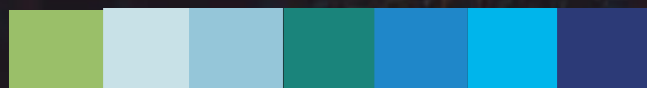


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Unpacking Azure Certifications : Your Ultimate Preparation Guide

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Why Get Certified?

70%

of organizations believe industry-recognized credentials are essential or very important tools for skills training.

IDC Infobrief, Published June 2024 *

91%

of certification candidates who earned a credential are more confident in their abilities.

Pearson VUE Candidate Report, Published 2023

77%

of certified candidates are better able to innovate after earning certifications.

Pearson VUE Candidate Report, Published 2023

How credentials make a difference



Özgür Orhan

IT Security & Infrastructure
Services Group Manager, Koç
Holding

"With Microsoft Applied Skills, our learners working on current and future strategic digital transformation projects will be able to grasp knowledge and validate their skills in a shorter period of time."

[Learn more](#)



Melissa Mulholland

Crayon Chief Executive Officer

"If you have the passion and will, and you have the demonstrated certifications behind that, I'm willing to give people chances to prove themselves in roles."

[Read the full story](#)



Samantha Davies

Cloud and Infrastructure Lead

"Microsoft Applied Skills is one way we're future-proofing our skilled workforce of technologists and upskilling them in the ever-evolving world of cloud and AI, so that we're continuing to lead for our customers and business partners."

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Credentials

Applied Skills

Targeted validation of real-world scenarios

Certifications

Role based



Microsoft Certifications

Validates a broad technical proficiency

Role-based

Breadth of skills

Exam with interactive elements

Schedule

Goal

Context

Scope

Format

Flexibility



Microsoft Applied Skills

Validates one specific skill

Project-based

Scenario-specific skills

Assessment via interactive lab experience

On-demand



Applied Skills


Free

Unlimited assessments

No expiry/ 2 years after the credential is retired

Online – from home

[Browse Credentials | Microsoft Learn](#)



Applied Skills – How to Prepare

Follow the learning path

YouTube videos – [John Savill's Technical Training](#)

Hands-on practice



Certifications

Paid (\$165) – sponsored by the employers/ student discounts/ coupons awarded by Microsoft for completing challenges

Validity 1 year

Online or at a center

Renewable from 6 months prior to expiry for free, open book and shorter

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Certifications Cntd.

Some certification will have prerequisites

Accommodation is offered *TnC apply

Get the feel of the exam - [Sandbox](#)

Unlimited, but maximum 5 attempts in 12 months



Certifications – How to Prepare

Refer the [Study Guides](#)

Watch [exam prep videos](#) by MCTs

Self-paced learning on [Microsoft Learn](#)

Instructor-led training [courses](#)

Take [practice assessments](#)

Loads of YouTube videos/exam crams/
practice tests available online, just choose
the recent ones



Recommended Path to Success

The goal is to be a Microsoft expert – not to just pass the certification!

Fundamental Certifications
AZ900, AI900, etc.



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