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# payShield Cloud HSM

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## Payment workloads are increasingly moving to the cloud

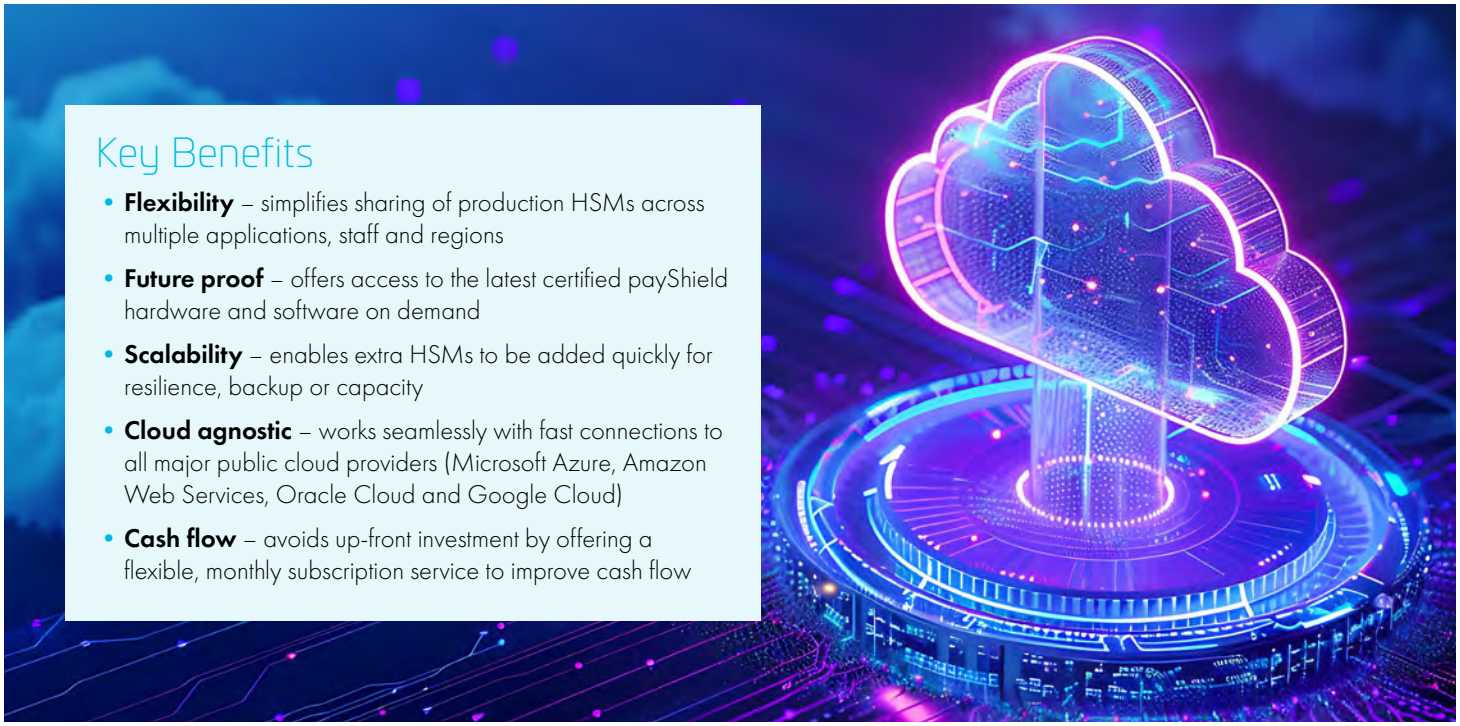
For many years most payment applications and their associated HSMs were located in private data centers operated by banks or trusted service providers on their behalf - the use of public cloud infrastructures for highly sensitive payment workloads was often not a viable option. As organizations of all sizes strive to become more efficient, there is a drive to reduce the physical data center footprint leading to the cloud becoming an alternative to perpetual ownership of hardware and software.

After more than 30 years of relying on on-prem payment HSMs, banks now have another path forward. As security and latency concerns around cloud deployment have been addressed, financial institutions are increasingly moving some or all payment applications to the cloud. Thales payShield HSM cloud solutions, delivered by Thales and its technology partners, are already in use, while cloud-native FinTechs are adopting subscription-based services from day one without deploying on-premises infrastructure. With greater freedom to choose their cloud configuration, end users can reduce IT complexity, simplify security compliance, and scale payment services more easily as their business grows. This brochure explains how Thales payShield Cloud HSM helps secure payment workloads in a multi-cloud world.

