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# Prisma Cloud Compute Credit Guide

Prisma® Cloud Compute is self-hosted and provides comprehensive protection across hosts, containers, and serverless in any cloud and throughout the software lifecycle. Compute Edition supports **nearly every underlying compute** technology and the cloud they run in. Compute Edition also provides vulnerability management and compliance capabilities across the entire application lifecycle by integrating with the continuous integration (CI) process, registry, code repository, and production environment.

## Overview

Prisma Cloud Compute comprises product modules providing distinct security capabilities. These product modules offer organizations flexibility in where and how they secure their cloud environments.

Prisma Cloud product modules are utilized via Credits, a universal capacity unit utilized by all product modules (“Credits”). Credits offer the flexibility to use other modules as your needs evolve, access new modules when they are introduced, and secure your code and cloud footprints as they expand, without additional interactions with Palo Alto Networks. Each product module requires a specific number of Credits. Overall usage of Prisma Cloud is measured based on the aggregate number of Credits used across modules.

### Prisma Cloud Product Modules

Organizations can customize their cloud security coverage by using individual Prisma Cloud product modules. Table 1 lists credit requirements for each module.

Prisma Cloud Product Module	Credits
Host Security	1 per Host Defender deployed
Container Security	7 per Container Defender deployed 1 per App-Embedded Defender deployed
Serverless Security	1 per 6 Defender serverless functions
Web Application and API Security (WAAS)	30 per Host, Container, or App-Embedded Defender deployed using inline mode 2 per Defender in out-of-band mode

### Purchase and Use of Prisma Cloud Credits

Prisma Cloud Credits can be purchased from Palo Alto Networks, our channel partners, and various marketplaces (AWS Marketplace, etc.). Prisma Cloud Credits are applied toward Compute Edition product modules. Once the Credits are loaded into your account, they can be used to enable modules from within the Prisma Cloud console.

### Prisma Cloud Credit Usage Measurement

Credit usage is measured every hour. We then roll up to daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly averages for reporting. This prevents overages based on short-term bursts. On an aggregate basis across all Prisma Cloud modules, if you use more Credits than you purchased, our Customer Success team will help you procure more Credits.



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