

## Added capabilities vs. Microsoft 365 Business Premium (BP)

Area	What BP already includes	Added by Defender Suite for BP	Added by Purview Suite for BP
<b>Identity &amp; access</b>	<b>Microsoft Entra ID P1</b> (Conditional Access, self-service password reset, etc.) <a href="#">[2]</a>	<b>Microsoft Entra ID P2: Identity Protection</b> (risk-based policies) + <b>ID Governance</b> (access lifecycle/approvals) <a href="#">[1]</a>	—
<b>Endpoint security</b>	<b>Microsoft Defender for Business</b> (next-gen AV, ASR, TVM, EDR for clients; SMB-optimised) <a href="#">[2]</a> <a href="#">[3]</a>	<b>Defender for Endpoint Plan 2:</b> advanced hunting & custom detections, device-based CA, broader EDR automation/analytics <a href="#">[1]</a>	—
<b>Email &amp; collaboration threat protection</b>	<b>Defender for Office 365 Plan 1</b> (Safe Links, Safe Attachments, anti-phish for Exchange/SharePoint/OneDrive/Teams) <a href="#">[5]</a> <a href="#">[2]</a>	<b>Defender for Office 365 Plan 2: Attack Simulation Training, Threat Explorer, Automated Investigation &amp; Response (AIR)</b> <a href="#">[2]</a> <a href="#">[1]</a>	<b>Message Encryption and Customer Key</b> options for stricter email privacy & key control (via Purview) <a href="#">[1]</a>
<b>SaaS / app security</b>	(Baseline discovery is limited; no full CASB)	<b>Defender for Cloud Apps</b> (CASB/SaaS security): shadow IT discovery, SaaS posture mgmt, OAuth/app-to-app protection, controls for risky GenAI apps <a href="#">[1]</a>	—
<b>Data classification &amp; labelling</b>	<b>Purview Information Protection (P1):</b> manual sensitivity labels & encryption in Office apps/services <a href="#">[3]</a> <a href="#">[4]</a>	—	<b>Purview Information Protection &amp; Governance (E5 level):</b> broader/automatic labelling & governance across the estate <a href="#">[5]</a>
<b>Data Loss Prevention (DLP)</b>	Core <b>DLP</b> for Exchange, SharePoint, OneDrive (and Teams basics) <a href="#">[10]</a> <a href="#">[5]</a>	—	<b>Expanded DLP coverage and policies</b> across M365 workloads and endpoints with advanced controls and analytics <a href="#">[5]</a>

<b>Records &amp; lifecycle</b>	<b>Basic retention policies; eDiscovery (Standard)</b> [10][6]	—	<b>Records &amp; Data Lifecycle Management</b> (advanced retention/disposition), <b>eDiscovery (Premium)</b> for legal hold, custodian mgmt, analytics [1][6]
<b>Insider risk &amp; comms governance</b>	—	—	<b>Insider Risk Management</b> (behaviour analytics for risky activities) and <b>Communication Compliance</b> (monitor/flag inappropriate or risky comms) [1]
<b>Audit &amp; investigations</b>	<b>Audit (Standard)</b> [5]	—	<b>Audit (Premium)</b> (deeper audit logs, longer retention, forensic analytics) + <b>Compliance Manager</b> (score, assessments, improvement actions) [1]
<b>AI data security</b>	—	—	<b>Data Security Posture Management for AI</b> (visibility & policy enforcement for Copilot/AI data interactions; alerts & risk scoring) <i>preview as described by Microsoft</i> [1]

#### Notes (licensing behaviour)

- **Seat cap:** All three Business Premium add-ons (“Defender Suite”, “Purview Suite”, and the combined **Defender + Purview Suite**) are capped at **300 seats per customer**. [1]
- **Combined bundle:** The **Defender + Purview Suite** bundles everything above for BP at **US\\$15 user/month**, with Microsoft positioning it as up to ~68% cheaper than buying the parts separately. [1]
- **Endpoint ‘mixed-licence’ nuance:** If your tenant mixes **Defender for Business** (BP) and **Defender for Endpoint P2** (via the Defender Suite) the **tenant defaults to the Defender for Business experience** unless all users are moved to P2 and you request the switch via Microsoft Support. [1][7]

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