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Oracle Database licensing on AWS is based on the size of the instance on which the database is installed. For information about Oracle Database Licensing, please refer to your Oracle contract on license terms or consult with an independent third party licensing expert like House of Brick or Palisade Compliance. Both House of Brick and Palisade Compliance as well as many others have extensive contractual knowledge of Oracle licensing and are the premier third party licensing consultants available for customers looking for help deploying Oracle licenses on AWS.

The third party guidance below are available for customers to consider.

Publications by House of Brick:

[Understanding Your Options for Deploying and Licensing Oracle on AWS](#)
[Running Oracle on AWS - FAQs](#)
[Options for Running Oracle on Amazon RDS](#)
[Debunking the Top 5 Myths of Running Oracle Software in the Cloud](#)
[Optimize Your Oracle Licenses on Amazon Web Services](#)
[AWS' Optimize CPUs Feature Expands to RDS](#)
[Oracle's New Sales Tactic – SaaS Hosting Compliance](#)
[Oracle Feigns Support Challenges of RAC in Third-Party Clouds](#)
[Executive Review of Running Oracle RAC on AWS – Separating Truth from Claims](#)
[Oracle RAC on AWS – The Licensing Question](#)
[What You Need to Know About Changes to Java Licensing](#)
[Oracle Cost Traps and How to Overcome Them with AWS Solutions](#)

Publications by Palisade Compliance:

[3 Step Guide to BYOL Oracle Licensing on Amazon RDS](#)
[Licensing Oracle on a Third-Party Cloud white paper](#)
[Webinar: How to Move your Oracle Workloads to AWS](#)
[Webinar: Licensing Oracle on AWS](#)
[AWS Optimize CPU Program Can Reduce Oracle Licensing Costs](#)
[Don't Let Oracle Stamp It's Fake Policies on Your Contracts!](#)
[Moving to the Cloud with an Oracle ULA](#)

Based on third party licensing expert House of Brick, the table below contains a list of documents that have contractual force and other documents that may not. Please consult with House of Brick for additional details and questions regarding the chart below.¹

| Oracle Document | Contractual? |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Technical Support Policies | Yes |
| Processor Core Factor Table | Yes |
| Ordering Documents | Yes |
| Software Investment Guide | No |
| Licensing Data Recovery Guide | No |
| Technology Hosting | No |
| Partitioning Policy | No |
| Cloud Computing Environment Policy | No |

¹ Nick Walter, 'Optimize your Oracle Licenses on Amazon Web Services', http://houseofbrick.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/201912_DAT201_HoB.pdf, slide 8.

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There are multiple options for bringing your Oracle licenses to AWS. Below is a chart from House of Brick that can guide you through this process. For clarification and an assessment as to the best option for you, please consult with House of Brick or any other Oracle Licensing specialists.²

| AWS Deployment Option | SE License Included | Oracle Cloud Policy | Core-Based License | Unlimited License Agreement |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| RDS | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ |
| EC2 Compute | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ |
| VMware Cloud on AWS | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dedicated Hosts on EC2 | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| EC2 Bare Metal Instances | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Oracle recently updated the [Oracle Real Application Cluster \(RAC\) Support on Third-Party Clouds](#) document. The updates to this fluid document makes strong assumptions about RAC licensing. House of Brick has said there are multiple ways you can run RAC on AWS according to the article below.³

[Oracle RAC on AWS – The Licensing Question](#)

Third Party Oracle Licensing Specialist Organizations:

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² Nick Walter, 'Optimize your Oracle Licenses on Amazon Web Services', http://houseofbrick.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/201912_DAT201_HoB.pdf, slide 13.

³ Nick Walter, 'Oracle RAC on AWS – The Licensing Question', <https://houseofbrick.com/oracle-rac-on-aws-the-licensing-question/>, paragraph 5 and 6.