

Licensing Microsoft Visual Studio & MSDN on VMware Cloud On AWS

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This FAQ is designed to help VMware sellers and customers understand what mobility options customers have for Microsoft developer tools like MSDN, Visual Studio (VS) on VMware Cloud on AWS.

Q. What was announced by Microsoft in Aug 2019 with regard to its product licenses on dedicated hosted cloud services?

A. Microsoft announced that on October 1, 2019, the licensing terms for its products deployed on dedicated hosted cloud services will change. This change in Microsoft licensing affects customers planning to move Windows Server and Microsoft SQL Server workloads to non-Azure “hyperscaler” clouds including VMware Cloud on AWS. [Details are here.](#)

Q. Does this announcement affect MSDN or Visual Studio licenses?

A. Yes, those subscriptions and licenses are governed by the MS Product Terms use rights and as such are included in the new rules. That means that new licenses bought after October 1, 2019 do not have mobility to VMware Cloud on AWS SDDC's.

Q. What options do customers have to move MSDN or VS licenses to VMC on AWS?

A. End customers can that don't have BYOL use rights anymore have 3 options.

- 1) Buy Visual Studio SPLA licenses from a VMware MSP to run on VMware Cloud on AWS SDDC.
- 2) Deploy SQL Server developer edition for dev and test non production environments.
- 3) buy SQL Server Enterprise licenses from the VMware Cloud on AWS SPLA.

Q. Do MSDN or Visual Studio licenses or subscriptions have Licenses Mobility through Software Assurance rights?

A. No, neither MSDN or Visual Studio have License Mobility through Software Assurance rights so that is not an optional process for moving those licenses to VMware Cloud on AWS.

Q. What about customers who bought out there subscriptions and have perpetual use rights? Do they still fall into the same restrictions?

A. Yes, some customers, like customers who bought MSDN or Visual Studio under an Enterprise Agreement, had the option to maintain perpetual use rights for certain products in their suites. Those perpetual use rights are governed under the same term as the term in effect when the original subscriptions were purchased.

Q. Is there any documentation that will help customers understand there licensing use rights for Visual Studio?

A. Customers can speak to their MS sellers or Partners and can also download the VS licensing whitepaper [here](#)