



Validation Checklists (VCL)

Change Log

Changes made to the Validation Checklists (VCLs) on Feb 27, 2026

All Specializations

Security Software & Service Specializations

- Updates to security-related specializations for H1'26, incorporating new AWS security services and best practices
- Amazon CloudWatch reference added to all security-related specializations, PQC requirements added to the Security Consulting competency
- RASP use case replaced with Application Detection and Response (ADR) and S3 Malware Analysis extended to other storage services
- New Autonomous Security Validation use case in the Application Security category

Service Ready and Service Delivery

- Standardized the SDP and SRP customer reference validation requirements. Added "Common Customer Example Requirements" controls to both programs, covering: 1/ Use Case Relevance: Ensuring the customer example aligns with the claimed use case. 2/ Partner Solution: Verifying the partner's actual involvement and solution delivery. 3/customer outcomes: Validating documented business results and impact.

Software Specializations

- **Microsoft Workloads ISV Competency** deprecation notices and general deprecation notices for checklists. Updated Microsoft workload training link for service delivery.
- **Amazon Linux requirements:** AWS SDK credential provider chain support and training link updates.
- **Migration and Modernization ISV Competency:** Update definition for end-to-end solution definition and data format and data access technical requirements. Added a new control for modernization enablement tools
- **Government Tech Competency:** Update CS-001 - Agent installation automation to CS-001 Citizen Services

Services Specializations

- Removed AWS certification requirements from multiple Industry services competency programs. This change affects four major industry-focused competencies: Manufacturing and Industrial, Life Sciences, Healthcare, and Financial Services Competencies.
- Updated language in consulting common controls to ensure partners respond to all requirements for all case studies.
- **DevOps Competency:** Updated DevOps certified personnel requirements.
- **Migration and Modernization Competency:** Updated Migration certified personnel

requirements and updated the competency definition to clarify how partners with an existing Migration category can achieve Modernization category using an alternative path.

- **SMB Competency:** Added details for maintaining competency using training paths and retraining requirement. Updated SMBCTEX-004 to clarify the requirements for case study requirements. Updated example response for GOV-001.
- **Digital Sovereignty:** Updated the training link and updated content for practice requirements for requirements gathering/planning, and solution development.
- **Financial Services Practice:** Updated language for sections AWS offerings/solution requirements.

Foundational Technical Review (FTR)

- The FTR User Guide has been updated to clarify that a CIS Benchmark report is required for all Partner-Hosted software FTR submissions
- Replaced the public URL requirement for Service Offering FTR.
- Clarified compliance documentation expectations for partners hosting solutions in their own environments rather than customer AWS accounts Updated the customer deployment checklist to include root account credential management using AWS Organizations and update the FTR checklist to align.
- Major compliance standardization effort deprecating CIS 1.4 and standardizing on CIS 3.0 and CIS 5.0, ensuring partners align with current security benchmarks
- For Service FTR updated service name from Cloud Watch for Cloud Trail for secure AWS account governance.

Changes made to the Validation Checklists (VCLs) on Feb 10, 2026

Data & Analytics Competency: Removed SDP prerequisites for the competency.

Banners for SDP and SRP: Posted the following banner on the Partner Central and designation pages: AWS Service Ready Validation Temporarily Unavailable
AWS is currently not accepting new applications for the Service Ready Program while we evaluate program updates.
AWS Service Delivery V

Foundational Technical Review (FTR): Posted the following banner on the Partner Central and Requirements pages: “Foundational Technical Review (FTR) is currently paused. FTR is currently paused. We are actively working to reopen applications as quickly as possible and will notify you when application submission is available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
FTR is not required to list or sell your product or solution on AWS Marketplace. For more information, visit [AWS Marketplace Seller Guide](#).”

Changes made to the Validation Checklists (VCLs) on Nov 30, 2025

Software Specializations

- **AI Competency:** Updates for "Generative AI" to "AI" competency rebrand and agentic AI category additions (new categories: Agentic AI Applications and Agentic AI Tools).

Consulting Specializations

- **AI Competency:** Updates for "Generative AI" to "AI" competency rebrand and agentic AI category addition (new category: Agentic AI Consulting Services).

