

Microsoft Cloud App Security

Licensing Datasheet

Elevate your security posture by taking control of your cloud environment.

Today, data travels to many locations – across devices, apps, cloud services, and on-premises. It is important to gain visibility and control of data in cloud applications, given the increasing number of cybersecurity attacks and compliance requirements with key regulations.

Microsoft Cloud App Security is a multitenant Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB). It gives you rich visibility, enables you to control how your data travels, and provides sophisticated analytics to identify and combat cyberthreats – across all your cloud services.

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Licensing Overview

Microsoft Cloud App Security (MCAS) is a user-based subscription service. Each license is a per user, per month license. Microsoft Cloud App Security can be licensed as a standalone product or as part of several different bundles, listed below. Some of these licensing options only include a subset of MCAS capabilities.

Microsoft Cloud App Security

This is a standalone license that includes CASB functionality for first and third-party applications. This user license includes an unlimited number of apps to be connected and protected for each user.

Microsoft Cloud App Security + Enterprise Mobility & Security E3 (EMS E3)

This combination of product licenses extends the capabilities of Microsoft Cloud App Security to include Conditional Access App Control (Reverse proxy capabilities) for real-time session controls. It furthermore adds automatic data classification and labelling, as well as mobile device management and mobile app management to protect corporate apps and data on any device and for any first and third-party app (DLP).

This bundle provides customers with the complete range of capabilities of Microsoft's CASB offering. Additional details on [EMS E3 licensing](#).

Enterprise Mobility & Security E5 (EMS E5)

This licensing bundle includes Microsoft's Security, Identity and Device Management solutions for security across users, devices, identity and apps. This bundle does not extend the capabilities of Microsoft Cloud App Security beyond what MCAS and EMS E3 offer. For additional product and licensing details, please visit [this page](#).

Microsoft 365 E5 Security

This licensing bundle unifies our security value across Office 365, Windows and EMS. It includes Office 365 ATP Plan 2, Microsoft Cloud App Security, Azure Advanced Threat Protection, Azure AD Premium 2 and Windows Defender ATP. Via this SKU customers can leverage the complete CASB offering except for automatic labelling of files (DLP). For more information, visit [this site](#).

Microsoft 365 E5

This is Microsoft's most comprehensive Modern Workplace offering and includes the highest tier offerings of Enterprise Mobility + Security, Office 365, and Windows. This bundle allows you to enable the integration of MCAS and Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection to enable machine-based Discovery on and beyond the corporate network. For details, refer to the [technical documentation](#) for additional details. For additional licensing information of M365 E5, please visit [this page](#).

Microsoft 365 Education A5

This bundle is available to educational institutions and includes Microsoft Cloud App Security. Additional details can be found [here](#).

Office 365 E5

This bundle includes Office 365 Cloud App Security (OCAS), which is a subset of MCAS capabilities. The subset includes Discovery and Risk assessment capabilities, as well as all other MCAS functionality, but limited to the use of Office 365, i.e. no 3rd party applications can be connected and managed with this license. Go [here](#) for more details.

Azure AD Premium 1

This standalone license includes a subset of Microsoft Cloud App Security capabilities. It includes MCAS Discovery and Risk Assessment capabilities and adds the ability to leverage reverse proxy capabilities to apply real-time monitoring and control of user sessions for MCAS, as well as OCAS customers. For additional feature details [go here](#). For information on Azure AD licensing, refer to [this site](#).

Microsoft Cloud App Security is available in Enterprise Agreements (EA), Open, via Cloud Solution Providers (CSP), and Direct channel.

Each user must be licensed for Microsoft Cloud App Security to use or benefit from it. For customers who license a subset of users, services enforced at the tenant level are not licensed for the other users. They are not entitled to use or benefit from the service, regardless of whether the service is technically accessible.

This document refers to ERP list prices. Please contact your Microsoft reseller or representative for a price quote specific to you.

Note that Microsoft does not determine pricing or payment terms for licenses acquired through resellers.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the price of Microsoft Cloud App Security?

The price for Microsoft Cloud App Security varies by program, region and agreement type. In Direct channel, the ERP standalone list price is \$3.5 per user per month.

Additionally, if customers want to use the [Conditional Access App Control](#) feature of Microsoft Cloud App Security, they must also have an Azure Active Directory Premium P1 (AAD P1) license for all users they intend to enable for this feature.

The standalone price for AAD P1 is \$6 per user per month. AAD P1 is also included in the Enterprise Mobility + Security suite with a list price of \$8.74 per user per month.

Who needs to be licensed for Microsoft Cloud App Security?

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I only want to use the Discovery capabilities of Microsoft Cloud App Security. What are the licensing options?

The Microsoft Cloud App Security "Discovery" feature is included in various licensing options. If your customer has any of the below licenses, they will be able to access the Discovery capabilities within MCAS:

- Microsoft Cloud App Security (List price \$3.50 per user/month)
- Azure Active Directory P1 (List price \$6 per user/month)
- Enterprise Mobility + Security E3 which includes AAD P1 license. (list price \$8.74 per user/month)
- Office 365 E5 (list price \$35 per user/month)

There is no standalone SKU available for "Discovery-only" capabilities.

For a detailed overview of all discovery capabilities please refer to the "Discovery" section on [this site](#).

What is the difference between Discovery capabilities in Azure AD P1 and Microsoft Cloud App Security?

All Discovery capabilities are equally available in Azure AD Premium P1 and Microsoft Cloud App Security except for anomaly detection alerts.

For a detailed overview of all discovery capabilities please refer to the "Discovery" section on [this site](#).

What is the difference between Discovery capabilities in Office 365 Cloud App Security and Microsoft Cloud App Security?

For a detailed overview of all discovery capabilities please refer to the "Discovery" section on [this site](#).

When using Conditional Access App Control (reverse proxy) capabilities via Azure AD, do external users need to be licensed?

When customers configure Conditional Access App Control to implement real-time controls and have guest users in their network via the free guest licenses in Azure AD, they do not require MCAS licenses for the external users that will be leveraging the reverse proxy infrastructure.

Additional Information

Learn how to get started with Microsoft Cloud App Security with our [detailed technical documentation](#).

If you don't have Microsoft Cloud App Security, [start a free trial today](#).

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