

Microsoft Licensing within AWS

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Windows Server

- Simply pay the normal AWS fee for Windows Server instances (on-demand, spot, reserved). These fees are typically more than same-sized instances of other operating systems (<https://aws.amazon.com/windows/resources/licensing/#launch>).
- Due to changes in the license terms, no use of the campus Windows Server license is allowed at AWS.

SQL Server

- As of April 2018, Microsoft will no longer allow any form of Bring-Your-Own-License (BYOL) to AWS Relational Database Service (RDS). This means that Cornell cannot use our campus Microsoft licensing agreement for Microsoft SQL Server on RDS. For details see [2018-04-27 AWS & SQL Server RDS Licensing](#).
- If you require a managed MS SQL Server instance you have two options
 - You may purchase an AWS RDS instance with their license included for an additional fee (https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/UserGuide/CHAP_SQLServer.html).
 - You may launch an EC2 instance with a SQL Server license from AWS (<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/sql-server-ec2/latest/userguide/sql-server-on-ec2-licensing-options.html#sql-server-on-ec2-licensing-options-included>)
- With the updates to the license terms, using the campus license on an EC2 instance that you maintain is no longer allowed.

Microsoft Office

- Our campus Microsoft Office license cannot be used in any shared server environment at AWS. For example, AWS EC2 or AppStream.
 - As of August 1, 2023 Amazon WorkSpaces is now a viable target for the license.
 - <https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/desktop-and-application-streaming/empowering-your-workforce-with-amazon-workspaces-services-and-microsoft-365/>
 - <https://www.microsoft.com/licensing/terms/productoffering/AmazonWorkSpacesDeployments>
- The online version of O365 (<https://www.office.com>) may be a suitable replacement for the full, local installation and is fully license compliant from EC2, AppStream, and WorkSpaces.