Changes made to the Validation Checklists (VCLs) on Nov 20, 2025

Software Specializations

- **Resilience Competency:** Updated instructions on the introduction tab to remove the option to email the checklist.
- **Security Competency:** Updates to add a new Agentic AI requirement for the AI Security Category.

Consulting Specializations

- **Security Competency:** Updates to add a new Agentic AI requirement for the AI Security Category.

Changes made to the Validation Checklists (VCLs) on Oct 27, 2025

Software and Consulting Specializations

Software Specializations

- **Conversational AI Competency:** Deprecate the competency and added End of Support Notice.

Consulting Specializations

- **Dev-Ops Competency:** AWS DevOps Certified Personnel requirements have changed from "≥ 4 AWS Certified Developer – Associate or AWS Certified SysOps Administrator – Associate" to "≥ 4 AWS Certified Developer – Associate, AWS Certified SysOps Administrator – Associate, or AWS Certified CloudOps Engineer - Associate"
- **Microsoft Workload Competency:** AWS Certified Staff requirements have changed to from "≥ 4 AWS Certified Developer – Associate or AWS Certified SysOps Administrator – Associate" to "≥ 4 AWS Certified Developer – Associate, AWS Certified SysOps Administrator – Associate, or AWS Certified CloudOps Engineer - Associate"
- **AWS Resilience Competency:** Resilience Specialist Certified Personnel requirement have changed from "≥ 4 AWS Certified Developer – Associate or AWS Certified SysOps Administrator – Associate or AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate" to "≥ 4 AWS

Certified Developer – Associate, AWS Certified SysOps Administrator – Associate, AWS Certified CloudOps Engineer - Associate, or AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate”

- **SMB Competency:**
 - Evidence requirement has been updated from “list of 50 ACE Opportunity IDs representing launched SMB opportunities for unique customers with a minimum of \$5K ARR PO/AO” to “list of 50 ACE Opportunity IDs representing launched SMB opportunities for unique customers with a minimum of \$1K ARR PO/AO in the past 24 months from submitted application date.”
 - Removed the section 4.2 Proven SMB Selling Experience because it is not a prerequisite and is covered in SIBUS-002 control.
 - Checklist was updated to include links to Skills Builder courses for: 1/[Marketing to SMBs](#) 2/ [Prospecting 101](#) 3/ [Sales Accreditation](#)
- **Conversational AI Competency:** Deprecate the competency and added End of Support Notice.

Service Ready

- **Amazon SageMaker:** Deprecated and added End of Support Notice.
- **Amazon Connect:** LatestUpdateTimeStamp in DP-001 was a typo for LastUpdateTimeStamp, as this field doesn't exist in [the data model for contact records](#).
- **Amazon OCSF:** Amazon Security Lake was renamed and redirected to new Amazon OCSF

Service Delivery

- **Systems Manager:** Updated SSM-002 “AWS Systems Manager features” to “Systems Manager tools”

Changes made to the Validation Checklists (VCLs) on Aug 29, 2025

All Checklists

- The validity period information for each checklist has been updated to state that Partners have up to 90 days to use the previous version of the checklist. In the previous H1 2025 release, we've updated our validation checklists with start and end dates for better version tracking. Each checklist shows Validity Period: Start date:

All Specializations

- **Specific renewal requirements** are being established for each specialization category, including Service Delivery, Service Ready, and Services/Software Competencies. We are updating the "Program Prerequisites" section in all VCLs with standardized language regarding AWS Specialization renewal requirements. For Service Delivery Specializations, partners must maintain at least a Select Tier status and keep their AWS Partner Central Solution in "Active" status.

- Service Ready Specializations require partners to maintain an approved FTR for their submitted software solution and keep their Partner Central Solution status as "Active."
- For Services Competencies, partners must maintain an Advanced Tier or higher status, along with an active solution status in Partner Central.

Across all three categories, if partners fail to meet these requirements, their Specialization will be marked as non-compliant, initiating a 6-month remediation period. If compliance is not restored within this timeframe, partners will lose their Specialization status and all associated benefits.

