



Quick start for tiering inactive data to AWS

Cloud Tiering

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Getting started with Cloud Tiering in AWS includes a few steps.



Prepare to tier data to AWS

You need the following:

- An AFF or FAS system with all-SSD aggregates running ONTAP 9.2 or later, and an HTTPS connection to AWS S3.
- An AWS account that has an access key and [the required permissions](#) so the ONTAP cluster can tier inactive data in and out of AWS S3.
- A location for the Service Connector: either [an AWS VPC](#) or [an on-premises Linux host](#).

With either option, the Service Connector needs an outbound HTTPS connection to the ONTAP cluster, to S3 storage, and to the Cloud Tiering service.



Tier inactive data from your first cluster

Log in to [NetApp Cloud Central](#), start a free trial of the Cloud Tiering service, and click **Let's Start, Discover Your First Cluster**.



Set up licensing

After your free trial ends, pay for Cloud Tiering through a pay-as-you-go subscription, an ONTAP tiering license, or a combination of both:

- To subscribe from the AWS Marketplace, click **Licensing**, click **Subscribe**, and then follow the prompts.
- To add a tiering license, [contact us if you need to purchase one](#), and then add it to your cluster from ONTAP System Manager.

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