

# Microsoft Cloud License Assessment

Cost Saving & Risk Management for Microsoft 365 & Azure

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Foundation level license assessment with a series of high-level insights that promote cost saving and risk management measures for Microsoft 365 & Azure.

Cloud computing has transformed the way organisations acquire and consume Microsoft technology. It has also enabled organisations to license Microsoft on a dynamic basis that can lead to improved cost management and operational effectiveness. To attain this advantage, organisations need robust Software Asset Management (SAM) processes that enable proactive management of cloud consumption.

Version 1's SAM team can conduct a foundation level licensing assessment that relates to your use of key Microsoft cloud services. This assessment will provide a series of high-level license insights that promote cost saving and risk management.

## Scope of Assessment

### Microsoft 365

- Define user types & activity
- Unallocated & inactive users
- Analysis of non-named user accounts
- Consumption observations
- License compliance impact of mixing plans
- High-level output of key findings

### Azure

- Define target subscriptions
- Verify rights & usage of AHB for Windows Server
- Guidance on AHB for SQL Server rights
- Use of auto-shutdown
- Reserved instance & reserved capacity opportunities

## Deliverables

- Licensing consultant led advisory service
- Presentation of findings
- RAG report with high level insights on cost savings & risk management

## Methodology

**Mobilise:** Engage Stakeholders, complete Microsoft Cloud Environment Q&A, outline process for data collection, agree target timeline.

**Data Collection:** Gather applicable Microsoft 365 & Azure related license metrics using a blend of automated & manual inputs.

**Data Validation:** Verify accuracy of sample to be included in the assessment.

**Present Findings:** Presentation of findings and supporting report linked to predefined outcomes.

**Review & Decide:** Examine review insight and recommendations to define if Version 1 can provide supplementary license advisory services.

**Engage:** Liaise with the Version 1 SAM practice to engage in supplementary services designed to manage licensing cost and risk.