- AWS regularly reviews Specialization designations and has established a legal-approved **End of Support policy** for program deprecation:
 - All AWS Specialization Programs are subject to change at the sole discretion of AWS. When an AWS Specialization Program is decided to be deprecated, you may receive 6 months' notice of the planned End of Support date for that AWS Specialization Program. After the End of Support date, all Program Benefits associated with the deprecated AWS Specialization Program will be discontinued. End of support does not immediately impact access to differentiation. Your confirmed status for a deprecated AWS Specialization designation will continue to be recognized through the End of Support date. However, Signature Benefits (see [AWS Specialization Program Guide](#)) associated with a deprecated AWS Specialization Designation may no longer be supported as of notice of End of Support.

Foundational Technical Review (FTR) for Partner Hosted Solution

- The following security validation reports from Partners will be accepted by the FTR program to satisfy majority of controls:
 - SOC 2 Type II Audit Reports
 - AWS Well-Architected Framework Review (WAFR) Reports conducted by confirmed AWS Well-Architected Partner Program (WAPP) partners.
 - [FTR Alternative checklist](#) (New) has been published with only a subset of FTR requirements: HOST-001: Hosting model confirmation; SUP-001: Support level requirements WAFR-001 & 002: Architecture review requirements; CAA- 52001 through CAA-007: Cross-account access requirements. The remaining 34 FTR requirements will be evaluated using the SOC2 and WAFR report.
 - The ALT-001 requirement has been removed from the Partner-Hosted checklist. Partners can now obtain FTR exceptions through the new [FTR Alternative Checklist](#) using their WAFR and SOC2 reports.
- **Removing ARC-003:** Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) on the root user for all AWS accounts, since AWS IAM now enforces MFA for root users across all account types.
- **Adding New Pre-requisite:** All solutions submitted for FTR must be either: Generally Available (GA), or available for customers to purchase

- **Improved Case Study Requirements:** We have improved the guidance for the details required on each case study and provided more transparent, standardized criteria for how these will be evaluated. The following Customer Example Requirements have been added/updated:
 - **Use Case Relevance:** UCR-001 About the Customer, UCR-002 Key Business Challenge, UCR-003 Goals / Objectives, UCR-004 Designation Definition Fit
 - **Partner Solution:** PS-001 Solution Architecture (ISV Only), PS-002 Technical Solution, PS-003 Solution Optimality, PS-004 Solution Must be Launched in Production, PS-005 Customer Opportunity Registered Details, PS-006 AWS Service Usage Aligned with Specialization Area (Consulting Only)
 - **Customer Outcomes:** CO-001 Key Performance Indicators, CO-002 Continuous Improvement.

Please review the detailed business case study requirements in any Technology and Competency checklists.

- **Incident Response SDP and SRP:**
 - Added detailed information on information to be provided for case studies like required components include customer challenges, architecture diagrams, AWS services used, and measurable outcomes

Software Specializations

- **ISV HPC Competency:** We modernized the competency requirements and updated all control numbers across the three categories. The modernization included revised language for clarity and new control number assignments in application, HPC Management and Foundational Technology categories.
- **Oracle Competency:** Please find the below changes in oracle competency:
 - Architecture diagrams must show Oracle workloads before and after AWS migration
 - Partners must document high availability and disaster recovery capabilities
 - Migration documentation must include sizing, methodology, and execution details
 - Case studies must be from the last 24 months and be production deployments, not pilots
 - Implementation must detail AWS services deployed for Oracle database and applications
 - Partners need to provide business continuity and redundancy documentation
 - Migration planning must include readiness assurance and fallback planning
 - The change is specifically for the Oracle Competency checklist
- **Security and MSSP Competencies:**

1. Security ISV Competency:

- Added information on Cloud-Native Application Protection Platforms (CNAPP) which combine multiple use cases across categories.
- Added Threat Intelligence Platform (TIP) use case and TDRP-010 control to Threat detection and response category

