



Quick start for tiering inactive data to Azure

Cloud Tiering

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Getting started with Cloud Tiering in Microsoft Azure includes a few steps.



Prepare to tier data to Azure Blob storage

You need the following:

- An AFF or FAS system with all-SSD aggregates running ONTAP 9.4 or later, and an HTTPS connection to Azure Blob storage.
- An Azure account that has the [required permissions](#) to deploy the Service Connector in a VNet.

The Service Connector needs an outbound HTTPS connection to the ONTAP cluster in your data center, to Azure Blob 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 Azure 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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