Day after previous end date	End of new subscription term	True	Applies if no disruption and within grace period
8. Very Late Renewal, After Grace Period (in Grace Window)	Renewal after grace period(15-30 days) but within grace window, Subscription status Expired (Ex: within 180 days)	Activation/current date	End of new subscription term	False	Never backdated; use current date

Saas Renewal - Initial Purchase and Late Renewal Initiated - Upgrade

Original Subscription

Sub1	000001 Start Date: 01-c	Jan-2022 End Date: 31-Dec-2024 Prepaid Billing					
Line #	SKUs	QTY	Extended Net	Start Date	End Date		
1.0	A-FLEX-3	1	0.00	Jan 1 22	Dec 31 24		
1.1	A-FLEX-ERC	1	\$100	Jan 1 22	Dec 31 24		
1.2	A-AUD-OCP1-NU	10	\$1000	Jan 1 22	Dec 31 24		
1.3	A-FLEX-P-CALL	20	\$2000	Jan 1 22	Dec 31 24		
1.4	A-FLEX-NUCL-P	30	\$3000	Jan 1 22	Dec 31 24		
			\$6100	Jan 1 22	Dec 31 24		

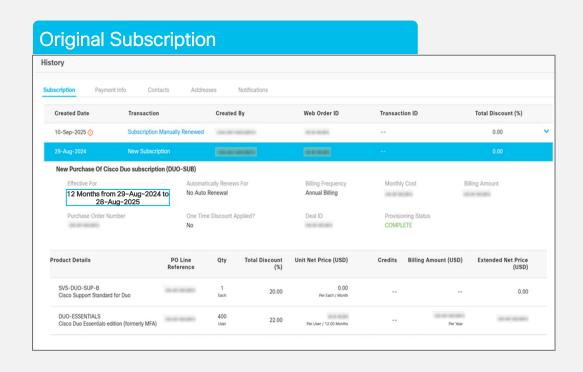
Quote Created:15-Dec-2024, Order Created:25-Dec-2024, *Subscription Activated: 10-Jan-2025*

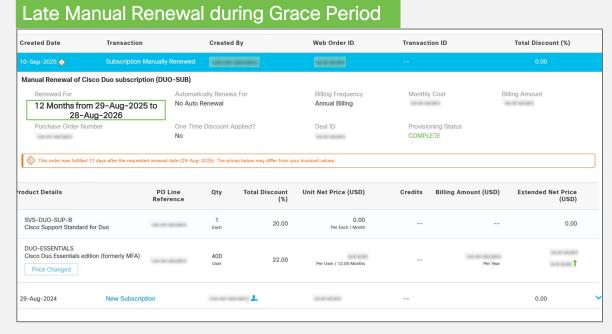
Manual/ Auto Renewal

	Sub1000001 Star	t Date: 1-Jar	า-202!	5 End Date:	31-Dec-2026 P			
Line #	SKUs	Action Type	QTY	Extended Net	Backdated Rule applicable	Start Date	End Date	Notes
1	A-FLEX-3		1	\$0.00				
1.1	A-FLEX-ERC	No Change	1	\$100.00	Yes			No changes were made. The backdated rule was applied, and the line start date is January 1, 2025. Backdated renewal lines match the subscription start date, so line-level dates are hidden in the Sub-UI.
1.2	A-AUD-OCP1-NU	Upsell	15	\$1,500.00	No	Jan 10 25	Dec 31 26	Upsell scenario: The line is not backdated. The subscription renewal start date at the line level is the subscription activation date. Billing will be prorated based on the subscription line activation date.
1.3	A-FLEX-P-CALL	Downsell	12	\$1,200.00	Yes			Downsell scenario: The backdated rule was applied, and the line start date is January 1, 2025. Backdated renewal lines align with the subscription start date, so line-level dates are hidden in the Sub-UI.
1.4	A-FLEX-NUCL-P	Remove	30		NA			The line has been removed from the subscription renewal.
1.5	A-FLEX-NUCL-P-A	Add	2	\$200.00	No	Jan 10 25	Dec 31 26	New line added during renewal. Backdated logic does not apply. The subscription renewal start date at the line level is the subscription activation date, and billing will be prorated based on this date.
Total				\$3,000.00				



Scenario#1: Backdated within Grace Period - All lines are No Change

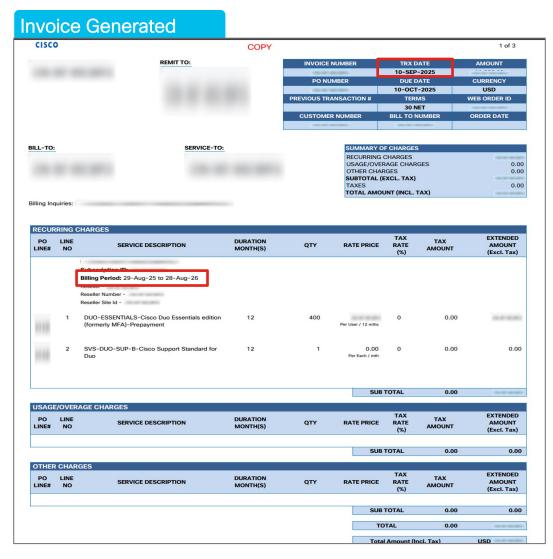




An original Cisco Duo subscription, effective from 29-Aug-2024 to 28-Aug-2025, was manually renewed on 10-Sep-2025 during a grace period, resulting in backdating where the renewed 12-month subscription period starts from 29-Aug-2025 (the day after the previous one ended) with consistent product lines, despite a price change.

