

Start Compliant, Stay Compliant with Microsoft 365 and Liquid Mercury

Which MS365 Security Tier Is Right For Me?

Microsoft 365 and Azure are offered at several levels intended to meet government security requirements. Knowing which to use and when can present a complex challenge.

Helping you make the right choice is just one part of our **NIST/GCC Compliance Essentials Jump Start**. You can also use this chart to help you determine which one you need.

For All Government Offerings:

- Higher-level offerings meet all the requirements of all lower-level offerings.
- Datacenters are located physically in the US only.
- Maintained and supported by US citizens only, with passing background checks.
- Staff have no access to standing data, which is encrypted in storage and over the wire.
- Not all the above points are applicable to MS365 Commercial Cloud.



Platform Tier	Eligibility	Availability	Pricing	Compliance Level
MS365 Commercial and Azure	Anyone	Monthly or Annual, CSP or VLSC	Retail	FedRAMP (moderate risk) NIST 800-171 and 53 Rev. 4 compliant IRS 1075 compliant DFARS (where 252.204-7012 cloud provider "flow-down" agreement is not required)
Government Community Cloud (GCC) and Azure Government	Federal, State, Local Government Agencies Eligible Contractors	Monthly or Annual, CSP or VLSC	Same as Retail	FedRAMP (moderate risk) NIST 800-171 and 53 Rev. 4 compliant CJIS compliant IRS 1075 compliant DFARS with cloud provider "flow-down" agreement ITAR compliant DoD SRG Level 2
GCC High	US Federal Agencies Eligible Contractors Supporting Agency	Annual, AOSG*	40-50% Over Retail	FedRAMP (high risk) w/ 35 FedRAMP+ controls NIST 800-171 and 53 Rev. 4 ITAR compliant DoD SRG Level 4
GCC DoD	Strictly for US DoD (No Contractors)	Annual, AOSG*	Please Ask	FedRAMP (high risk) w/ 45 FedRAMP+ controls NIST 800-171 and 53 Rev. 4 DoD SRG Level 5

*GCC High and DoD licenses currently available only through our AOSG partners. These will become available via CSP sometime early 2019, but no official date has been announced. We'll work with the AOSG partner of your choice. Please be aware, purchase through AOSG is a manual process, takes two to four weeks, and will require up-front purchase for one full year. Therefore, you may wish to wait for upcoming developments before making such a purchase.

With key staff having over 50 years combined experience on the Microsoft platform, Liquid Mercury is your trusted government cloud solution and security advisor. Our customers, who span many industries and sizes, rely on us to help maximize **Vision and Value** for products like SharePoint, Dynamics, Azure, and Office 365.

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