Licensing Oracle Software in the Cloud Computing Environment

Approved Vendors

This policy applies to cloud computing environments from the following vendors: **Amazon Web Services – Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2), Amazon Relational Database Service (RDS)** and **Microsoft Azure Platform (collectively, the 'Authorized Cloud Environments')**. This policy applies to **these Oracle programs**.

For the purposes of licensing Oracle programs in an Authorized Cloud Environment, customers are required to count as follows:

- **Amazon EC2 and RDS** - count two vCPUs as equivalent to one Oracle Processor license if hyper-threading is enabled, and one vCPU as equivalent to one Oracle Processor license if hyper-threading is not enabled.

- **Microsoft Azure** – count two vCPUs as equivalent to one Oracle Processor license if hyper-threading is enabled, and one vCPU as equivalent to one Oracle Processor license if hyper-threading is not enabled.

When counting Oracle Processor license requirements in Authorized Cloud Environments, the Oracle Processor Core Factor Table is not applicable.

When licensing Oracle programs with Standard Edition One, Standard Edition 2, or Standard Edition in the product name, the pricing is based on the size of the instance. Authorized Cloud Environment instances with four or fewer Amazon vCPUs, or four or fewer Azure vCPUs, are counted as 1 socket, which is considered equivalent to an Oracle processor license. For Authorized Cloud Environment instances with more than four Amazon vCPUs, or more than four Azure vCPUs, every four Amazon vCPUs used (rounded up to the nearest multiple of four), and every four Azure vCPUs used (rounded up to the nearest multiple of four) equate to a licensing requirement of one socket.

Under this cloud computing policy, Oracle Database Standard Edition may only be licensed on Authorized Cloud Environment instances up to 16 Amazon vCPUs or 16 Azure vCPUs. Oracle Standard Edition One and Standard Edition 2 may only be licensed on Authorized Cloud Environment instances up to eight Amazon vCPUs or eight Azure vCPUs. If licensing Database Standard Edition 2 by Named User Plus metric, the minimums are 10 NUP licenses per 8 Amazon vCPUs or 8 Azure vCPUs.

Example, for Database Enterprise Edition licensing in an Authorized Cloud Environment: Licensing Oracle Database Enterprise Edition on a single instance of four Amazon vCPUs, where hyper-threading is enabled, would require two processor licenses. (Two Amazon vCPUs are considered equivalent to an Oracle Processor license).

Standard Named User Plus licensing applies, including counting the minimums where applicable.

For Oracle Linux purposes, each Authorized Cloud Environment instance is counted as a "System". "Basic Limited" and "Premier Limited" support is not available for Authorized Cloud Environment instances greater than eight Amazon vCPUs or eight Azure vCPUs.

Licenses acquired under unlimited license agreements (ULAs) may be used in Authorized Cloud Environments, but customers may not include those licenses in the certification at the end of the ULA term.

The example noted above is for illustrative purposes only.