2. MSSP Competency:

- Added information on PartnerEquip Live attendance to CORE-009 control and updated some additional links.
- **Containers Competency:** Has been deprecated
- **AWS Microsoft Workloads Competency:** The current requirement affects Microsoft Competency with three categories: .NET Application Modernization, Database Solutions, and Productivity Solutions
 1. Partners currently must provide all four case studies from one chosen category
 2. The proposed change would require only two case studies from the chosen category, with two allowed from other categories
 3. The change aims to better align with market conditions and partner capabilities

Consulting Specializations

- **Migration and Modernization Competency:** The definition and requirements for the competency have been updated to specify how AWS makes it easy for new services partners to achieve both the Migration Services Category and the Modernization Services Category with a single application.
- **Manufacturing & Industrial:** Updated the pre-req language to include 'manufacturing impact requirement' and 'performance validation'. This will help the segment team to foster a more qualified pipeline.
- **CloudOps Competency:** Optional controls have been introduced in CloudOps competency for:
 - AI Agent and Agentic Workflow Governance (ALT) Agentic AI Governance and Control
 - GenAI Operations Monitoring and Observability (ALT) Agentic Observability
 - Financial Management for Agent and Agentic AI workflows (ALT) Agentic Workload Cost Management
 - GenAI Workload Compliance and Auditing (ALT) Compliance for Agentic Applications

- **SaaS Competency Technical Assessment:** Introducing a new requirement SAASTA-020 - AWS Marketplace Integration Strategy, which will aim to qualify whether SaaS partners are utilizing Marketplace to drive customer opportunity.
- **Advertising and Marketing:** The Advertising and Marketing Technology Competency will require a partner to submit 4 case studies, amongst which 2 are public. This change aligns with service applications.
- **Security Consulting Competency:** Added ARR component to submitted case studies.

Managed Service Provider (MSP) program

- AWS MSP program team is releasing an updated MSP Program validation checklist (version 7.1), which includes additional information for some specific control requirements. This update maintains the current control framework, with no additions or removals, focusing solely on improving clarity and streamlining the validation process for partners.

Changes made to the Validation Checklists (VCLs) on Feb 14, 2025

All Checklists

- We've updated our validation checklists with start and end dates for better version tracking. Each checklist will now show Validity Period: Start date: When the checklist is released, Expiration date: 90 days after the next scheduled release. Validity period for each VCL is clearly displayed at the top of each download page for Partners.

Foundational Technical Review (FTR) for Partner Hosted Solution

- **HOST-001- Confirm your hosting model** has been revised to reflect the latest SaaS product deployment qualification consistent with [AWS Marketplace SaaS product Architecture Guidelines](#)
- **ARC-001 Use root user only by exception** has been revised to use new the AWS organizations feature for managing root account access centrally.
- **ARC-003 - Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) on the root user for all AWS accounts** has been revised to enable MFA for root access in member accounts.
- **ARC-004 - Remove access keys for the root user Current Control Definition** has been revised to highlight that root user account should only be used for specific tasks for member accounts.
- **RES-001- Architect your product to meet availability targets and uptime service level agreements (SLAs)** has been updated to provide recommendation for Partners to use the Resilience strategy for AWS ISV Partners to review your resilience strategy and make any required changes.

Software Specializations

- **Common Customer Reference Criteria Pilot [New]:** We are running a pilot with GenAI,

Security and Education competencies to evaluate standardizing case study requirements across all VCLs. To view an example of these requirements, please check the Generative AI VCL template [here](#).

- **Migration ISV Competency:** Update checklist to cover vulnerability management for tooling
- **IoT Analytics Delivery** checklist is deprecated.
- **GenAI Software Competency control GAIFMS-001** has been updated to include requirements for AI ethics and responsible AI.

