

## Glossary terms from module 3

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### Terms and definitions from Course 2 Module 3

**Cloud audit:** An assessment of the cloud environment that is usually conducted by a third party

**Compliance:** The process of adhering to internal and external standards, and government regulations

**Compliance lifecycle:** The process for ensuring compliance objectives are met and maintained to support the business goals

**Compensating controls:** Measures that make other controls more effective

**Control inheritance:** The process of using controls or compliance certifications and audits that are already provided by a cloud service provider

**Hierarchy:** A system that organizes or ranks things, usually by power or importance

**Infrastructure as code (IaC):** The practice of automating and managing infrastructure using reusable scripts

**Non-compliance:** The failure to follow standards and regulations that are set by internal standards and policy, or external laws and regulations

**Policy as code (PaC):** The use of code to define, manage, and automate policies, rules, and conditions using a high-level programming language