

Is The GLM Coding Plan Lite Still Available for \$9 Per Quarter?

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No. It is not available now. The GLM Coding Plan Lite from z.ai (Zhipu AI) is not available at \$9 per quarter (\$3/month equivalent). That rate was part of an early promotional offer that ended around February 11, 2026.

Current Pricing (Official - z.ai/subscribe, April 2026)

- Lite Plan (entry tier, roughly 3xClaude Pro usage limits):
 - Monthly: \$18 (or \$16.2 if you pay quarterly)
 - Quarterly: \$48.60 (from your second quarter on; works out to ~\$16.20/month)
 - Yearly: \$172.80 (~\$14.40/month effective, 20% discount)

Higher tiers (Pro and Max) follow the same pattern with bigger limits and higher prices.

What Happened to the Old Pricing

- Throughout early 2025 and into early 2026, promos dropped Lite as low as \$3/month (first month) or \$6/month after that in some regions.
- February 2026 brought a pricing update that killed the first-purchase discounts and bumped overseas rates to what you see now-basically to cover compute costs.
- You'll still find some third-party blogs quoting "~\$10/month" because that was the post-adjustment quarterly rate (\$30/quarter) before the final standardization; the live subscribe page now shows \$48.60 quarterly.

Legacy Users Only

If you're on an old auto-renewing plan from before February 2026, you get special migration treatment starting April 30, 2026:

- 2 free months of the equivalent current plan tier.
- 50% off the new standard price for a limited window (Lite monthly drops to \$9 , quarterly to \$24.30).

This does not apply if you're signing up fresh.

Bottom Line

Head over to <https://z.ai/subscribe> directly for the most current options, billing cycle details, and any active referral discounts (up to 20% credits). Prices shift with demand, so always double-check on the official page before you buy.

The Lite plan itself is still around and works with GLM-5.1, GLM-5-Turbo, and earlier models in tools like Cline, Claude Code, Cursor, Kilo Code, etc.-just at the higher standard rate now.