

**Comparison: AWS WorkMail vs. Google Workspace vs. Microsoft 365 Government (GCC) vs. Basic Office 365**

Feature	AWS WorkMail for .gov	Google Workspace for Government	Microsoft 365 Government (GCC)	Basic Office 365 (Commercial Plans)
<b>Domain Support</b>	Supports <b>.gov</b> domains, integrates with AWS GovCloud.	Supports <b>.gov</b> domains with Google's compliance framework.	Supports <b>.gov</b> domains; GCC and GCC High available for higher security needs.	Supports <b>.gov</b> domains, but <b>not FedRAMP-compliant</b> .
<b>Security &amp; Compliance</b>	Meets <b>FedRAMP, HIPAA, SOC, and FISMA</b> . Can be deployed in AWS GovCloud.	Meets <b>FedRAMP, CJIS, HIPAA, and more</b> . Secure Google cloud infrastructure.	Meets <b>FedRAMP, CJIS, ITAR, DFARS, and CMMC</b> .	Meets <b>SOC, HIPAA, and GDPR</b> , but <b>not FedRAMP-certified</b> for government use.
<b>Email Features</b>	Secure, encrypted email with <b>50GB mailbox per user</b> .	Gmail-based email with AI-powered spam filtering and phishing protection.	<b>Exchange Online email with 50GB mailbox (GCC G3) or 100GB (GCC G5)</b> . Advanced threat protection.	<b>Exchange Online email with 50GB mailbox per user</b> .
<b>Collaboration Tools</b>	Basic calendar and contacts. No office suite included.	Includes <b>Docs, Sheets, Drive, Meet</b> for collaboration.	Includes <b>Word, Excel, Teams, OneDrive, SharePoint</b> for full productivity.	Includes <b>Word, Excel, PowerPoint (web-based only in Basic plan)</b> , Teams, OneDrive, and SharePoint.
<b>Storage</b>	<b>50GB mailbox per user</b> . Additional storage via <b>AWS S3</b> .	<b>30GB per user</b> (unlimited in higher plans).	<b>1TB OneDrive storage per user</b> (expandable in higher plans).	<b>1TB OneDrive storage per user</b> .
<b>Ease of Use</b>	Traditional email experience, works with <b>Outlook &amp; mobile clients</b> .	Fully cloud-based, user-friendly interface.	Best for agencies familiar with <b>Microsoft products</b> .	Familiar Microsoft experience, but <b>not optimized for government security needs</b> .
<b>Integration &amp; Customization</b>	Best for agencies using <b>AWS services (S3,</b>	Best for agencies using <b>Google Drive,</b>	Best for agencies using <b>Windows, Active Directory, and Teams</b> .	Best for businesses needing <b>basic productivity tools</b>

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	Lambda, GovCloud, etc.).	Docs, Meet for collaboration.		without government-level compliance.
Deployment Complexity	Requires AWS setup and <b>domain configuration</b> . Can be <b>fully managed in AWS</b> .	Easy setup, designed for <b>cloud-first</b> agencies.	More complex setup, but <b>seamless for Windows/Active Directory</b> environments.	Simple setup, but <b>lacks compliance for government use</b> .
Pricing	\$4 per user/month	Starts at \$6 per user/month	GCC G1: \$12/user/month GCC G3: \$23/user/month GCC G5: \$38/user/month	Microsoft 365 Business Basic: \$6/user/month Microsoft 365 Business Standard: \$12.50/user/month
Best For	Agencies needing <b>secure, AWS-integrated email</b> without extra collaboration tools.	Agencies wanting <b>collaborative tools and cloud-based productivity</b> .	Agencies needing <b>enterprise-grade security, compliance, and full productivity tools</b> .	<b>Small businesses</b> that don't require government-level security & compliance.

### Which One Should You Choose?

- **AWS WorkMail** → Best for agencies needing **secure, standalone email** with AWS GovCloud integration.
- **Google Workspace for Government** → Best for agencies prioritizing **collaboration, cloud-first operations, and affordability**.
- **Microsoft 365 Government (GCC)** → Best for agencies needing **enterprise-grade security, compliance, and deep Microsoft integration** (ideal for federal, state, and local governments).
- **Basic Office 365 (Commercial)** → Suitable for **businesses** but **not compliant** for government agencies requiring FedRAMP certification.