Service Specializations

- All Service Ready Program (SRP) checklists have been updated to clarify that the solution must be a software.
 - **CloudOps Service Competency:** Updated case study quality standards by highlighting that the AWS Partner must demonstrate advanced Cloud Operations capabilities through case studies that showcase collaborative customer engagements focused on solving specific CloudOps challenges while delivering measurable business value.
 - **WWPS NPO Competency:** Updated the requirements to be eligible for the competency by extending the definition to include arts/culture and removes education/hospitals from the non-profit scope in alignment with the current segment strategy.
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Changes made to the Validation Checklists (VCLs) on Aug 5th, 2024

Foundational Technical Review (FTR) for Partner Hosted Solution

- Require an architecture diagram for ALL Partner Hosted (SaaS) applications
- Revise IAM-012 to focus only on AWS machine identities. The new requirement is:
 - IAM 012 – Use temporary credentials for applications that run on an AWS to access other AWS resources
- RES-004 updated
 - Minimum resilience testing changed to AZ failure
 - Changed testing to meet “RTO and RPO” to must meet “established targets”

Changes to Services Competencies

- All Competencies > Accept Well-Architected Review Report for Consulting Competency and SDP Common Customer Example Artifacts if:
 - A partner provides a WAR review report with zero outstanding high-risk issues (HRIs) in the Security, Operational Excellence, and Reliability pillars for the customer case study workload implementation.
 - Goal is to minimize the operational burden for partners without lowering the technical bar of specialization validation
- Consulting Competency > Security
 - Added calibration guide
 - Updated requirements TDRP-008 for Threat Detection and Response Category
 - Updated CORE-004 under Core Security Category

- Consulting Competency > Energy
 - “Energy Competency” changed to “Energy and Utilities Competency”
- Consulting Competency > SMB
 - SIBUS-002 – Added language outlining how AWS defines the Small and Medium Business (SMB) customer segment.
 - Example of AWS Customer Deployments: Added a disclaimer in this section that at least 2 of 4 customer examples submitted are migration use cases.
 - Modified AWS Customer Deployments Example where ACE Opportunity ID are required.
 - Included guidance of where Partners can find their opportunities
- Consulting Competency > IoT
 - Revised section Performance Efficiency (Use Case 1) to Performance Efficiency (Requirements apply to one of the four provided customer examples)
- Consulting Competency > Oracle
 - Updated EXPEF-001 to be a performance specific requirement.
- Consulting Competency > Migration consulting competency to add modernization category (VCL details to be released 08/22)
- Consulting Competency > Automotive
 - Added one practice requirement for Supply Chain Category
- Consulting Competency > Resilience
 - Updated RDCE-001 - Resilient Architecture Design
- Consulting Competency > Digital Sovereignty
 - Updated ‘AWS PartnerCast - How to Address Digital Sovereignty Questions From Your Customers – Business’ with [‘AWS Partner: Digital Sovereignty Essentials’](#)
- Consulting Competency > Education
 - Removed any language or section referencing the Public Sector Partner Program (because this program was deprecated in 2024)
 - Added Education Customers Definition
- Consulting Competency > Nonprofit
 - Added Nonprofit Customers Definition

Changes to Technology Competencies

- Technology > Cyber Insurance
 - Added calibration guide
 - Merged CIGEN-003 and CIGEN-004 and switched to automated approach
- Technology > Security
 - Threat Detection and Response Category:
 - Changed the order of the requirements.
 - Significantly updated the XDR requirements.
 - Added a new use case Cyber Asset Attack Surface Management (CAASM) to the Compliance and Privacy category.
 - Updated APSEC-004 Static Code Analysis requirements.
 - Added Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) / Supply Chain Security to the Application Security category [APSEC-006]
- Technology > SMB

- Example AWS Customer Deployments, added
 - Each case study must be supplemented with the corresponding ACE Opportunity ID.
 - Guidance to ensure partners are using SMB-focused language in their applications
- Included guidance of where Partners can find their opportunities organized by AWS defined customer segment in Partner Analytics
- Technology > Energy Competency
 - “Energy Competency” changed to “Energy and Utilities Competency”
 - “New Energies” category changed to “Power and Utilities”
- Technology > Education
 - Removed any language or section referencing the Public Sector Partner Program (because this program was deprecated in 2024)
 - Added Education Customers Definition
- Technology > Nonprofit
 - Removed any language or section referencing the Public Sector Partner Program (because this program was deprecated in 2024)
 - Added Nonprofit Customers Definition

Changes to Service Delivery Program (SDP)

- SDP > Control Tower
 - Remove "What vertical the solution was deployed." in CT-001, since mentioned as a use case in CT-002
 - Removal of "CfCTv2 in a single account environment: Build to the specification listed in the CfCT Github" in CT-003 as a valid use case (see feedback in doc)
- SDP > EC2 Systems Manager
 - SSM-002 list of features updated to include the latest features.
- SDP > Amazon ECS
 - ECS-008 CLI commands updated.

