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The FAQ's About DCAC and Azure Migration

Duration depends on a variety of factors: the size of your database, connected sources and applications, as well as your goals. At DCAC, we have successfully managed migrations in a day and orchestrated others that required extensive planning. We have the experience and skills to help you.

What's the process? What are the steps?
We typically utilize a four-step process for migrating to Azure:

- **Discovery:** Inventory your software and workloads
- **Assessment:** Categorize applications and workloads
- **Targeting:** Identify the destination(s) for each of your workloads
- **Migration:** Make the actual move.

Do I need to move all of my data sets?
Not necessarily. The globally renowned, award winning experts at DCAC can help you evaluate your situation and make recommendations based on your needs and goals.

I'm using different versions of SQL Server. Does that matter?
No. With SQL Server on Azure VMs, you can use any of the platform-provided SQL Server images (which includes a license) or bring your SQL Server license with you. All supported SQL Server versions (2008R2, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017) and editions (Developer, Express, Web, Standard, Enterprise) are available.

We are concerned about Downtime. How can we work around this?
DCAC's expertise and partnership with Microsoft often means we have a variety of tools other consultants do not in order to minimize, and occasionally even eliminate, downtime.

Will my Apps work in the cloud?
Yes. DCAC's knowledge of Azure's tools and processes means we can help adapt custom applications to successfully work in the cloud.

What about Data Security?
DCAC wrote the book on Data Security (now in its third edition) and Azure is the "Best in Breed" of cloud providers. Both companies work with you to ensure you have the best data security.

What about HIPPA requirements?
No cloud platform can be truly HIPAA compliant, but Azure does support HIPAA compliance, incorporating all the necessary safeguards. DCAC has the expertise to guide you through the process, but your organization will need to ensure correct configuration of cloud instances.

What about PCI DSS requirements?
Azure offers 40 services that are compliant with Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards (DSS). DCAC & Azure can help ensure your organization meets PCI DSS compliance goals.

Can you help me estimate costs?
Yes. Microsoft offers an online calculator https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/calculator/ to price and configure Microsoft Azure features. DCAC can advise you how to optimize your licensing and use that tool to provide a solid estimate of costs.

Why DCAC?

More than 80% of our globally renowned experts Microsoft MVP's, and all were pioneers in cloud technologies. As a Microsoft Partner with with Gold Platform certifications in Cloud, Data Platform, and Data Analytics, DCAC has unsurpassed experience in architecting and delivering cutting-edge Azure solutions. That's why we're a 2019 winner of three American Business Awards, including **"Most Innovative Technology Company of the Year."**

Many of the world's largest companies depend upon DCAC for help with the cloud and we'd be glad to help you too.

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