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Actual exam question from Google's Professional Cloud Security Engineer

Question #: 173

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You are working with a client who plans to migrate their data to Google Cloud. You are responsible for recommending an encryption service to manage their encrypted keys. You have the following requirements:

- The master key must be rotated at least once every 45 days.
- The solution that stores the master key must be FIPS 140-2 Level 3 validated.
- The master key must be stored in multiple regions within the US for redundancy.

Which solution meets these requirements?

- A. Customer-managed encryption keys with Cloud Key Management Service
- B. Customer-managed encryption keys with Cloud HSM
- C. Customer-supplied encryption keys
- D. Google-managed encryption keys

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by  Baburao at Sept. 3, 2022, 7:15 p.m.

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The only 2 options that satisfy FIPS 140-2 Level 3 requirement are Cloud HSM or Cloud EKM.
<https://cloud.google.com/kms/docs/key-management-service#choose>

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Selected Answer: B

B. Customer-managed encryption keys with Cloud HSM

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Selected Answer: B

Cloud HSM helps you enforce regulatory compliance for your workloads in Google Cloud. With Cloud HSM, you can generate encryption keys and perform cryptographic operations in FIPS 140-2 Level 3 validated HSMs.

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Selected Answer: B

To meet the given requirements, you should recommend using Customer-managed encryption keys with Cloud HSM. This solution allows you to manage your own encryption keys while leveraging the Google Cloud Hardware Security Module (HSM) service, which is FIPS 140-2 Level 3 validated. With Cloud HSM, you can rotate the master key at least once every 45 days and store it in multiple regions within the US for redundancy.

While Customer-managed encryption keys with Cloud Key Management Service (KMS) (option A) is a valid choice for managing encryption keys, it does not provide the FIPS 140-2 Level 3 validation required by the given requirements.

Customer-supplied encryption keys (option C) are not suitable for this scenario as they do not offer the same level of control and security as customer-managed keys.

Google-managed encryption keys (option D) would not meet the requirement of having a solution that stores the master key validated at FIPS 140-2 Level 3.

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Selected Answer: B

In all options only HMS have L3 validation

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Answer: B

<https://cloud.google.com/docs/security/cloud-hsm-architecture>

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Selected Answer: B

Cloud HSM is right answer

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Cloud HSM is right answer is B

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B.Cloud HSM can be rotated automatically(same front end as KMS), FIPS 140-2 level 3 validated, support multi-region.



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Selected Answer: B

B is the answer.

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  **Sav94** 1 year, 10 months ago

Both A and B. But question ask for redundancy. So I think it's A.

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B. <https://cloud.google.com/docs/security/key-management-deep-dive>
<https://cloud.google.com/kms/docs/faq>


"Keys generated with protection level HSM, and the cryptographic operations performed with them, comply with FIPS 140-2 Level 3."

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  **Baburao** 1 year, 10 months ago

This should be definitely A. Only Cloud KMS supports FIPS 140-2 levels1, 2 and 3.
<https://cloud.google.com/kms/docs/faq#standards>

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  **Arturo_Cloud** 1 year, 10 months ago

I disagree with you, you are being asked only for FIPS 140-2 Level 3 and multiple availability, so B) is the best answer.
Here is the much more detailed evidence.

<https://cloud.google.com/docs/security/cloud-hsm-architecture>

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