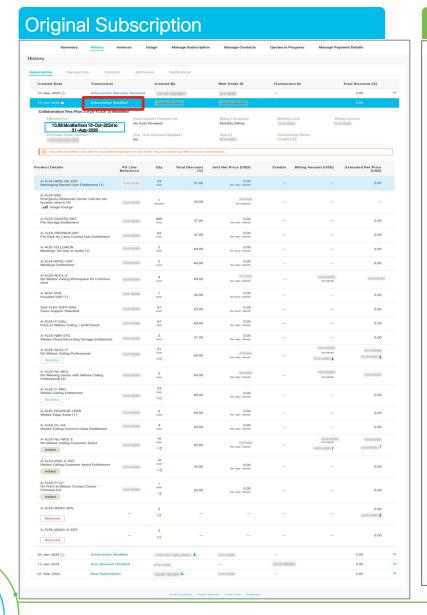
Scenario#1: Backdated within Grace Period Invoice

All lines are No Change

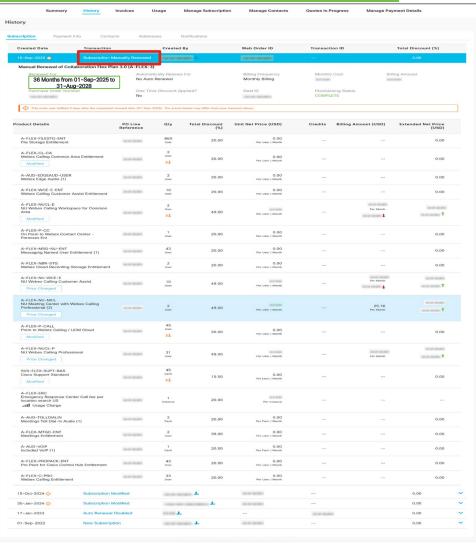




Scenario#2: Backdated within Grace Period - No Change + Downsell



Late Manual Renewal during Grace Period



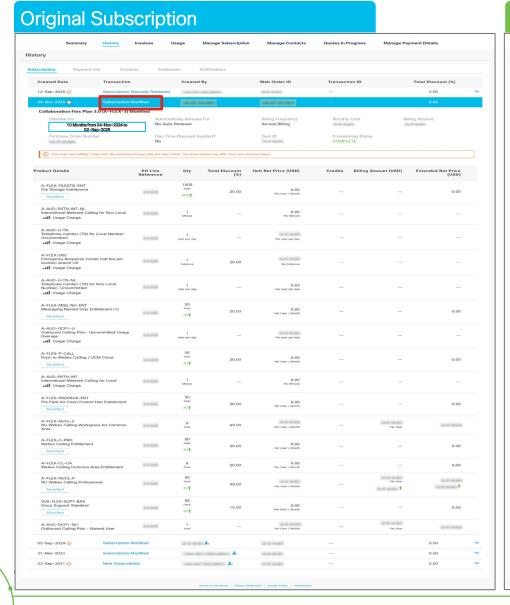
No Change + Downsell:

For both subscription modifications and renewals, "no change" and "downsell" line items are backdated to start the day after the previous subscription's end date. This is evident in the "Late Manual Renewal" where the transaction created on 10-Sep-2025 is effective from 01-Sep-2025.

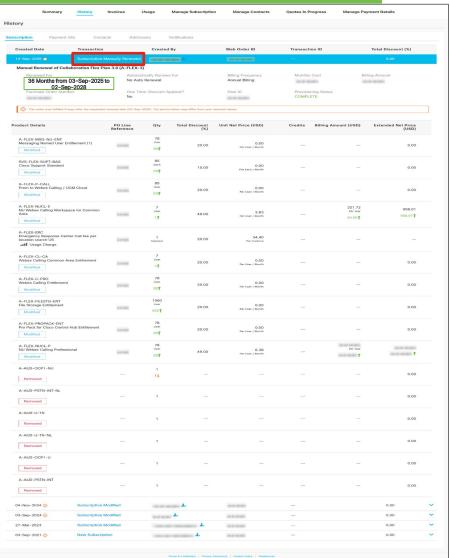
Scenario#2: Backdated within Grace Period Invoice - No Change + Downsell



Scenario#3: Backdated within Grace Period - Upsell Lines



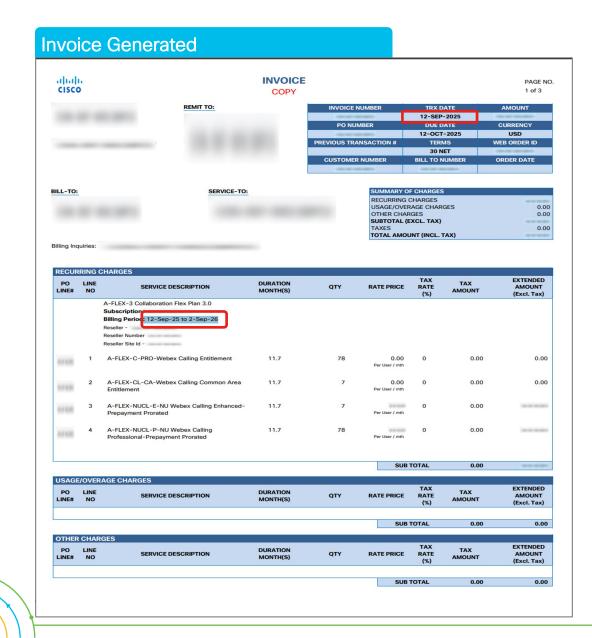
Late Manual Renewal during Grace Period



Upsell:

The late manual renewal, which included upsells (quantity increased at line level), resulted in both the original quantities being backdated to the day after the previous end date (and the upsell quantities not backdated but will be referencing to the activation date

Scenario#3: Backdated within Grace Period Invoice - Upsell Lines





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