

Business Continuity as a Service (BCaaS)

What is it?





Cloud Gateway BCaaS provides standby remote access to your network, ready to activate in the event of business interruption or disaster. As a component of your Business Continuity Planning (BCP) or Disaster Recovery (DR) processes, BCaaS gives users access to the network from anywhere, if their usual method of connectivity is interrupted. The service is flexible, scalable, and can be configured according to specific policy, whilst also utilising existing IDAM services if required.

How does it work?

Unlike our regular RAS solution, BCaaS is built to provide remote access in the event of an interruption to your business as usual. It is a networking safety net, invoked as part of your BCP or DR process. When activated, BCaaS connects your users seamlessly to the same physical sites and cloud applications, providing the same user experience compared to a traditional on-premise connection.

BCaaS is built in the cloud, allowing it to scale on demand, free from the limitations associated with physical infrastructure. Crucially, it is equipped with the same security protections as your core Cloud Gateway platform, ensuring business critical traffic is secured whilst in transit over the internet. All remote activity on the network is logged and visible.

Key benefits

-  **React quickly to business interruption** - BCaaS can be linked to an existing IDAM solution or Active Directory, ensuring your list of users is not out of date when you invoke BCaaS.
-  **Configured in advance** - Policy can be pre-configured to grant access to specific parts of the network, enabling full control over what users can access whilst business as usual is interrupted.
-  **Peace of mind** - Remote network access remains on standby 24/7/365, ready to deploy instantly, whenever the unexpected may happen.
-  **Dependable security** - Traffic continues to be sanitised by the core platform, no matter where your users are located, or the nature of your business interruption. Business critical data remains fully secured from end-to-end.
-  **Pay as you use** - Pay a small premium to keep BCaaS on standby. Once activated, you only pay for what you use. Billed monthly as an item on your regular invoice.

Onboarding

Your BCaaS add-on is deployed within minutes using the cloud-native platform.

During the onboarding process, Cloud Gateway configures policy rules, defined by you, that govern what services are accessible via BCaaS. This granular level of control ensures remote users are able to access all the applications they need, whilst excluding services that are not required.

Access for individual users can be achieved by configuring BCaaS to connect with an existing IDAM solution, either in an on-premise or cloud hosted location. This prevents the list of user credentials from going out of date, ensuring everybody who needs to connect to the network can do so immediately on activation. Twice a year, we will perform spot tests on the service and your list of user credentials, to ensure everything is functioning and up-to-date.

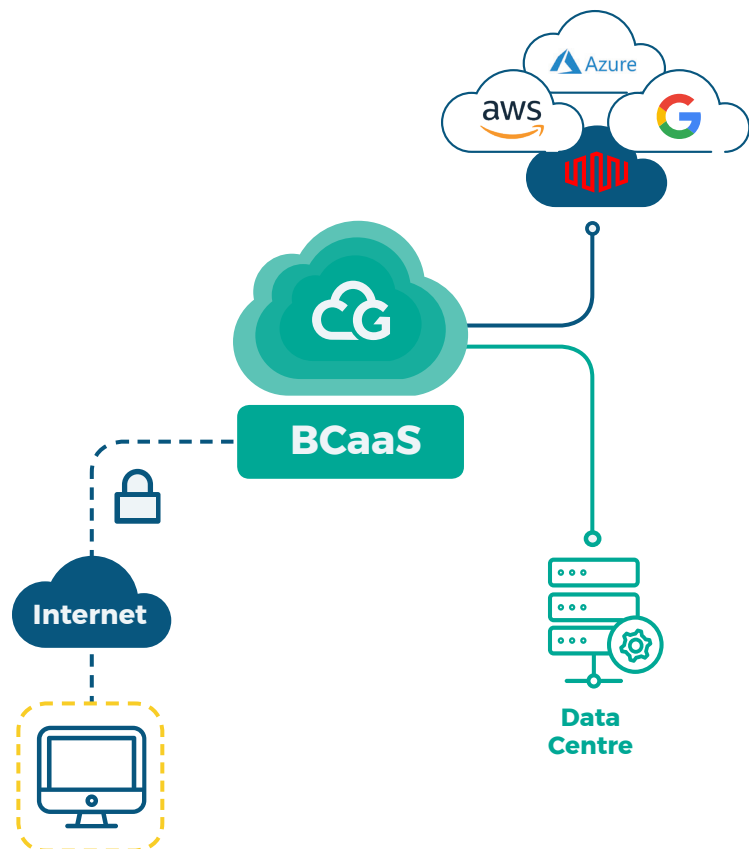
Key

- Secure RAS solution for business and third party users.

Use case

A business is adjusting to the future of work, following the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, and wants to overhaul their business continuity measures. They need a 'network insurance policy' to ensure they are better prepared in the event of another interruption. Remote connectivity needs to be secure and seamless for employees, but must avoid unnecessary expenditure up front. They have no desire to pay for a remote access service that may only be used once in a blue moon.

Cloud Gateway provisions BCaaS alongside the core platform. It is pre-configured to link with an existing IDAM solution, and then is placed into dormant state, ready to activate when needed. The business pays a small monthly fee to keep BCaaS on standby, but will not be charged for using it, until it is invoked. Once activated, BCaaS takes the latest user credentials from the Active Directory, removing burden from IT teams who need to focus on other aspects of the BCP.



About Cloud Gateway

Cloud Gateway provides a truly cloud-native hybrid cloud connectivity platform (PaaS) which securely connects anything on your estate with multiple cloud service providers, the PSN, HSCN and the internet.

The Cloud Gateway platform allows organisations of any size to harness the power and flexibility of hybrid cloud and multicloud but with greater control, pace and visibility. Cloud Gateway secures all your internet and network traffic, with built-in flexibility to address continuous and future change and reduce your operating costs. By centralising connectivity, organisations have a single, timely and accurate source of truth, ensuring regulation and legislation compliance and protecting you from cyber threats.

Visit us at cloudgateway.co.uk
Twitter: [@cloudgatewayltd](https://twitter.com/cloudgatewayltd)
Email: sales@cloudgateway.co.uk

