

The cloud adoption journey

Define Strategy

Understand motivations

Understand cloud economics and get the financial and technical tips to help develop your cloud strategy and build your business case.

Identify desired business outcomes

Establish clear business outcomes that align with your motivations. Use this template to align stakeholders and decision makers on deciding which outcomes to prioritise.

Define your business justification

Define your business case and create a financial model to project the business impact of your cloud adoption strategy.

Planning

Take inventory of your digital estate

Catalogue all your workloads, applications, data sources, virtual machines and other IT assets and evaluate them to determine the best way to host them in the cloud.

Create a cloud adoption plan

Create your cloud adoption plan by prioritising your workloads based on their business impact and technical complexity.

Define skills and support readiness

Create and implement a skills readiness plan to define support needs, address current gaps, and ensure that your business and IT employees are prepared for the changes and new technologies.

Ready

Prepare your cloud environment

Learn how to construct your Azure landing zones with two possible paths: use enterprise-scale, or start small and expand.

Adopt

Migration

This motivation focuses on moving existing on-premises applications to the cloud based on an incremental process. This assumes that your organisation starts with an initial, limited-scope cloud migration effort, before later expanding to move more workloads as you learn from the initial experience and improve your migration processes.

Innovation

This motivation focuses on modernising your digital estate to drive business and product innovation. Modern approaches to infrastructure deployment, operations and governance are rapidly bridging the gaps between development and operations.

Govern

Benchmark and improve your governance

Identify gaps in your organisation's transformation journey, benchmark and track your governance state over time, and get recommendations for resolution

Establish governance practices

Implement a governance MVP (minimally viable product) to establish initial governance practices.

Identify business risks and define risk tolerances

Identify business risks and your risk tolerance.

Managing

When you use the Cloud Adoption Framework methodology for management, all workloads are classified by criticality and business value, measured through an impact analysis, which calculates the lost value associated with performance degradation or business interruptions. Using that tangible revenue impact, your cloud operations teams work with business team to establish well-managed cloud environments – with processes and tools to operate and manage resilient solutions.