

# Convert BEK to KEK\_Encryption

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## Summary

Customer has encrypted their VM using only BEK and now needs to enable using KEK to take advantage of Azure Backup and Recovery. A common desire is to convert Azure IaaS VM's that were encrypted using only BEK to also using KEK in order to take advantage of Azure Recovery Services. In this scenario, you do not need to decrypt your VM, rather simply enable with a KEK key using the following steps:

## Reference

- [Convert BEK Disk Encryption to KEK for Azure Recovery Services](#) 
- [Deploy and manage backups for Resource Manager-deployed VMs using PowerShell](#) 
- [Backup and restore encrypted VMs using Azure Backup](#) 
- [Taking backup of encrypted Azure VMs with ADE \(Azure Disk Encryption\) using Azure Backup in OMS](#) 

## Instructions for Single Pass Encryption

1. Install [Azure Powershell](#) 
2. Connect to Azure Subscription using the below Azure Power Shell command.

```
Connect-AzAccount
```

3. To use Azure backups there is a requirement to use KEK to encrypt the VHD files using azure disk encryption process. You will use your existing Key Vault Server which is used for backing keys and secrets for disk encryption.

If you have a VM which is already encrypted without BEK, then you want to encrypt with KEK, use the ARM template or PS cmdlet below to change from *noKEK* to *KEK*. There are three options:

If you do not have a KEK yet, you can create one using the following:

```
Add-AzKeyVaultKey -VaultName 'contoso' -Name 'ITSoftware' -Destination 'Software'
```

For full details, use

```
Get-AzKeyVaultKey -VaultName 'contoso' -Name 'ITSoftware'
```

Now you have the KEK URL, use the below ARM template to encrypt the VM, supply the KEK.

Using the ARM Template [Enable encryption on a running Windows VM without AAD](#) 


Using the Powershell script

```
Set-AzVMDiskEncryptionExtension -ResourceGroupName $VMRGname -VMName $vmName -DiskEncryptionKeyVaultUrl $
```

Using *Azure Backup*. To enable the protection on encrypted VMs [encrypted using BEK and KEK], you need to give permissions for Azure Backup service to read keys and secrets from key vault.

```
Set-AzKeyVaultAccessPolicy -VaultName 'KeyVaultServerName' -ResourceGroupName 'RGName' -PermissionsTo  
Get-AzKeyVault -VaultName $keyVaultName  
Get-AzRecoveryServicesVault -Name "ARSName" | Set-AzureRmRecoveryServicesVaultContext  
$pol=Get-AzRecoveryServicesBackupProtectionPolicy -Name "NewPolicy"  
Enable-AzRecoveryServicesBackupProtection -Policy $pol -Name "NameofVMtoBackup" -ResourceGroupName "R
```

## Instructions for Dual Pass Encryption

1. Install [Azure Powershell](#) 
2. Connect to Azure Subscription using the below Azure Power Shell command.

```
Connect-AzAccount
```

3. To use Azure backups there is a requirement to use KEK to encrypt the VHD files using azure disk encryption process. You will use your existing Key Vault Server which is used for backing keys and secrets for disk encryption.

If you have a VM which is already encrypted without BEK, then you want to encrypt with KEK, use the ARM template or PS cmdlet below to change from *noKEK* to *KEK*. There are three options:

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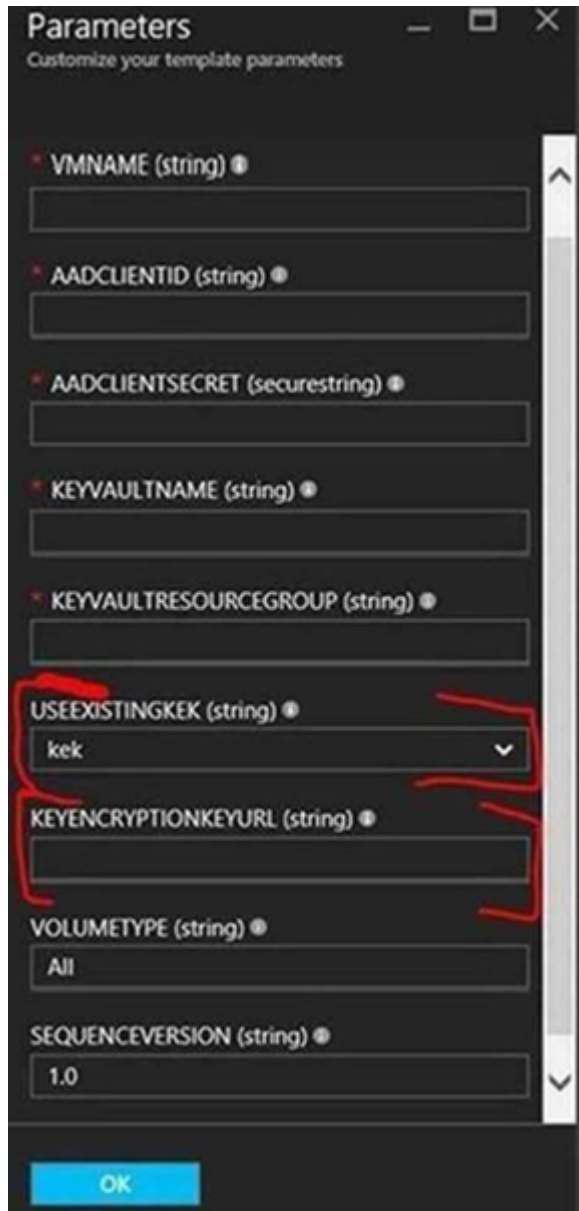
```
Add-AzKeyVaultKey -VaultName 'contoso' -Name 'ITSoftware' -Destination 'Software'
```

For full details, use

```
Get-AzKeyVaultKey -VaultName TSGKV -Name SSKey
```

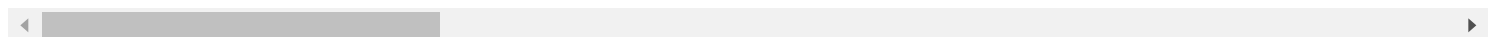
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Using the ARM Template [Enable encryption on a running Windows VM](#) 



Using the following powershell script:


```
Set-AzVMDiskEncryptionExtension -ResourceGroupName $rgname -VMName $vmName -AadClientID $aadClientID -
```



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$pol=Get-AzRecoveryServicesBackupProtectionPolicy -Name "NewPolicy"
Enable-AzRecoveryServicesBackupProtection -Policy $pol -Name "NameofVMtoBackup" -ResourceGroupName "RG
```

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