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Claude on Google Cloud, run by Anthropic: one invoice, cloud commitments and a data processor choice

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On 22 October 2026 Anthropic made its own Claude service generally available through Google Cloud. Charges arrive on the Google Cloud invoice and draw down existing Google Cloud commitments, while Anthropic stays the data processor. Finance and procurement should check discounts before the first use.

Global reference

- Vendor: Anthropic, with Google Cloud
- Topic: Claude Models on Google Cloud (Anthropic managed)
- Key date: Generally available 22 October 2026
- Status: Available now with United States and global endpoints

Billing and procurement

- Charges arrive on a single Google Cloud invoice.
- Claude usage draws down existing Google Cloud commitments.
- "Discounts cannot be applied retroactively to usage." Anthropic advises contacting the Anthropic or Google Cloud account executive before starting.
- Fast Mode on Claude Opus 5.5 is generally available, at USD 8 per million input tokens and USD 40 per million output tokens, with up to 2.5 times faster output.

Data and access

- In this offering Anthropic operates the service and is the data processor.
- In the Google-managed offering, Google is the data processor. Anthropic points customers with strict regional data residency needs to that option.
- Access and permissions run through Google Cloud identity and access management.
- The Claude Console shows usage and cost monitoring, with access controls per workspace.

What is included

- Models: Claude Fable 5.1, Opus 5.5, Sonnet 5.5 and Haiku 5.5.
- Agent tools, some in beta: Claude Managed Agents, agent skills, code execution and an MCP connector.
- Cost tools: prompt caching and batch processing.

What to do now

- Check how much of your Google Cloud commitment is unused, and when it expires.
- Agree any Claude discount with the account team before the first use.
- Ask legal which data processor fits your contracts and data residency rules.
- Set budgets and alerts per workspace in the Claude Console, and charge costs back to teams.

Our take

This is a procurement story more than a technology one. Routing AI spend through an existing cloud commitment can save time and money, but only if finance agrees the terms first. Read the data processing terms as closely as the price list.

Sources

- Anthropic: Claude Models on Google Cloud (Anthropic managed) (22 October 2026)

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