

Information Services team,

As part of IS transformation efforts and embracing our “Cloud First” mindset, effective June 1, Azure will become our primary and default solution for any new compute or storage capacity.

This shift will help accelerate our strategic move to Azure and will stop us from accruing more on-premise technical debt. Azure will continue to provide us a scalable, modern and “just in time” capacity (three weeks, vs. three months), along with a rich feature set beyond our current on-prem capabilities.

All on-premise compute and storage hardware requests across our hosting sites will now go through an exception review process. In cases where there are legitimate technical reasons preventing your workload to effectively run in Azure, an exception can be granted if we determine we can re-use available inventory or if there are capital funds available to add more on-premise capacity.

To submit an exception request, please use our new [online form](#). Requests will be reviewed weekly by the Azure Exception Council and some requests receive scheduled follow-up discussion. I chair this exception review group, and it includes other TEO leaders, along with leadership from the application teams.

Thank you for helping support our exciting new Azure solutions and helping drive our long-term modernization as an organization.

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