## An introduction to payShield Cloud HSM

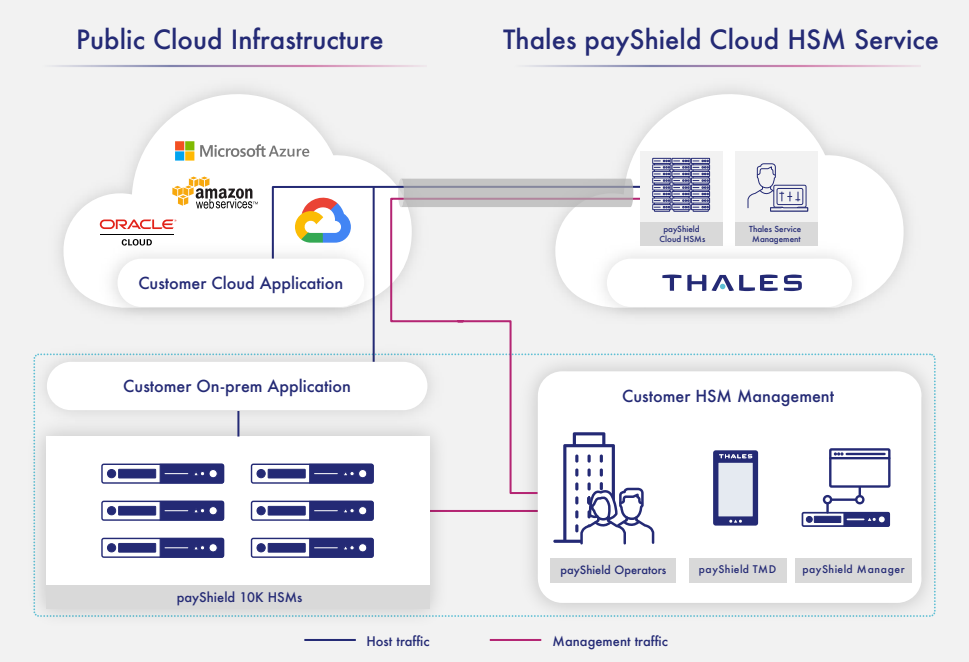
payShield Cloud HSM is a 'bare metal' hosted HSM service from Thales delivered using payShield 10K HSMs, providing the secure real-time, cryptographic processing capabilities required by payment workloads running in any of the major public clouds. The service addresses the needs of both existing users of payment HSMs and new payment entrants looking to leverage hardware-based security for the first time. Thales is offering its customers a choice of deployment model, namely on-prem, cloud or hybrid. Whatever model is chosen, consistent HSM functionality is available with the highest levels of security compliance.

When the cloud HSM variant is deployed, the separation of roles between the end user of the service and the service provider (in this case Thales) differs from the on-prem configuration (where Thales is not directly involved). With the cloud HSM, the physical infrastructure is managed by Thales and the HSMs are housed in data centers under Thales control with high speed links to connect to public clouds running the application workloads.



### Key Benefits

- **Flexibility** – simplifies sharing of production HSMs across multiple applications, staff and regions
- **Future proof** – offers access to the latest certified payShield hardware and software on demand
- **Scalability** – enables extra HSMs to be added quickly for resilience, backup or capacity
- **Cloud agnostic** – works seamlessly with fast connections to all major public cloud providers (Microsoft Azure, Amazon Web Services, Oracle Cloud and Google Cloud)
- **Cash flow** – avoids up-front investment by offering a flexible, monthly subscription service to improve cash flow




Thales allocates each single-tenant HSM to the customer as part of the subscription service. Each service customer therefore has complete administrative control and exclusive access to the HSMs assigned to them – importantly they can configure each HSM to support multiple distinct applications or use cases (through the multiple LMK capability) in the same way they perform secure segregation today with Thales on-prem payShield 10K HSMs. Once the HSM is allocated to a customer, Thales has no access to any customer data, cryptographic keys or audit logs. Likewise, when the customer decides that the HSM is no longer required, all data and keys belonging to the customer is securely erased to ensure complete security and privacy. The HSM is then free to be assigned to another subscriber as required.

payShield Cloud HSM meets the stringent security requirements of the Payment Card Industry (PCI) and the individual payment brands and networks. It offers a high performance, low latency service that enables you to comply with the same payment security audits that apply to any on-prem HSM infrastructures you may be operating. In a hybrid scenario you can use the same management and monitoring tools (payShield Manager, payShield Monitor and payShield TMD) and associated smart cards and readers for both the on-prem and cloud HSMs.

## Typical use cases

The payShield Cloud HSM service uses the same underlying security technology as the on-prem HSMs (and therefore offers identical cryptographic functionality) enabling a broad range of proven use cases to be covered including:

- **Payment processing**
  - Card & mobile payment authorization
  - PIN & EMV cryptogram validation
  - 3D-Secure authenticationHeading 1

- **Securing keys & authentication data**
  - POS, mPOS & SPoC key management
  - Remote key loading (for ATM & POS/ mPOS devices)
  - PIN generation

- **Payment credential issuing**
  - Cards
  - Mobile secure elements
  - Wearables
  - Connected devices
  - Host card emulation (HCE) applications

- **Sensitive data protection**
  - Point to point encryption (P2PE)
  - Security tokenization (for PCI DSS compliance)
  - EMV payment tokenisation

