

Microsoft CSP - M365 Multi-Geo

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Overview

This article covers the **Microsoft 365 Multi-Geo** add-on license for customers that wish to expand their Microsoft 365 presence to multiple regions or countries within an existing Microsoft 365 tenant while meeting data residency requirements. Once configured, Multi-Geo allows you to relocate a user's data to a [specific Microsoft regional datacenter](#) (known as a satellite geography location).



NOTE

Currently, the relocated user data is limited to a user's mailbox, OneDrive, and Teams chat data.

There are no Multi-Geo licenses specific to shared resources such as SharePoint Sites, Microsoft 365 Groups, or Microsoft Teams teams. If enough Multi-Geo user licenses have been acquired, then you become eligible to use Multi-Geo with shared resources without limitation. However, Microsoft has not documented the license threshold for including shared resources.

For more information, see Microsoft's article on [Microsoft 365 Multi-Geo](#).

Purchasing Options

The following are the purchasing rules for the **Microsoft 365 Multi-Geo** add-on licenses:

- Your Microsoft 365 tenant must be located in the United States. If your Microsoft 365 tenant is not in the US, you must transact with a CSP partner that does business in your location.
- Microsoft 365 Business (SMB) base subscription are not eligible for Multi-Geo.
- You must purchase a license for each user account that will have its data relocated to another regional datacenter.
- You must purchase a 1-year commitment. Monthly commitments are not available.
- You must purchase a minimum 5% of your eligible base subscriptions. For example:
 - If you have 200 base subscription licenses, you must purchase 10 or more Multi-Geo licenses (5% of 200).
 - If you have 1,000 base subscription licenses, you must purchase 50 or more Multi-Geo licenses (5% of 1,000)
- Eligible base subscriptions for the Microsoft 365 Multi-Geo license are the following:
 - Microsoft 365 F1, F3, E3, or E5
 - Office 365 F3, E1, E3, or E5
 - Exchange Online Plan 1 or Plan 2
 - OneDrive for Business Plan 1 or Plan 2
 - SharePoint Online Plan 1 or Plan 2



IMPORTANT

After adding the Microsoft 365 Multi-Geo licenses to your tenant, it can take Microsoft's automated provisioning process **up to one month** for your tenant to be configured and ready for setting up your multi-geo configuration.

For more information, see Microsoft's article on [Microsoft 365 Multi-Geo](#).

Getting Started with Microsoft 365 Multi-Geo

Before you can start using Microsoft 365 Multi-Geo, Microsoft needs to configure your 365 tenant for Multi-Geo support. This one-time automatic configuration process is triggered after the Multi-Geo licenses are added to your 365 tenant, and can take a month or more to complete.

You will receive workload-specific notifications in your [Microsoft 365 message center](#) when each workload has been configured for Multi-Geo, and then you can begin configuring and using the Multi-Geo capabilities.

Microsoft's Deployment Articles for Multi-Geo

1. [Plan Your Multi-Geo Environment](#)
2. [Configure your 365 Tenant for Multi-Geo](#)
3. [Administering a Multi-Geo Environment](#)

4. [Set Up Search](#)
5. [How Your Users Will Experience the Environment](#)

**NOTE**

For more information on the Microsoft 365 services/workloads that support Multi-Geo, see the following Microsoft articles:

- [Exchange Online](#)
- [SharePoint Online](#)
- [Microsoft Teams](#)