Exam SC-400: Microsoft Information Protection Administrator – Skills Measured

The English language version of this exam was updated on January 28, 2022.

Following the current exam guide, we have included a version of the exam guide with Track Changes set to "On," showing the changes that were made to the exam on that date.

NOTE: Passing score: 700. Learn more about exam scores.

Audience Profile

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- select a sensitive information type based on an organization's requirements
- create and manage custom sensitive information types
- create custom sensitive information types with exact data match
- implement document fingerprinting
- create a keyword dictionary

Create and manage trainable classifiers

- identify when to use trainable classifiers
- create a trainable classifier
- verify a trainable classifier is performing properly
- retrain a classifier

Implement and manage sensitivity labels

- identify roles and permissions for administering sensitivity labels
- create sensitivity labels
- configure and manage sensitivity label policies
- apply sensitivity labels to Microsoft Teams, Microsoft 365 groups, and SharePoint sites
- configure and publish automatic labeling policies (excluding MCAS scenarios)
- monitor data classification and label usage by using label analytics tools such as content explorer and activity explorer
- apply bulk classification to on-premises data by using the AIP unified labelling scanner
- manage protection settings and marking for applied sensitivity labels
- apply protections and restrictions to email including content marking, usage, permission, encryption, expiration, etc.
- apply protections and restrictions to files including content marking, usage, permission, encryption, expiration, etc.
- manage and govern data by using Azure Purview

Plan and implement encryption for email messages

- define requirements for implementing Office 365 Message Encryption
- implement Office 365 Advanced Message Encryption

Implement Data Loss Prevention (30-35%)

Create and configure data loss prevention policies

- recommend a data loss prevention solution for an organization
- configure data loss prevention for policy precedence
- configure policies for Microsoft Exchange email

- configure policies for Microsoft SharePoint sites
- configure policies for Microsoft OneDrive accounts
- configure policies for Microsoft Teams chat and channel messages
- integrate Microsoft Cloud App Security (MCAS) with Microsoft Information Protection
- configure policies in Microsoft Cloud App Security (MCAS)
- implement data loss prevention policies in test mode

Implement and monitor Microsoft Endpoint data loss prevention

- configure policies for endpoints
- configure Endpoint data loss prevention settings
- recommend configurations that enable devices for Endpoint data loss prevention policies
- monitor endpoint activities

Manage and monitor data loss prevention policies and activities

- manage and respond to data loss prevention policy violations
- review and analyze data loss prevention reports
- manage permissions for data loss prevention reports
- manage data loss prevention violations in Microsoft Cloud App Security (MCAS)

Implement Information Governance (25-30%)

Configure retention policies and labels

- create and apply retention labels
- create and apply retention label policies
- configure and publish auto-apply label policies

Manage data retention in Microsoft 365

- create and apply retention policies in Microsoft SharePoint and OneDrive
- create and apply retention policies in Microsoft Teams
- recover content in Microsoft Teams, SharePoint, and OneDrive
- recover content in Microsoft Exchange
- implement retention policies and tags in Microsoft Exchange
- apply mailbox holds in Microsoft Exchange
- implement Microsoft Exchange Online archiving policies

Implement records management in Microsoft 365

- configure labels for records management
- manage and migrate retention requirements with a file plan
- configure automatic retention using File Plan descriptors

- classify records using retention labels and policies
- implement in-place records management in Microsoft SharePoint
- configure event-based retention
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