Changes to Solution Provider Program (SPP)

- Updated Introduction and Expectation of Parties section
- Removed section 1.3 from pre-req
- Updated SPP FTR Guide
- AWS defined customer segment in Partner Analytics

Changes made to the Validation Checklists (VCLs) on Feb 17th, 2024

Foundational Technical Review (FTR) for Partner Hosted Solution

- Partners will get a waiver for FTR if they have completed Well-Architected Review in the past 12 months with a AWS Employee.
- IAM-002 is updated to use temporary IAM credentials retrieved by assuming a role whenever possible
- NETSEC-001 is updated by removing the requirement to now allow Network ACLs ingress from 0.0.0.0/0 to remove administration ports.

Changes to Services Competencies

SAP Competency

Following controls have been removed:

- Prerequisites of SAP on AWS - Specialty certification
- PROPE-003 - Next Generation Managed Services / Automation

Data & Analytics Competency

Following controls have been modified:

Prerequisites of AWS Data & Analytics Certified Personnel is modified as *“Applicant must have at least 4 employees with valid (unexpired) certifications for AWS Certified Data Analytics - Specialty certification or AWS Certified Data Engineer-Associate certification ”*

Main Frame Migration Competency

AWS Partners should check the VCL for specific change details.

Overall, the VCL was simplified by: (1) reducing examples of Mainframe modernization projects from 10 to 4 in section 2.1; (2) updating customer examples completed within the past 20 years to 10 years in section 5.0; (3) modifying language with modernization focus for controls: MMPR-003, MMPR-004, MMCE-002, MMCE-003, MMCE-005, MMCE-006, and MMCE-007.

Networking Competency

Updated NETP-002 to clarify AWS enhanced routing (ingress routing, more specific routing, routing to endpoints/attachments)

Security Consulting Competency

We updated the VCL language clarity for this competency, AWS partners should check VCL for details. Specific highlights are listed below

- Clarified Competency category and use case structure in the VCL
- Updated VCL requirement IDs to be more consistent with other competencies
- Renamed Web Application Firewall (WAF) category to Web Application and API Protection (WAAP)

Level 1 MSSP

We updated the VCL language clarity for this competency, AWS partners should check VCL for details. Specific highlights are listed below:

- Renamed Web Application Firewall (WAF) Management category to Web Application and API Protection (WAAP) Management
- Renamed Data Privacy Event Monitoring category to Data Protection Event Monitoring
- Updated file link for Supporting Tools for AWS MSSPs

Changes to Technology Competencies

Security technology Competency

We updated the VCL language clarity for this competency, AWS partners should check VCL for details. Specific highlights are listed below:

- Expanded APSEC-005 - Vulnerability Management to cover container environments.
- Renamed Web Application Firewall (WAF) category to Web Application and API Protection (WAAP)
- Removed the following requirements from the Security ISV VCL:
 - SEC-002 - Customer case studies qualifications
 - INFPR-003 - GuardDuty Integration
 - INFPR-012 - Highly available architecture
 - CPR-002 - AWS Security Hub Integration
 - CPR-004 - CIS Benchmark Support
 - CPR-005 – Documentation

Containers Technology Competency

We updated the VCL language clarity for this competency, AWS partners should check VCL for details. Specific highlights are listed below:

1. Clarification that Security category solutions must provide holistic support for all capabilities listed
2. Expanded and refined requirements for Observability solutions

Changes to Service Delivery

Amazon EKS SDP

Following controls have been modified:

- EKS-009 -Solutions have proper observability mechanisms in place: Expanded the observability capability and corresponding evidence
- EKS-027 - updated language to leveraging EKS Pod Identities to map IAM roles to service accounts and corresponding evidence

