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Release of Latest DISA STIG Baseline for Windows Server 2016

The annual baseline for the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Security Technical Implementation Guide (STIG) benchmark for Windows Server 2016 has been approved by CMS. The new controls become effective Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Planned Actions: The CCSQ Cloud Operations and Maintenance (CCOM) Operations team will publish the updated Windows Server 2016 Gold Amazon Machine Image (AMI), which includes the new baseline. Application Development Organizations (ADOs) will be provided with Tenable dashboard updated DISA STIG baseline policies for Windows Server 2016.

Impacted Organizations: All ADOs utilizing Amazon Web Services (AWS) Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instances running Windows Server 2016.

Actions Required by ADOs: The Tenable Compliance scans will be updated to reflect the new AMI scan policy on March 13, 2025. ADOs will have two weeks to migrate to the new AMI. ADOs who cannot migrate to the new AMI by Thursday, March 27, 2025, should work with their Information System Security Officer (ISSO) and CCOM Security Analyst to accommodate to their specific scans.

See the <u>QNet Cloud AMI Change Log</u> for a list of all published AMIs.

See the **QualityNet System Baselines & Deviations** page for a list of all CMS approved system baselines.

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