



ACSC CERTIFICATION NOTICE – Microsoft Azure

Certification Decision

The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) certifies Microsoft Azure for the processing, storing, and transmitting of Australian Government information classified up to, and including PROTECTED (excluding information caveated with AUSTEO and AGAO) for the specific services detailed within the certification scope when deployed and configured in conjunction with the relevant ACSC Consumer Guidance.

This ACSC certification is valid for 12 months, expiring on 1 September 2019, or sooner should recertification be triggered. ACSC reserves the right to conduct further certification activities inside this certification period. Reasons for recertification could include, but are not limited to:

- Changes in information security policies, including associated risks;
- Detection of new or emerging threats to certified cloud services;
- The discovery that controls are not operating effectively or as expected;
- The occurrence of a cyber security incident, directly or indirectly;
- System architectural changes to the certified cloud services;
- Significant changes to the company profile, including company partners or suppliers;
- Changes to the certified cloud services risk profile; or
- Changes to IT resourcing or senior leadership within the cloud service provider.

Microsoft must maintain certification in accordance with the Australian Government information security policies and guidelines. ACSC must be informed of any new or extenuating considerations that may render this cloud service as non-compliant or which may introduce any new security risks or highlight risks previously overlooked.

Agencies are advised to consult the Consumer Guide available from the ACSC.

Microsoft must also make available the associated ACSC Certification Report and any supporting documents to Australian Government agencies utilising this cloud service, so that they may be aware and accepting of any identified residual risks and shared security responsibilities.

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