Amazon Connect SDP

Clarified control requirements for CON-003

Changes made to the Validation Checklists (VCLs) on August 5th, 2023

Foundational Technical Review (FTR) for Partner Hosted Solution

- Removed following controls
 - **CTL-001** - Configure CloudTrail in all AWS Accounts and in all Regions.
 - **CTL-002** - Store logs in a separate administrative domain with limited access (for example, a separate AWS account or an equivalent AWS Partner solution).
 - **CTL-003** - Protect log storage from unintended access (for example, MFA-delete, versioning on S3, object lock, or an equivalent solution).
 - **CTL-004** - Enable CloudTrail log file integrity validation.
 - **S3-002** - Restrict access to S3 buckets that should not have public access.
 - **S3-003** - Implement monitoring and alerting to identify when S3 buckets become

public.

- Updated following controls
 - **NETSEC-001** – Removed *Implement a process to review all security groups before implementation* and added following requirement: *Ensure no Network ACLs allow ingress from 0.0.0.0/0 to remote server administration ports (CIS 5.1/Security Control EC2.21)*

- **ARC-005** – Develop incident management plans – This controls now cover incident plans in general.

Changes to Technology Competencies

Security Technology Competency

- Added following use cases:
 - IDAM-005 - Temporary elevated access management (TEAM)
 - DATP-009 - Data Security Posture Management (DSPM)

Changes to Services Competencies

Storage Consulting Competency

- Following controls have been moved from pre-requisite section to Storage Customer Example Requirements section (Baseline Technical Consideration category):
 - EXBA-003 – Use Cases
 - EXBA-004 – Value-added Services
 - EXBA-005 – AWS Storage Competency Technology Partner Products
 - EXBA-006 - Unique Customer Examples

DevOps Consulting Competency

- Added following controls:
 - PROC-001 - Review DevOps Use case fit and calibration guide

Data and Analytics Competency

- Following controls have been removed:
 - PRRP-003 - Bandwidth Costs
 - PRID-001 - Protection of Internal Systems from Attacks (Waived if AWS Partner is approved AWS MSP)
 - PRL-001 - Lessons Learned (Waived if AWS Partner is approved AWS MSP)
 - PRRE-001 - Planned and Unplanned Event Planning (Waived if AWS Partner is

approved AWS MSP)

Machine Learning Consulting Competency

- Added following controls:
 - RES-001 - Review ML use case fit and calibration guide

Migration Consulting Competency

- This checklist has significant changes, AWS Partners should check the VCL for details.

Overall, the VCL was standardized and simplified by: (1) adopting Common Customer Examples Requirements for Well-Architected Framework controls and removing them from migration customer examples requirements section; (2) updating customer examples criteria; (3) simplifying description and evidence requirements for migration- specific controls.

Service Ready

AWS Outposts Ready

- Now requires customer examples at the time of application AWS Graviton
- Now requires customer examples at the time of application AWS EC2
- Now requires customer examples at the time of application

EKS Ready

- Clarified the control EKS-001.

Service Delivery

Amazon Connect

This checklist has significant controls, suggest to look at actual VCL for details. Overall is that we removed the live assessment but expanded technical controls to cover critical requirements conducted during live demo

- Following controls have been removed
 - Section 1.3 – APN Navigate Completion is removed
 - CON-008 - Amazon Connect Live Demo assessment is removed
- All controls CON-001 to CON-010 have been added/modified

AWS Lambda

- The following controls have been expanded/adjusted based on Lambda use case advancement
 - LAM-002- Lambda functions should be singular and loosely coupled is modified to “design principles”
 - LAM-004- Solution implements graceful degradation is modified to “failure management”

- LAM-007- Solution Composition Requirements is modified to “performance optimization’

Amazon ECS

- Checklist versioning updated for GA release [Windows EC2](#)
- AWS for Microsoft Workloads training has been re-arranged from section 1.3 to 3.2

AWS Control Tower

- CT-003 Mandatory customization patterns on top of AWS Control Tower is updated to incorporate Landing Zone accelerator
- CT-004- Partner Customer Configuration Tracking is removed