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Pricing Documentation: Microsoft Azure



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Pricing Model

The pricing of any complex service contract would need to be formalised following an audit and understanding of the exact support requirements and current ICT environment. However, for the G-Cloud 15 framework agreement, we have been asked to provide some guidelines as to indicative pricing. These are therefore guidelines only and exclude set up and transition costs. The up to date licenses and their recommended retail prices can be found on Microsoft website.

License cost are dictated by the Vendor and are liable to change. Microsoft currently offer a range of resources and locations however these are liable to change. Resources can be allocated on a Pay As You Go model and also Reserved Instances to help manage spend.

Microsoft Azure Pricing

Below is a **practical, UK-South (London), Pay-As-You-Go** price snapshot for **10 common Azure resources**.

To make this genuinely useful, I've fixed specific SKUs and assumptions (noted per row) so it is possible to compare like-for-like. Prices are **list (RRP) in £, ex-VAT** and are indicative only—actual charges vary with exact configuration, currency adjustments, and Microsoft updates.

Assumptions used

- **Region:** UK South (London)
- **Billing:** Pay-As-You-Go (no reservations/commitment unless noted)
- **Storage redundancy:** LRS where applicable
- **Linux for VM** (Windows images include OS licence uplift)
- **Representative, small-to-mid sizes** chosen to keep it practical

Azure UK South PAYG — Typical List Prices (GBP)

#	Azure Resource	Representative SKU / Assumptions	Unit	Indicative Cost (GBP)
1	Virtual Machine (General-purpose)	D2as v5 (2 vCPU, 8 GB RAM), Linux	per hour	£0.07–£0.09/hr
2	Virtual Machine (Burstable)	B2s (2 vCPU, 4 GB RAM), Linux	per hour	£0.02–£0.03/hr



3	Azure Blob Storage (Hot, LRS)	Hot tier, LRS	per GB-month	£0.015–£0.018/GB-mo
4	Azure Files (Standard, LRS)	SMB/NFS, standard HDD-backed	per GB-month	£0.05–£0.06/GB-mo
5	Azure SQL Database (vCore)	Gen5, 2 vCores, General-Purpose, 32 GB storage	per hour	£0.20–£0.30/hr
6	App Service (Web App)	S1 plan (1 core, 1.75 GB)	per hour	£0.07–£0.09/hr
7	Azure Functions (Consumption)	Execution + GB-s (after free grant)	per 1M exec + GB-s	~£0.15 per 1M exec + ~£0.008/GB-s
8	Azure Load Balancer (Standard)	Data processed + rules	per GB	~£0.002–£0.005/GB
9	Public IP (Standard, IPv4)	Static, not attached to Basic	per hour	~£0.003–£0.005/hr
10	Bandwidth (Data Egress to Internet)	First 5 GB/mo free; next tier example	per GB	£0.05–£0.07/GB

Important context & how to use this

- **Why ranges?** Microsoft adjusts list prices periodically, and some meters (e.g., data processed, GB-seconds) vary by exact usage profile. The ranges reflect typical UK-South list pricing that operators see for these SKUs at PAYG.
- **Windows VMs cost more.** If you need **Windows** instead of Linux, expect ~£0.01–£0.04/hr uplift for the examples shown (varies by edition).
- **Reservations & Hybrid Benefit:** 1-year/3-year reserved instances and **Azure Hybrid Benefit** (for Windows Server/SQL licences with SA) can reduce VM/SQL costs significantly—often **35–70%** vs PAYG, depending on mix.
- **Storage ops & transactions:** Blob/Files prices above are **capacity only**; workloads with high **transactions, snapshot, rehydration** or **geo-replication** needs will see additional charges.
- **App Service & Functions:** You pay for **instances** (App Service plans) or **consumption** (Functions) plus ancillary meters (e.g., outbound data, storage).

