What are FedRAMP and DoD Impact Levels?

An assessment and authorization process which U.S. Federal agencies have been directed to employ to ensure security is in place when accessing cloud computing products and services.

2 separate but similar authorizations – 1 ServiceNow Gov environment

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ServiceNow’s FedRAMP High/DoD IL-4 Process

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   The External DNS address is the IP address that is used when accessing or initiating connections into a ServiceNow instance. It is the IP address of the front-end instance (https://<customer>.servicenowservices.com). The IP is unique for each of the two redundant data centers. In the new network, the IP address will change to a unique address per customer (for example, from 149.66.100 to 149.66.192.100 in the HEF100 data center and from 149.66.100 to 149.66.193.100 in the MA100 data center). The details about your specific IP address change will be provided as part of migration communications.

10. **Why does a new External DNS address need to be added?**
    The DNS for instances within the new ServiceNow GovCommunityCloud (US) requires a distinct name space from our existing cloud. The domain has changed from service-now.com to servicenowservices.com to meet this requirement. New external DNS address needs to be added to avoid downtime after the instance is moved to the ServiceNow GovCommunityCloud (US) environment.

11. **What is the difference between a NAT IP address and an External DNS IP address?**
    The External DNS address is the IP address that is used when accessing or initiating connections into a ServiceNow instance. The NAT IP address is used when an instance is making an outbound connection from ServiceNow.

12. **What is the impact to VPN customers?**
    ServiceNow recommends against the use of VPNs as there are options that are far better and easier to manage. Please refer to our community blog on alternatives to using a VPN.

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    ServiceNow will be able to test each tunnel from the ServiceNow GovCommunityCloud (US) environment to confirm that it has been configured correctly prior to signing off. This will be performed at the time of the scheduled change. You will be informed once all test passes have been completed successfully.

14. **Are there alternatives to using a VPN?**
    ServiceNow strongly recommends against the use of VPNs. As an alternative, ServiceNow also enables the use of private connectivity via the Equinix Cloud Exchange (ECX) or via DirectConnect of circuits to the ServiceNow network edge. For DoD IL4 customers, requirements are still being finalized around DISA Cloud Access Point (CAP).

15. **How will all of these required changes be coordinated?**
    Customer will receive a communication containing all of the pre-requisite requirements for ServiceNow GovCommunityCloud (US) compliance. Instance migration activities and associated change records (CHG#) will be visible on your service portal.

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17. **How long will the move take, and will there be any downtime during the move?**
    Migration is estimated to take anywhere from 6 to 96 hours. There is expected to be an outage during the cut-over window as the instance comes online in the new ServiceNow GovCommunityCloud (US) environment. This outage window will be communicated on a per-instance basis as part of the overall migration and will be performed within the scheduled maintenance window.

18. **What happens if we have instances in the current FedRAMP Moderate/DoD IL-2 and ServiceNow GovCommunityCloud (US) environments concurrently? Will we be able to access instances in both environments concurrently?**
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19. **What happens if we are unable to access an instance after it has moved to ServiceNow GovCommunityCloud (US)?**
    After the move is completed, part of the final test and sign-off will be confirming that you can access the instances. If issues occur, please contact the ServiceNow Global Technical Support team at http://www.servicenowservices.com/support/contact-support.html and reference the migration ticket number. The normal escalation processes will be followed to remediate the problem.

20. **What is Multi-Factor Authentication?**
    Multi-factor authentication (MFA), also known as two-step verification, is a security requirement that requires a user to enter more than one set of credentials in order to authenticate or log in to a system. The goal of MFA is to create a layered defense and make it more difficult for an unauthorized person to access a target such as a physical location, computing device, network or database. If one factor is compromised or broken, the attacker still has at least one more opportunity to break in before successfully breaching the target. Multi-factor authentication can be achieved through the use of a third-party SSO solution, such as SAML.

21. **I still have questions not answered in this FAQ?**
    If you have additional questions, please contact ServiceNow Global Technical Support team at http://www.servicenowservices.com/support/contact-support.html.

Resources

- KB0747354 ServiceNow GovCommunityCloud (US)
- KB0748049 FedRAMP High/IL-4 Migration FAQ
- KB0783814 Products/services not available for FedRAMP Mod/High/Self-Hosted customers
- KB0802312 Revised Customer Responsibility Matrix (CRM)