## Service specifications at a glance

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| **Public cloud support** | The Thales-controlled data centers have fast connectivity to all major public clouds (example: Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform, Amazon Web Services and Oracle Cloud) |
| **Security certifications** | The data centers used to host the HSMs are certified to PCI DSS and PCI PIN with the individual HSMs certified to PCI HSM v4 and FIPS 140-2 Level 3 |
| **Thales responsibility** | Thales controls the following aspects of the service<br>• Managing the physical HSM infrastructure (including installation, cabling and basic network configuration)<br>• Allocation of HSMs to eligible customers of the service<br>• Obtaining ongoing FIPS, PCI HSM and other regional certifications for the HSMs offered as part of a subscription package<br>• Enhancing the cryptographic functionality offered by the HSMs in line with payment market application and security requirements<br>• Providing 24x7 support tfor matters relating to HSM functionality or operation |
| **Service user responsibility** | The service user (i.e. the Thales subscription customer) is responsible for all areas of management and operation of the HSMs under their subscription agreements, namely<br>• LMK management<br>• ZMK and KEK management<br>• HSM configuration<br>• Loading of base/custom software and associated licenses<br>• Audit trail management<br>• Load balancing and redundancy<br>• HSM monitoring |
| **Message protection mechanism** | All messages between the user application and the payShield Cloud HSMs are encrypted using TLS communications |
| **Subscription options** | Different subscription options are available to suit different throughput requirements<br>• Free Trial (3 months) - 25cps<br>• Silver – 60 cps<br>• Gold – 250 cps<br>• Platinum – 2500 cps<br>All options can utilize standard base software or custom software |
| **HSM options** | The service currently supports the standard payShield 10K HSM which is identical to the on-prem device |
| **Management tools** | The same payShield Manager, payShield Monitor and payShield TMD tools used for on-prem deployments are used with the service to provide secure remote management and monitoring |
| **Customization options** | The software customization service fulfilled by the Thales Professional Services team is available for use with any HSM used in a payShield Cloud subscription |
| **Service Level Agreement(SLA)** | Thales provides 99.99% uptime SLA for the service with 4 subscriptions split across 2 data centers. |

Please refer to the payShield 10K datasheet for further details of the technical specification of the HSMs used in the payShield Cloud service.

## A low risk option for existing payShield users

Existing customers of on-prem Thales payShield HSMs will experience many benefits, including:

- Backwards compatibility – no need to modify payment applications, facilitating fast-track introduction, especially for new projects
- Flexibility and efficiency – simplifies deployment, sharing and management of HSM estates across multiple diverse teams and locations
- Audit compliance – eliminates the need to plan and fund hardware replacement to retain audit compliance

## Simple to deploy for FinTechs

There are multiple benefits for new payment entrants without a legacy on-prem infrastructure to support, including:

- Cloud-native environment –secure remote management capabilities eliminate any physical handling and management activities inside remote data centers
- Low upfront investment – flexible subscription package replaces a CAPEX ownership model which improves cash flow when developing or launching new solutions
- Proven and trusted technology – provides peace of mind that the underlying technology and host API are being used by thousands of Thales customers across the world

## A vast network of Thales channel partners ready to assist

Thales works closely with its global network of trusted channel partners to help ensure you get the best possible payment HSM solution that can be supported locally. You should be able to find a suitable partner in the country where you wish to deploy that can fulfill your precise requirements. Whether you are looking to add additional on-prem payShield HSMs to your existing HSM estates, exploring the use of cloud payment HSMs for the first time or seeking to migrate your on-prem infrastructure to a complete cloud solution, Thales and its partners will advise a suitable approach and provide long term support.

## How to subscribe

Please contact your local Thales Account Manager or Authorized Reseller for more information on how you can subscribe to this service.

## About payShield 10K

payShield 10K, the fifth generation of payment HSMs from Thales, delivers a suite of payment security functionality proven in critical environments including transaction processing, sensitive data protection, payment credential issuing, mobile card acceptance and payment tokenization. payShield 10K can be used throughout the global payment ecosystem by issuers, service providers, acquirers, processors and payment networks and addresses the latest mandated security requirements and best practices for a wide range of organizations including EMVCo, PCI SSC, GlobalPlatform, Multos, ANSI and the various global and regional payment brands and networks.

## About Thales

Thales is a global leader in cybersecurity, helping businesses, governments, and the most trusted organizations in the world protect critical applications, sensitive data, identities, and software anywhere, at scale — with the highest ROI. With more than 30,000 customers, including 58% of the Fortune Global 500, our solutions are deployed in 148 countries around the world. Through our innovative services and integrated platforms, Thales helps customers achieve better visibility of risks, defend against cyber threats, close compliance gaps, and deliver trusted digital experiences for billions of consumers every day.

## Glossary

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| ATM | Automated Teller Machine |
| cps | Calls per Second |
| DSS | Data Security Standard |
| EMV | Europay Mastercard Visa |
| FIPS | Federal Information Processing Standards |
| HCE | Host Card Emulation |
| HSM | Hardware Security Module |
| KEK | Key Encrypting Key |
| LMK | Local Master Key |
| mPOS | Mobile Point of Sale |
| P2PE | Point to Point Encryption |
| PCI | Payment Card Industry |
| PIN | Personal Identification Number |
| POS | Point of Sale |
| SPoC | Software-based PIN Entry on Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) Solutions |
| TMD | payShield Trusted Management Device |
| ZMK | Zone Master Key |

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