

Your Azure environment — assessed before we build.

Complete this checklist before your 30-minute fit call. The more you know going in, the faster we scope and price. Gaps are fine — identifying them is the point.

1. AZURE TENANT AND SUBSCRIPTION BASICS

- You have an active Azure tenant with at least one subscription
- You know your Microsoft Entra ID (Azure AD) tenant ID
Find it: Azure portal > Microsoft Entra ID > Overview
- You have Global Administrator or Owner access on the root management group
Required to deploy management group hierarchy and policy at root scope
- You have completed or are willing to undergo Microsoft identity verification
- You know whether you are on EA, CSP, MCA, or pay-as-you-go billing

2. IDENTITY AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT

- Microsoft Entra ID P1 or P2 licensing is in place (or you know the current tier)
- Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is enforced or you are willing to enforce it
- You have identified the identity provider: Entra-only, AD DS sync, or ADFS
- Break-glass (emergency) accounts exist and are documented
- You understand your current approach to privileged access (PIM, standing access, etc.)

3. NETWORK TOPOLOGY

- You know whether you need hub-and-spoke or Virtual WAN
- You have an allocated private IP address range for Azure (RFC 1918, non-overlapping)
Common conflict: on-prem 10.0.0.0/8 clashing with Azure subnets
- You know if you need connectivity back to on-premises (ExpressRoute, VPN, or none)
- You have decided on a DNS strategy: Azure Private DNS, custom forwarders, or hybrid
- You know your outbound internet egress preference: Azure Firewall, NVA, or direct

4. COMPLIANCE AND SECURITY BASELINE

- You know which compliance framework applies: Essential 8, IRAP, ISO 27001, SOC 2, or none
- You understand your data residency requirements (Australian regions only, sovereign, etc.)
- Azure Defender for Cloud (CSPM) is enabled or you are willing to enable it
- You have a log retention requirement and know how long logs must be kept
- You know your patching cadence expectation for IaaS workloads

5. OPERATIONS AND TOOLING

- You have (or want) a centralised log analytics workspace and SIEM approach
- You use or plan to use Azure DevOps or GitHub for IaC pipelines
- You have decided on the IaC language: Bicep (recommended), Terraform, or ARM
- You have a tagging strategy or are willing to adopt TDC's standard taxonomy
Minimum recommended tags: Environment, Owner, CostCenter, Workload
- You have a policy on workload isolation: separate subscriptions per environment vs shared

6. WORKLOADS AND TIMELINE

- You know the first workload(s) that will land in the new foundation
- You have a target go-live or compliance date driving urgency
- Key internal stakeholders (security, networking, finance) are aligned on the initiative
- You have budget approved or a budget authority identified for the engagement

Scoring guide

20 or more checked: you are ready — book the fit call today.

12 to 19 checked: bring your gaps list to the call — we will work through them.

Under 12 checked: no problem. That is exactly what the discovery phase is for.