Dear Sir/Madam,

We present to you the one hundred first edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which highlights the concepts of Microsoft License Mobility for Google Cloud Platform.

What is Microsoft Licence Mobility for Google Cloud Platform?

Microsoft Licence Mobility for Google Cloud Platform allows to deploy eligible Microsoft Windows Server applications on Google Cloud Platform using the existing application licences. This allows to easily move the workloads to Windows instances on Google Cloud Platform without having to pay any additional Microsoft software licensing fees.

If the customer is using licence mobility through Software assurance, the licence verification process should be completed and Microsoft will ensure that the customer has the eligible licences with active Software assurance. Microsoft will provide confirmation to the customer and Google when the verification process is complete.

To take advantage of this benefit, the following conditions are applicable:

- All applications for Microsoft Server that are migrated to Google Cloud Platform by the licence mobility must be covered with active Software assurance
- Eligible volume licensing programmes include the Enterprise agreement, Enterprise subscription agreement, and Microsoft open value agreement, where Software assurance is included, and other volume licensing programmes where Software assurance is an option, such as Microsoft open licence or Select plus
- The customer should maintain appropriate Client Access Licenses (CALs) with Software assurance in their volume licensing agreement if the customer wants to regularly update the server to the latest Windows server
- It does not include the Microsoft Windows client operating system, Desktop application products (e.g. Microsoft office), and Microsoft Windows server operating system. Google Cloud Platform customers will have to continue to run their applications through Windows-based instances on Google compute engine
- In order to comply with Microsoft’s ‘server farm’ rules, licenses deployed in a specific Google Cloud Platform region cannot be moved to another Google Cloud Platform region within 90 days of installation.

SQL server licence requirements

The number of licences required when running a Google compute engine Windows instance with software licensed under the licence mobility through Software assurance benefit is based on the instance type and version of SQL server deployed.

We hope the bulletin was informative. We would be happy to provide you additional information that you may require on the subject. Please write to us at in-fmkpmgccsbulletin@kpmg.com, for any queries or feedback.

Regards,
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