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| Backup as a Service Overview |

Backup as a Service (BaaS) is a model that allows an organisation to simplify its data backup requirements and back up to a cloud-based service managed by a third-party provider. This is particularly useful for organisations using Microsoft 365.

## BaaS offers the following benefits.

### Simplifi**ed Management:**

* BaaS providers manage the entire backup process including the hardware and software, reducing the need for on-site hardware, and management and skilled resources.

### Cost Efficiency**:**

* BaaS eliminates the need to buy and maintain on-premises backup solutions, reducing capital expenditure and operational costs.

### Data Protection**:**

* BaaS offers a comprehensive and reliable backup strategy, ensuring your data is securely stored and can be recovered in case of accidental deletion, data corruption or a ransomware attack.

### Microsoft 365 Integration**:**

* BaaS providers offer services tailored for Microsoft 365 users, ensuring their data is always available and protected.

### Compliance and Security**:**

* BaaS providers ensure top-tier data security and backup integrity for your organisation’s data. The robust security protections include encryption, access controls and data isolation, ensuring your data is always protected.

### Scalability and Flexibility**:**

* BaaS allows organisations to easily scale their backup requirements as their data storage needs grow, without having to invest in additional hardware or infrastructure.

### Business Continuity**:**

* BaaS provides flexible, fast recovery options, ensuring business continuity.

### The following table offers some BaaS providers for the Microsoft M365.

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| BaaS Provider | Pricing | Key features |
| Alcion | From $5 per user per month | * Backup of Exchange, OneDrive, SharePoint and Teams data
* No agents, software or system management overhead
* Maximise protection by scheduling backups during peak user activity
* Proactive backups if Alcion or third parties detect external threats
* Fast recovery from clearly identified “safe” backups
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| Druva | From $4 per user per month (50Gb per user) | * Backup of Exchange, OneDrive, SharePoint and Teams data
* Protection from ransomware attacks
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| CloudAlly | Starts at $5 per user per month | * Automated/on-demand backup of Exchange, shared mailboxes, public folders, groups/Teams, OneDrive and SharePoint
* Encrypted immutable backups (protection from ransomware attacks)
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| Veeam Data Cloud (M365) | $6 per user per month | * Protects Exchange, SharePoint, OneDrive and Teams
* No software required. Log in through a web browser
* Data sovereignty – store data in your choice of cloud region
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| Microsoft 365 Backup | TBC (coming mid-2024) | * Backup OneDrive, SharePoint, Microsoft Exchange, Microsoft Teams
* Immutable backup protection against data destruction attacks
* Self-service backup and restore within Microsoft Admin Centre
* Backup all or select SharePoint sites, OneDrive accounts, and Exchange mailboxes in your tenant
* Search or filter to navigate through backups using key metadata such as site names, key owners, items or event types within specific restore-point date ranges
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