



Cloud Readiness Questionnaire

15 Must-Answer Questions to Get
Started With Cloud Computing

If the time has come for your business to begin the process of cloud migration (or if you are just thinking about it), congratulations! Cloud computing gives your organization an opportunity for added growth and success, but it is imperative that you are prepared and know exactly what your goals and needs are in the process.

The move to cloud is often much more complex than anticipated, and this can be complicated even further if the readiness assessment process is overlooked. Typically a cloud readiness assessment looks at both technical and business elements in your business, and covers three main areas: technology, people and processes.

The 15 must-answer questions in this questionnaire are just a starting point; a way for you to begin to prepare your cloud strategy and outline what your needs and goals are, and **most importantly**, this process can help you determine if moving your applications to the cloud is actually the best solution for your particular business. Remember, cloud computing doesn't suit all business models and it is much better to be safe than sorry!

Assessing cloud readiness is vital to ensure a successful migration. This way, you can be assured that your expectations for cloud computing are realistic, and ultimately get the most value from your migration project.

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1. What Services are you planning to move into the Cloud?

Outline the services, their current status and their role in your business.

2. What are your reasons for moving to the Cloud? What are the motivations and the goals?

3. Do you have an IT Strategy, and how does it define your cloud plans? This strategy will reveal key aims and direction for your use of Cloud.

4. Is there a compelling event and timeframe driving the change? If so, what is it? Contract end of life for example.

5. Who will use the service? How many users are there? Are they in-house or remotely located? How reliant will they be on your cloud services?

6. Have you had previous experience with Cloud Migration? This will identify your organization's level of experience with this type of project and readiness for the change.

7. Do your cloud applications need to meet any compliance or regulatory standards?

8. Do you have any cloud migration experience or expertise in-house? This determines the level of external support and expertise that will be required.

9. What are your Recovery Point Objective and Recovery Time Objective's for the service? Check out our calculator for help with this: <http://www.eguardtech.com/recovery-time-objective-rto-calculator>

10. How is business continuity, backup and disaster recovery currently handled in your organization?

11. How flexible and scalable do your cloud-based services need to be? Do you have peak season or staffing issues, for example.

12. On what channels will these services be delivered? Internal platform, public Internet, or mobile devices? Or all of the above?

13. Is your bandwidth currently designed to support a multi-cloud structure, or are any enhancements needed?

14. What networks must the services connect to?

15. Do you have a set-aside capital budget designed for IT updates and infrastructure (required for non-cloud infrastructure)?

If you're looking to migrate your IT applications or services to the Cloud, eGuard Tech Services is here to help. We can help you find the answers to these and many other questions about cloud computing, your individual migration concerns, and how the cloud can enhance your business operations.

Let us help your organization move to the Cloud the **right** way.



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