

# Cloud backup options: The pros and cons

## Cloud Backup Option

## Pros

## Cons

### Managed service provider (MSP)

- Simplicity
- Cost-effective
- Few on-premises IT resource requirements

- Complete dependency on the MSP for all aspects of the backup
- Control is handed off to the MSP

### Cloud-enabled backup applications

- Extends and supplements existing backup infrastructure and processes
- Except for backup data location, control remains with the customer
- Cost-effective

- Requires a cloud-enabled backup application
- Little impact on IT resource requirements

### Cloud gateways

- Works with any backup application that supports backup to disks
- Extends and supplements existing backup infrastructure and processes
- Except for backup data location, control remains with the customer

- Introduction of an additional IT infrastructure component that needs to be managed
- Higher cost