

.GOV Email Hosting with Microsoft 365 Government

Overview

Microsoft Office 365 Government **GCC** (Government Community Cloud) environment provides secure, compliant cloud-based email hosting and productivity tools tailored for U.S. government agencies.

Office 365 Government is available to US federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial government entities, and other entities that handle data that is subject to government regulations and requirements and where use of Office 365 Government is appropriate to meet these requirements.

Hosting Environment

- **Office 365 GCC** environment provides compliance with federal requirements for cloud services, including FedRAMP High, CJIS, IRS 1075 standards, and DISA level 2 Security Requirements Guidelines.

Hosting Features

- Use your agency's .gov domain for professional email addresses.
- Customer content is logically segregated from customer content in Microsoft commercial Office 365 services.
- All customer data stored in U.S.-based data centers.
- Access to customer content by Microsoft administrators is restricted to screened personnel.

Getting Started

- Need a .gov domain visit <https://get.gov/domains/>
- Visit <https://www.microsoft.com/en-US/microsoft-365/government>
- Contact Microsoft or a certified partner for eligibility validation and onboarding.

Microsoft Learning Links

- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/office365/servicedescriptions/office-365-platform-service-description/office-365-us-government/exchange-online-for-us-government-environments>
- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/office365/servicedescriptions/office-365-platform-service-description/office-365-us-government/gcc>
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Moving to a .gov domain

It should be easy to identify governments on the internet. .Gov domains are only available to U.S.-based government organizations. The public should be able to know whether the government site they're on or the email from the government in their inbox is genuine.

Using a .gov domain increases trust.

Benefits of .gov domains

[.Gov helps the public identify official, trusted information](#)

Anyone can register a .com, .org, or .us domain for a fee. This can make it hard for the public to know if the people behind an online service are who they claim to be.

.Gov domains are different because they're only available to U.S.-based government organizations. It should be easy to identify governments on the internet. The public shouldn't have to guess whether the site they're on, or the email in their inbox, is genuine. Use of the .gov top-level domain can help reduce uncertainty.

[Only verified U.S. government organizations can register a .gov domain](#)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), manages the .gov top-level domain. We verify the identity of everyone who requests a .gov domain, and we make sure that their organization meets the criteria for having a .gov domain.

[.Gov domains are free](#)

.Gov domains are available to eligible organizations for free!

[Organizations at all levels of government are eligible for .gov domains](#)

Federal, state, local, and other publicly-controlled entities are eligible for .gov domains. This includes cities, towns, counties, election offices, tribal governments, courts, and more.

We use the [U.S. Census Bureau's criteria for classifying governments](#) to help us determine eligibility.

[Read more about eligibility for .gov domains.](#)

[.Gov domains are critical infrastructure for governments at all levels](#)

.Gov domains support access to public services. We make .gov a trusted, secure space by:

- Using multi-factor authentication for all accounts in the .gov registrar