



# Migrating from Guidewire On-Premises to Guidewire Cloud

Clear Steps and Proven Results.

This guide outlines the stages, decisions, and actions to move to Guidewire Cloud. Backed by over 100 successful projects, our structured approach helps insurers reduce risk, manage cost, and achieve faster outcomes.

## 1 Cloud Upgrade Estimate (CUE)

### What Happens

Provides a high-level program plan, identifies cloud suitability items, and reviews roles and responsibilities to set clear expectations for the migration project.

### Business Impact

A formal assessment to estimate the effort of moving from a self-managed environment to Guidewire Cloud, based on pre-work reviews and internal tooling.

## 2 Pre-Project

### What Happens

Kick-off workshops and environment setup begin. Reviews cover optimization backlog, integration inventory, and cloud data access.

### Business Impact

Ensures all migration components are addressed and provides clarity for the customer on every role in the process. Lays the groundwork for a smooth transition to the cloud.

## 3 Technical Upgrade

### What Happens

The self-managed codebase is merged into the latest Guidewire Cloud version, resolving errors and launching core services.

### Business Impact

Establishes the foundation for the migration and ensures a smooth transition to cloud operations to minimize future delays.

## 4 Delivery: Inception

### What Happens

Review of the technical upgrade output and creation of a formal development backlog. The Inception phase includes finalizing the release plan and confirming delivery timelines.

### Business Impact

Establishes a clear, aligned plan between business and delivery teams. Ensures that resources are in place to meet migration goals efficiently.



## 5 Delivery: Development

### What Happens

Cloud suitability issues are addressed, technical debt is refactored, and automated tests are developed and run.

### Business Impact

Stabilizes the codebase and addresses any existing issues, improving the cloud environment's efficiency and scalability for the future.

## 6 Delivery: Stabilization

### What Happens

End-to-end testing and performance validation are completed. Dress rehearsals confirm database upgrade readiness.

### Business Impact

Final testing phases ensure the system operates smoothly and prepares for a successful go-live. Reduces risk during the final deployment stages.

## 7 Deployment Preparation

### What Happens

Final dry runs are performed and the code is confirmed stable. The environment is made production-ready.

### Business Impact

Ensures the environment is fully optimized and ready for production. Final preparations guarantee minimal issues during the go-live phase.

## 8 Post-Deployment Support

### What Happens

Dedicated support is on standby for 4–6 weeks to resolve post-go-live issues and stabilize operations.

### Business Impact

Provides peace of mind as any database or code issues are addressed quickly, ensuring smooth post-migration operations.

## 9 Cloud Updates

### What Happens

Guidewire releases new cloud versions regularly. New Guidewire Cloud releases during migration will be tested to stay aligned with the latest platform version.

### Business Impact

Keeping the codebase current with the latest release ensures the system remains up-to-date and optimized for future performance.

## Ready to Chart Your Course?

If you're planning next steps, facing questions, or simply need a second opinion, let's talk. We can help validate your approach, align your teams, and make sure your migration sets you up for long-term success. [Reach out to begin the conversation.](#)

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